



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

### The Second Sunday of Ordinary time Year A 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### CARDINAL GEORGE PELL DIES AGED 81 IN ROME

George Cardinal Pell, born June 8, 1941, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

He attended a regional seminary, Corpus Christi College, Werribee, before continuing his studies at Propaganda Fide College, Rome. Pell was ordained in 1966 and later earned a Ph.D. in church history (1971) from the University of Oxford as well as a master's degree in education (1982) from Monash University, Melbourne. After Pell served as a priest and an administrator in various parishes in Victoria, he became (1985) rector of Corpus Christi College. Two years later he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and titular bishop of Scala, Italy, and he held those posts until 1996, when he was named the seventh Archbishop of Melbourne. In 2001 he was installed as the eighth Archbishop of Sydney (2001–14). In 2003 Pell was elevated to Cardinal.

He participated in both the 2005 conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI and the 2013 conclave that elected Pope Francis. Pope Francis appointed Pell to the Council of Cardinals. In 2014 Pope Francis appointed Pell as prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy, a Vatican office that was given authority over all financial activities of the Holy See and the Vatican City State. He died on January 10, 2023, Rome, Italy, of heart complications after hip surgery.



*“Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship. The seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, he led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.”*

*Archbishop Comensoli*

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

**Parish Secretary:**  
Maureen Goonewardena

**Parish Manager:**  
Wilfred D' Couto

**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

## **'Spiritual Testament' of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI dated 29 August 2006**

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Is 49:3, 5-6.  
Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
Jn 1:29-34

### MONDAY

Heb 5:1-10  
Ps 109:1-4  
Mk 2:18-22

### TUESDAY

#### St Anthony Abbot

Heb: 6:10-20  
Ps 110:1-2, 4-5,9,10  
Mk 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY

Heb 7:1-3,15-17  
Ps 109:1-4  
Mk 3:1-6

### THURSDAY

Heb 7:25-8:6  
Ps 39:7-10,17  
Mk 3:7-12

### FRIDAY

Heb 8:6-13  
Ps 84:8,10-14  
Mk 3:13-19

### SATURDAY

Heb 9:2-3,11-14  
Ps 46:2-3, 6-9  
Mk 3:20-21

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science – on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) – has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science – just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life – and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

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### **ERRATUM!!!!**

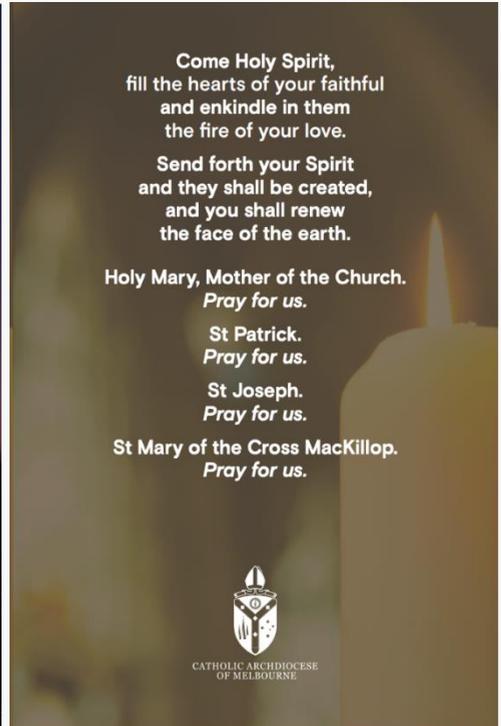
In last week's News bulletin (printed version) reference is made to the passing of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI erroneously 30 January 2022. As we are aware the Pope emeritus passed on 31 December 2022.

*“You may stain your sword with my blood  
but you will never profane my body that I  
have consecrated to Christ.”*

*St Agnes  
(c 291- c 304)*

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL PRAYER

During October and November in 2022, Holy Family Parish held a series of discernment meetings with parishioners to learn more about [Take the Way of the Gospel](#) and to share their initial thoughts. A writeup of their feedback is being prepared for the parish community which will be made available in the first quarter of 2023 and used for further discernment. As part of the discernment process, you are invited to pray about Holy Family's Take the Way of the Gospel journey, you and your families can do this by adding the following prayer from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to your daily prayers:



Thank you for your prayers for our parish as this process of discernment continues.

Lindsay Sant (Holy Family TWG Coordinator)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday .....9am-11am  
Wednesday ...9am-12 pm  
Friday .....9am-12pm

### Telephones

Presbytery 97924317  
School 97911853  
Child Safety Email ...

### Parish Website/Email

[holyfamilydoveton.org.au](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au)  
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[holyfamilycso@cam.org.au](mailto: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)***