



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **WAR AND PEACE**

#### **Sermon of the Week**

“Nothing is to be lost with peace; everything can be lost with war”. These were words used by Pope Pius XII on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1939, on the eve of World War II, a war which was to bring devastating effects on the entire European continent for the following six years, and which gradually expanded, bringing into its clutches the entire globe. Israel-Palestine conflict has flared up again, but this time to an unprecedented level. The nations are again being divided by their support either to Israel or to Palestine. Many preachers are trying to prove quoting the Scriptures that it must happen as God’s plan. Some interprets Hamas’ attack on Israel as the wrath of God against their evil. Some others think God of Israel is manifesting his power on evil people.

If Israel is God’s own people, who do all other nations and people belong to? Is not the commandment ‘Thou shall not kill’ applicable to all people? What could be the attitude of the ‘Father’ of Jesus Christ to the bloodshed and the cries of innocent children heard in the Middle East in these days? Pope John Paul II once addressing the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See repeated his conviction: “No to war, war is never inevitable, it

is always a defeat for humankind”, just as he has in the past affirmed that war is a path of no return and that the international community must find new ways of ensuring that disputes are resolved by means other than war. Even if we feel that certain Scriptures are being fulfilled they are not God’s will often. God’s knowledge can foresee everything but everything foreseen is not God’s wish and will.



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Christina D’Couto

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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:**

Monday to Saturday 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

## WORLD MISSION DAY 2023, POPE FRANCIS

*Hearts on fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35)*

**Our hearts burned within us** “when he explained the Scriptures to us”. In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts.

Let us always be willing to let ourselves be accompanied by the Risen Lord as he explains to us the meaning of the Scriptures. May he make our hearts burn within us; may he enlighten and transform us, so that we can proclaim his mystery of salvation to the world with the power and wisdom that come from his Spirit.

**Our eyes were “opened and recognized him”** in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission.

In order to bear fruit, we must remain united to Jesus (cf. Jn 15:4-9). This union is achieved through daily prayer, particularly in Eucharistic adoration, as we remain in silence in the presence of the Lord, who remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. By lovingly cultivating this communion with Christ, the missionary disciple can become a mystic in action. May our hearts always yearn for the company of Jesus, echoing the ardent plea of the two disciples of Emmaus, especially in the evening hours: “Stay with us, Lord!” (cf. Lk 24:29).

**Our feet set out on the way**, with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. The eternal youth of a Church that is always going forth.

Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ. I take this opportunity to reiterate that “everyone has the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet” (*Evangeli Gaudium*, 14). Missionary conversion remains the principal goal that we must set for ourselves as individuals and as a community, because “missionary outreach is paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity” (ibid., 15).

Source:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20230106-giornata-missionaria.html>

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Isaiah 45:1,4-6  
Psalm 96:1,3-5,7-10  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21

### MONDAY

Romans 4:20-25  
Luke 1:69-75  
Luke 12:13-21

### TUESDAY

Romans 5:12,15,17-21  
Psalm 40:7-10,17  
Luke 12:35-38

### WEDNESDAY

Romans 6:12-18  
Psalm 124  
Luke 12:39-48

### THURSDAY

Romans 6:19-23  
Psalm 1:1-4,6  
Luke 12:49-53

### FRIDAY

Romans 7:18-25  
Psalm 119:66,68,76-77,93-94  
Luke 12:54-59

### SATURDAY

Ephesians 2:19-22  
Psalm 19:2-3,4-5  
Luke 6:12-16

## ALL SAINTS' DAY PARTY

Organised by Divine Kids

Dress up as your favourite saint or in white and bring your family!

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Don Bosco School Hall, 496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren VIC 3805



Afternoon Tea will be provided. Enrolments are necessary.

Visit [www.divinekids.com.au](http://www.divinekids.com.au) to enrol.

## CONFIRMATION



Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

6.30pm

Bishop Anthony (Tony) Ireland

Holy Family Church, Doveton

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

28<sup>th</sup> October: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

## VIGIL PRAYER 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023



Every third Friday of the month, we will have the Intercessory Prayer in the church from 7.00 PM to 12.00 AM.

Holy Family Prayer Group

## MISSION SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

Next weekend’s second collection is for Catholic Mission.

Envelopes are available in the church foyers.

## PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

Lord, we pray to you for the Holy Land, for the people of Israel and Palestine who are under the grip of unprecedented violence, for the victims, especially the children, for the wounded, for those held hostage, for the missing and their families. Amen.



### Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday  
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)***