



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Words of the Holy Father:**

### **PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

This Parable of the Sower is somewhat the ‘mother’ of all parables, because it speaks about listening to the Word. It reminds us that the Word of God is a seed which in itself is fruitful and effective; and God scatters it everywhere, paying no mind to waste. Such is the heart of God! Each one of us is ground on which the seed of the Word falls; no one is excluded! The Word is given to each one of us. We can ask ourselves: what type of terrain am I? Do I resemble the path, the rocky ground, the bramble bush? If we want, with the grace of God, we can become good soil, ploughed and carefully cultivated, to help ripen the seed of the Word. It is already present in our heart, but making it fruitful depends on us; it depends on the embrace that we reserve for this seed. Often one is distracted by too many interests, by too many enticements, and it is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free.

(Angelus, 12 July 2020)

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2023/07/16.html>

**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

**DIFFERENT ATTITUDES**

**(Reflections of the Week)**

***Matt 9, 32-38 (July 11)***

A demoniac who was mute was brought to Jesus and when the demon had been cast out the mute spoke. We see three responses to this event. The crowds were amazed, and they praised Jesus, “never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” Pharisees could not appreciate this act of Jesus and they make an illogical accusation, “by the ruler of demons he casts out demons. Third is the attitude of Jesus; he is not discouraged but continue his ministry proclaiming the good news and healing the sick because he had compassion for them. Do we appreciate others for their good works or always finding fault with them? Are we disappointed and discouraged when our works are not recognized and appreciated, or we still move ahead as our motivation is kingdom of God?

***Genesis 45-50 (July 13)***

Joseph was ill-treated and sold by his brothers, but God raised him with great power and made him governor of Egypt. During famine his brothers reached Egypt pleading for grain and food. Joseph recognizing his brothers ‘wept so loudly’ out of love and joy revealed himself to them, “And now do not be distressed and angry with yourself, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life” (Gen 45,5). When the brothers were frightened that Joseph may revenge against their crime he said, “Do not be afraid, even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today” (Gen 50,19). St Paul writes, “all things work together for good of those who love God ...” (Roma 8,28). All things that happened may not be good, but God can turn everything to good. Sometimes we do not understand the meaning and purpose of individual events, but we realize later that they worked together for a good purpose. Can we have an attitude of forgiveness and acceptance that Joseph kept towards his brothers?

*(By Fr John Prince)*

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Psalm 65:10-14  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

### MONDAY

Exodus 1:8-14,22  
Psalm 124  
Matthew 10:34-11:1

### TUESDAY

Exodus 2:1-15  
Psalm 69:3,14,30-31,33-34  
Matthew 11:20-24

### WEDNESDAY

Exodus 3:1-6,9-12  
Psalm 103:1-4,6-7  
Matthew 11:25-27

### THURSDAY

Exodus 3:13-2  
Psalm 105:1,5,8-9,24-27  
Matthew 11:28-30

### FRIDAY

Exodus 11:10-12:14  
Psalm 116:12-13,15-18  
Matthew 12:1-8

### SATURDAY

St Mary Magdalene  
Song of Songs 3:1-4b  
Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9  
John 20:1-2, 11-18

## VACANT POSITION IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH, DOVETON

There is an opportunity for an experienced **Parish Secretary** to undertake office administrative functions at Holy Family Parish, Doveton in a part time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of the Parish Secretary will be to build solid relationships and work collaboratively to provide support to the Parish Team, Volunteers and Parish Schools.

The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous.

This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office in Doveton. The role is required to work 16 hours per week from Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1pm. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest and volunteers. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

### **Key Requirements**

- Good written and verbal communication skills with ability to relate to a variety of people
- Ability to build positive and collaborative relationships with others
- Confident working knowledge of Microsoft office application (including Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher)
- Demonstrated commitment to the mission and values of the Catholic Church

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Provide secretarial and office support services to the Parish Priest and the Parish community.
- Maintain all Parish Registries for Baptism, Marriage and deaths and respond to enquiries on these matters and refer families to the appropriate Parish team member.
- Prepare the weekly bulletin for distribution each weekend. (Which includes Liturgical responses and rosters).
- Assist with the parish website updates.
- Maintain orderly digital files and archives as appropriate.
- Attain a general understanding of duties of other staff members or volunteers to support him/her during annual leave or sickness.
- Assist when required the Parish Finance Officer in the maintenance of the Stewardship Program and other programs Assist with the training of new employees and volunteers in the office.

### **Other Relevant Requirements**

- Working with Children Check
- Police Check (new Check required)
- Valid Driver Licence

### **Additional Information**

Applications are to be sent [HR.Recruitment@cam.org.au](mailto:HR.Recruitment@cam.org.au). Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For further information, email [maidstone@cam.org.au](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au). We look forward to hearing from you and wish you all the best. Review of applications will begin immediately, and the application will be opened until filled. Please contact parish office or parish priest for Position Description.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST

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

## YOUTH GROUP

Meeting every  
**Sunday at 10.15am.**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**21<sup>st</sup> July:** Saint Apollinaris  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July:** Saint Mary Magdalene



And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.

(Mathew 13:23)

“We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths. It is not enough barely to believe them, and let our thoughts now and then glance upon them: that knowledge which shows us heaven will not bring us to the possession of it, and will deserve punishments, not rewards, if it remain slight, weak, and superficial.”

St Apollinaris

### Parish Office Hours

Mon ... 9am-11am  
Wed ... 9am-12pm  
Fri ... 9am-12pm

Presbytery T: (03) 97924317 | School T: (03) 97911853

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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)**