HOLY FAMILY
DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

Third Sunday of Advent – Year A
11th December 2022

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

On the Third Sunday of Advent we light the pink candle signifying Gaudete Sunday namely the Sunday of joy. Until now the advent liturgy invited an attitude of vigilance and informed us of the meaning of preparing the way of the Lord.

On reaching the midpoint of Advent we are called to "Rejoice" and welcome the spirit with joy. Joy is characteristic of the season of Advent. Joy is to point to Jesus. On this Sunday of Joy, we may do well to reflect on and assume the three attitudes: through which St Paul invites us to prepare for the coming of the Lord: First constant joy, second steadfast prayer and thirdly continuous thanksgiving

By putting Jesus at the centre of our lives we are able to have joyful faith. It takes work to always be joyful. It is not a purely emotional cheerfulness that St Paul urges, nor is it the cheerfulness worldly consumerism. We are called to rediscover that authentic innermost joy by placing our trust hope and faith in Jesus as we await His coming to bring salvation to the world.

In rejoicing for the coming of our Redeemer we are called to share his joy with others, giving comfort and hope to the poor, the sick and to all those who are lonely and unhappy.

How and when did I last show compassion to another. Did I brighten the day of another with a warm friendly smile? Do I include others in my festivities? Have I taken time to provide a listening ear? How do I in a practical sense show joyful compassion to those around me?

Parish Priest:
Fr. Prince Joseph VC
(John Prince)

Parish Secretary:
Maureen Goonewardena

Parish Manager:
Danny McCormick

Acting Principal:
Pauline Moran

Parish Bulletin:
David Naidoo
Anthony Wong

Child Safety Officer:
Bernadette Saubolle

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil …. 6.30pm
Sunday…..... 9.30am
…… 11.00am
Healing Mass …. 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:
Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:
Everyday 9.15am

Reconciliation:
Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:
Saturday 9.00am

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:
Sunday 10.30am

Parish Prayer Group:
Tuesday 7pm-8pm in the Big Hall

Parish Halls:
Available for hire – Contact Parish Office

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR LITURGIES – 2022

Date	Time
Christmas Eve	
Saturday 24 December	9:15 AM
Saturday 24 December	4:00 PM – Spanish Mass 7:00 PM – Christmas Carols 7:30 PM – Family Mass
Saturday 24 December	11.30 PM – Christmas Carols 12.00 AM – Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	
Sunday 25 December	10.00 AM
Holy Family Parish Feast Day	
Friday 30 December	9.15 am Mass followed by a cuppa in the Small Hall
New Year Eve	
Saturday 31 December	9.15 AM
Saturday 31 December	4.00 PM – Spanish Mass 11.00 PM – Thanksgiving Adoration
	12.00 AM – Midnight Mass
New Year Day	
Sunday 1 January	10.00 AM

Confession:
23 December 6.30pm – 8.30pm
24 December 9.30am – 10.30am

Please Note:
No Vigil Mass At 6.30 PM on Saturday – 24 and 31 December, No Healing Mass At 7.00 PM on Sunday – 25 December and 1 January

Parishioners are reminded that for all Masses - especially the Christmas and NY liturgies, entrance will be via Power Road and **exiting the church will be via Pittosporum Grove to avoid traffic congestion.**

READINGS

SUNDAY
Is 35:1-6,10
Ps 145:6-10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

MONDAY
Our Lady of Guadelupe
Nm 24:2-7,15-17
Ps 24:4-94
Mt.21:23-27

TUESDAY
Zep. 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 33:2-3, 6-7,16,18-19,23
Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY
Is 45:6-8,18,21-26
Ps 84:9-14
Lk 7:19-23

THURSDAY
Isa 54:1-10
Ps 29:2, 4-6,11-13
Lk 7:24-30

FRIDAY
Is 56:1-3,6-8
Ps 166:2-3,5,7-8
Jn 5:33-36

SATURDAY
Gen. 49:2, 8-10
Ps 71:1-4,7-8,17
Mt 1:1-17

SPANISH CAROL AND FOOD SALE

17th December (Saturday) after 5 pm - the Spanish carols will occur and there will be food for sale in the hall.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, His Grace Archbishop Comensoli celebrated the annual World Youth Day at St Patrick's Cathedral.

His Grace reminded us that "..it is the Church in its familial form, where devotion , formation and apostolic works are practiced, and where communion in the Lord and with one another is fostered. We are called to build and nurture these environments so that our young people can experience the joy of living with Jesus in a life-long journey of communion, formation, and mission"

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering **four pilgrimage options** to young people to attend **WORLD YOUTH DAY in Lisbon Portugal from 1-6 August** 2023:

For 18 and 18+:
WYD Direct: 28 July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. $5900
The Italian Way: 22 July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. $8100
For 18+ only:
The Footsteps of Jesus: 20 July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. $9200
Melbourne Emerging Leaders Program: 23July – 9 Aug 2023 Approx. $8600 (twin share)

For further information on all pilgrimages refer:
https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd

"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone"

St John Of the Cross

catholic mission

Reach out. Give life.

Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for World Mission Sunday enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **$2,450.00** which was raised by **Holy Family** community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution, communities in Ethiopia look forward with hope, with easier access to health, educational and spiritual resources. THANK YOU!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday 27 December at 6.30 pm, for volunteers; those who will be newly appointed and outgoing volunteers who have served in the parish (Leadership Team, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Parish Secretary, Counters, Bus Drivers, Florist, Live streaming coordinators, leaders of Associations). Mass will be followed by fellowship and supper in the large hall.

VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Suitably qualified and experienced people are invited to apply for various positions including:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Catholic Development Fund
Parish Positions

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies

Parish Office Hours	**Telephones**	**Parish Website/Email**
Monday ……9am-11am	Presbytery 97924317	holyfamilydoveton.org.au
Wednesday ...9am-12 pm	School 97911853	doveton@cam.org.au
Friday ……...9am-12pm	Child Safety Email ...	holyfamilycso@cam.org.au

Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)