



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9th July 2023

POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of July, which is dedicated to the Eucharist, and asks that we place the Eucharist at the centre of our lives.

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention for July is for a eucharistic life.

The Pope made the appeal to put the celebration of the Eucharist at the centre of our lives in The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

Pope Francis begins this month's video by saying, "if you are the same at the end of Mass, as you were at the beginning, something is wrong."

In his new prayer intention, the Holy Father invites us to see the celebration of the Eucharist not as an obligatory ritual, but rather as an encounter with the Risen Jesus, for "the Eucharist is the presence of Jesus," which is "profoundly transforming."

Pope Francis insists in this video that "it is Christ Who offers Himself, Who gives Himself for us," which leads to "our lives being nourished by Him, to nourish the lives of our brothers and sisters."

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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

Catechists:

Christina D’Couto

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

Going out of ourselves, opening ourselves to others

In the video, Pope Francis explains “the logic of the Eucharist,” which “gives us the courage to encounter others, to go out of ourselves, and to open ourselves to others with love.”

This is why the Pope encourages us to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, because that is where we receive the capacity to love others and to allow ourselves to be transformed by Him.

Finally, the Pope encourages us to pray that "Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters."

Source: [Vatican News](#) (By Francesca Merlo)

Video link: <https://youtu.be/1F834c95N5I>



READINGS

SUNDAY

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13b-14

Romans 8:9,11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

MONDAY

Genesis 28:10-22

Psalm 91:1-4,14-15

Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Genesis 32:23-33

Psalm 17:1-3,6-8

Matthew 9:32-37

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 41:55-57,42:5-7,17-24

Psalm 33:2-3,10-11,18-19

Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Genesis 44:18-21,23-29,45:1-5

Psalm 105:16-21

Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY

Genesis 46:1-7,28-30

Psalm 37

Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY

Genesis 49:29-32,50,15-26

Psalm 105

Matthew 10:24-33

REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK

(MATTHEW, 9)

Some people carried a paralyzed man on a bed (Matt 9, 2-8). **Jesus ‘saw’ their faith** - Is it possible to ‘see’ the faith? How do we recognize someone as real believer/religious/spiritual? Jesus and his disciples were often questioned for not practicing ‘religion’ so the question about fasting (Matt 9,14-17). Jesus teaches about the bright side of fasting, that is union with God (they can’t fast when the bridegroom is with them, i.e. being with the bridegroom). They considered those who fast as more religious than those who do not. Can we say those who attend everyday Mass are more spiritual than those who attend only Sunday Mass? Jesus gives us the scale to measure spirituality. **“You will know them by their fruits”** (Matt 7,16). Jesus upheld/highly appreciated the Samaritan who spent everything (time, money, energy ...) for the wounded than the ‘zealous’ Levite and the priest. Those who ‘carried’ the paralytic to Jesus must be some who had already experienced his healing power. What do we do practically to ‘carry’ others to the church?

Matt 9,9-13 : Jesus admonishes the Pharisees to go and learn what this means **“I desire mercy not sacrifice”**. Jesus always had a tough time with these people, who criticized everything and everyone, who presented themselves as very religious, considered themselves as righteous and regarded others with contempt, boasted about their doings (Lk 18,12), wanted to follow only letters not spirit of the Law. And Jesus showed the supreme form of mercy in the previous event of healing the paralytic, that is forgiveness.

The ‘distance’ between the Sacrifice you celebrate in a church and the sacrifices you practice (acceptance, understanding, forgiveness, charity) outside will show your spirituality.

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What Jesus had asked to ‘do in his remembrance’ can not be completed in the Upper Room but on Calvary. Pope Francis says “the celebration of Eucharist is not an obligatory ritual, but is an encounter with the Risen Lord, for Eucharist is ‘the presence of Jesus’ which is ‘profoundly transforming’. If the Eucharist doesn’t transform us but only gives us a kind of ‘ritual satisfaction’ we are satisfied with eating in the the Upper Room and running away from shedding the blood on the way and dying on Calvary. “If you are the same at the end of Mass, as you were at the beginning, something is wrong” (Pope Francis)

(By Fr John Prince)

PETER’S PENCE	YOUTH GROUP
The second collection at all Masses during weekend of 9th July will be taken up for Peter’s Pence.	Meeting every Sunday at 10.15am.

VACANT POSITIONS IN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Positions for suitably qualified and experienced applicants could be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Kevin’s Parish, Hampton Park

Other Positions

- Administration Manager-The Redemptorist Community, Kew
- Engagement and Projects Lead, Melbourne

VACANT POSITION IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH, DOVETON

Parish Secretary

SAINT OF THE WEEK

11th July: Saint Benedict, Abbot
15th July: Saint Bonaventure

“He, who labours as he prays, lifts his heart to God, with his hands.”

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St. Benedict

<p>Parish Office Hours Mon ... 9am-11am Wed ... 9am-12 pm Fri ... 9am-12pm</p>	<p>Presbytery T: (03) 97924317 School T: (03) 97911853 Parish W: holyfamilydoveton.org.au Parish E: doveton@cam.org.au Parish Manager E: hfparishmanager@gmail.com Child Safety E: holyfamilycso@cam.org.au</p>
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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)