



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd September 2023

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL
COLLABORATING FOR MISSION:
REGIONAL CONSULTATION SUMMARY

‘God asks us to dare to create something new... It’s a task for all of us, to which each one of us is invited... We need a movement of people who know and need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world. Let’s allow God’s words to Isaiah to speak to us: Come, let us talk this over. Let us dare to dream.’

Let us Dream: the path to a better future -- POPE FRANCIS

The second series of our Take the Way of the Gospel regional forums took place over May and June 2023. This series explored how we might respond to Pope Francis’ call to be more missionary by collaborating within and across parish boundaries. The forum had both a short-term focus, that is, what parishes can implement immediately, as well as considering how the structure of the Archdiocese might be reconfigured to enhance our effectiveness in living and proclaiming the Gospel. Pleasingly, in this series we saw an increase in attendance in nearly every region with a total of 279 people from 153 parishes (74%) across the Archdiocese participating. The majority (84%) of participants enjoyed the experience, citing the benefits of gathering with others in the Archdiocese, meeting people from neighbouring parishes and being able to share experience and ideas through open, practical, frank, focussed, meaningful and productive discussion.

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Fr. Prince Joseph VC
(John Prince)

Priest-In Residence:

Fr Sebastian Mappilaparambil VC

Parish secretary:

Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:

Wilfred D’Couto

Principal:

Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:

Florida Nugara

Catechists:

Christina D’Couto

Bulletin:

A & A Wong

Sunday Masses:

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

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Every day (except
Wednesday) 9.15am
Wednesday 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

PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
(Mark 6,14-29)

Sermon of the Week; Aug 29.

‘Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him’. John had been telling Herod, “it is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife”. Herod was perplexed hearing this but he liked to listen to him. Although Herod considered John as someone holy and listened to him, he was not ready to change his life. His life was led by pleasure-principle. When he had been fascinated by the dance of Herodias’ daughter, he solemnly swore to give even half of his kingdom. He did not want to refuse her when she asked for the head of John the Baptist.

Are you someone who is eager and zealous to listen the word of God, receive the sacraments but continue to live in sinful pleasures? The danger is that your heart is becoming harden, like Pharaoh harden his heart each time he rebelled against God even though he received the punishment (cf. Exod 7-12). Gradually you will not be hesitant to commit the sins that today you are afraid of doing.

The thief comes only to steal and destroy and kill (John 10,10).

Destruction is the consequence of sin, not only of one’s own life but also others’.

Fr John Prince



A Spiritual Retreat on The Holy Mass

For Children Aged 5 - 15

Date: 16th – 17th September, 2023, Saturday & Sunday

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Venue: Holy Family Parish, Doveton

Enrolment, please visit www.divinekids.com.au.



READINGS

SUNDAY

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalm 96:1,3-5,11-13
Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

Colossians 1:1-8
Psalm 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY

Colossians 1:9-14
Psalm 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4
Psalm 13:6-7
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

SATURDAY

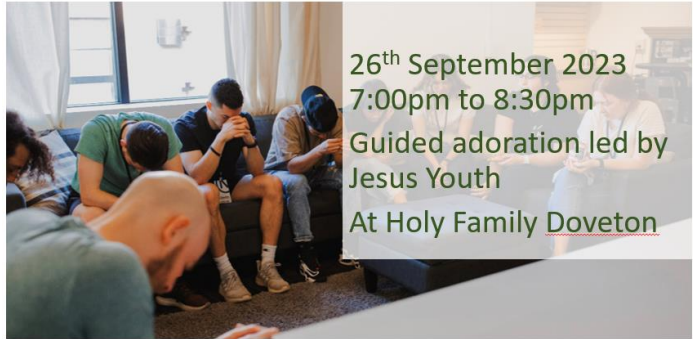
Colossians 1:21-23
Psalm 54:3-4,6,8
Luke 6:1-5

First Holy Communion

Sunday,
10th September 2023
at 11:00am Mass



JESUS YOUTH ADORATION NIGHT



26th September 2023
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Guided adoration led by
Jesus Youth
At Holy Family Doveton



Happy Fathers' Day

"Every family needs a father – a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love."

Pope Francis

Other highlights were the opportunity for the parish team to work together, discovering their parish is well-placed to collaborate and identifying ideas to be more missionary. The opportunity to understand the vision of the Archdiocese, to think strategically and discern the mission for the future were also identified as being positive outcomes.

The range of participants and structure of the forum provided a sense of synodality in action. The experience was thought provoking, challenging but exciting. Providing an opportunity to dream a little led to participants discovering shared fears and thoughts about change. The act of coming together also affirmed participants in their shared love for the Church and its future.

Suggestions for improvement from each of the forums were progressively adopted, resulting in small changes each time the forum was run. For example, a suggestion from the first forum led to neighbouring parishes being seated together at the same or nearby tables in subsequent forums, which led to more fruitful discussions and, in response to requests for more discussion time, the allocation of time for each of the group exercises was increased in the last two forums.

While these differences meant each forum was unique, this report draws together the themes that emerged about how we might start to collaborate more effectively.

Short term focus: What can parishes do right now?

The first exercise involved parishes identifying their foundations, opportunities, challenges and anxieties and sharing the most important issue for them in each of these areas. They then discerned concrete opportunities for collaboration by reflecting on where the Holy Spirit is leading them, what excites them about the potential collaboration(s), what they need to know more about and what worries they have.

See full article: <https://melbourmecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Collaborating-for-Mission-Regional-Consultation-Summary.pdf>

Parish Office Opening Hours

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9.30am to 1.30pm

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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)