



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

### **CORPUS CHRISTI**

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

#### **THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: FOUNT OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY**

The liturgical solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus commemorates the love of Our Lord for us. It has its roots in devotion to the Sacred Heart, a long-practiced Catholic devotion to the heart of Our Lord Jesus, who is the incarnate expression of God's mercy and compassion for the world. The solemnity is usually celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost, on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

#### **The Sacred Heart: Symbol of God's love for humanity**

On 5 June, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during his Angelus. "In biblical language, 'heart' indicates the centre of the person where his sentiments and intentions dwell," he said. "In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, His will for universal salvation, His infinite mercy."

"Practising devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ therefore means adoring that Heart which, after having loved us to the end, was pierced by a spear and from high on the Cross poured out blood and water, an inexhaustible source of new life," Pope Benedict XVI said.

#### **Roots of devotion to the Sacred Heart**

The beginnings of this devotion can be traced back to the Fathers of the Church including St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine, St. Irenaeus, St. Hippolytus of Rome and St. Justin Martyr. In the 11th century, this devotion was renewed in the writings of Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries. One famous example is the 12th century "O Sacred Head Surrounded" prayer composed by St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

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**Parish Priest:**

Fr. Prince Joseph VC  
(John Prince)

**Priest-In Residence:**

Fr Sebastian  
Mappilaparambil VC

**Parish Secretary:**

Maureen Goonewardena

**Parish Manager:**

Wilfred D’Couto

**Principal:**

Paul Sharp

**Child Safety Officer:**

Florida Nugara

**Bulletin:**

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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil .... 6.30pm  
Sunday..... 9.15am  
..... 11.00am  
Healing Mass .... 7.00pm

**Spanish Mass:**

Saturday 4.00pm

**Weekday Masses:**

Everyday 9.15am  
Wednesday 9.15am &  
7.00pm

**Reconciliation:**

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am  
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

**Novena to Our Lady:**

Saturday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.00pm

**Baptisms:** Second Sunday

**Divine Kids Bible Class:**

Sunday 10.15am

**Parish Prayer Group:**

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

**Parish Halls:**

Available for hire –  
Contact Parish Office

From the end of the 13th to 16th Centuries, the devotion continued to spread, but it mostly remained a private devotion.

The first liturgical feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated in France in 1670 by St. John Eudes who had sought approval from the local Bishop. However, modern-day popularization of this devotion is linked to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun who learned of the devotion from a series of apparitions of Jesus to her between 1673 and 1675.

**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**

Born in 1647 in Burgundy, France, Saint Margaret was the fifth of seven children of her parents. In 1671, she joined a convent, becoming a cloistered nun of the Visitation Order.

Saint Margaret received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart, the first on 27 December, 1673, and the last one eighteen months later. These revelations included the form of the devotion outlining its principal features, such as reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month, Eucharistic adoration during a Holy Hour on Thursdays, and the celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In her visions, Saint Margaret Mary also received twelve promises from Jesus for those who honour His Sacred Heart. Some of them include that Jesus will give devotees peace, comfort and holiness and “all the graces necessary for their state of life”, and bless every place where the image of the Sacred Heart is exposed and honored.

After Saint Margaret’s death in 1690, devotion to the Sacred Heart continued to grow in popularity partly due to the efforts of the Franciscans and the Jesuits. It was Pope Pius IX who made the Feast of the Sacred Heart an obligatory celebration in the universal Church, and the day was fixed on the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Source: [Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ, Vatican News](#)

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16  
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
John 6:51-58

### MONDAY

2 Corinthians 1:1-7  
Psalm 34:2-9  
Matthew 5:1-12

### TUESDAY

#### **Saint Antony of Padua**

2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Psalm 119:129-133,135  
Matthew 5:13-16

### WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians 3:4-11  
Psalm 99:5-9  
Matthew 5:17-19

### THURSDAY

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1,3-6  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Matthew 5:20-26

### FRIDAY

#### **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Deuteronomy 7:6-11  
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 10  
1 John 4:7-16  
Matthew 11:25-30

### SATURDAY

Isaiah 61:9-11  
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8  
Luke 2:41-51



## **SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 15**

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Saturday and Sunday  
9.00am to 3.30pm

Holy Family Parish, 100 Power Rd, Doveton.

Please visit [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au) for details and enrolment.

## **BACK TO THE HEAVENLY HOME**

### **PAUL RICHARDSON**

21 July 1956 - 9 June 2023

Funeral - 16 June 2023, Friday  
Holy Family Church, Doveton

Rosary 9.30 am - Small Hall

Holy Mass - 10 am

Burial and wake - 12 pm Springvale Cemetery



## FATHER PRINCE'S BIRTHDAY

Father Prince celebrates his birthday on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Lets join him in celebrating with a Morning Tea **after the 9.15 am Mass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – as it is a public holiday and will give more opportunity for parishioners to attend.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

13 June:

Saint Antony of Padua, Priest, Doctor

**“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

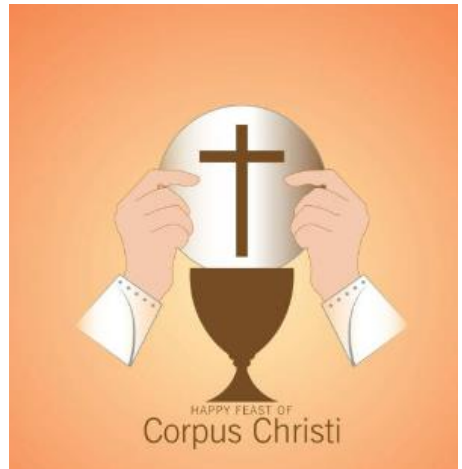
Classes will be held on *Wednesday*  
4.00 pm in *Small Hall*.

Please register with the Parish Office or contact the Parish Catechists.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Classes will be held on *Thursday*  
4.00 pm in the *Small Hall*.

Please register with the Parish Office or contact the Parish Catechists.



**“I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.” (John 6:51-52)**

### 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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**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)**