



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

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

**“NOT PEACE BUT RATHER DIVISION”**

**(Luke 12:49-53)**

**Sermon of the Week, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Probably the community for which Luke was writing the gospel was confused because of the conflicts in their family. Jesus brought peace for the world. But in the early Christian communities there were families in which all members had not accepted Jesus as their saviour and that caused divisions and conflicts.

We could also understand the message of Jesus regarding ‘fire’ and ‘divisions’ in a spiritual sense. Everyone who receives message of Jesus would undergo a kind of division or conflict in themselves. As we have heard in the first reading (Romans 6:19-23) either people are slaves to sin or slaves to God. Until we become a ‘slave’ to God we also will suffer this inner conflict about which Paul writes in Romans 7:4-24.

In the garden of Gathsemene we see the conflict that Jesus experienced and how he won over the conflict and became a ‘slave’ to God. The struggle was to surrender his will to Father’s will!!



*Fr John Prince*

This fire of conflict is positive for us because that can lead us to right discernment and often to repentance. If we do not feel any division or struggle within us we may not repent about our sinfulness. “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death.” (2 Cor 7:10).

**Parish Priest:**

Fr. Prince Joseph VC  
(John Prince)

**Priest-In Residence:**

Fr Sebastian Mappilaparambil  
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Caroline Allen

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**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:**

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

## CHILDREN’S QUESTIONS AND POPE’S ANSWERS

Pope Francis acknowledges the wisdom of children and their pure hearts. He notes that children have the ability to speak the truth openly and without prejudice. Their honesty helps adults, including parents, live more honestly and generously. Children also help keep adults humble by viewing them simply as caregivers rather than important figures based on prestige or fame. Their innocence can disconcert those who are overly narcissistic.

***“Why are there wars?”***

Wars often arise when adults succumb to the temptations of selfishness, power, and money. The desire for dominance ("imperial self-interest") can lead to conflicts, even if it means taking lives and causing suffering; wars are always wrong.

***“Is world peace achievable?”***

Peace is possible. If everyone commits to disarmament, reduce violence, and eradicate the desire for power and wealth. By fostering love for one another, especially for those in need, the aggression and fear can diminish, leading to a more peaceful and content world.

***“What about adults who resist the idea of families from poorer regions coming to their countries?”***

We should know the importance of "social friendship" and the need to treat one another as brothers and sisters, irrespective of their background. We shall be inclusive and welcoming to newcomers, helping bridge cultural and societal divides.

Adapted from: [Vatican News](#)



## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalm 18:2-4,47,51  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

### MONDAY

Romans 8:12-17  
Psalm 68:2,4,6-7,20-21  
Luke 13:10-17

### TUESDAY

Romans 8:18-25  
Psalm 126  
Luke 13:18-21

### WEDNESDAY

**All Saints**  
Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14  
Psalm 24:1-6  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### THURSDAY

**All Souls**  
Wisdom 3:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Romans 5:5-11  
Matthew 11:25-30

### FRIDAY

Romans 9:1-5  
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20  
Luke 14:1-6

### SATURDAY

Romans 12:3-13  
Psalm 89:2-5,21,22,25,27  
John 10:11-16

## PROCLAIM 2023

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## ALL SAINTS DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2023



Mass at 9.15am and  
7.00pm

*“These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.” (Rev 7:14)*

## ALL SOULS DAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023



Mass at 9.15am and  
7.00pm

Mass intentions for the departed could be placed in the basket which is placed at the front of the Altar, and will be offered at every Mass.

### **DIVINE AUSTRALIA FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, 6.45 pm**

Praise & Worship, Holy  
Mass, Healing Prayer  
Led by Fr Sabu Adimakiyil

### **HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP**

Every  
Tuesday  
7 pm at the  
small hall.



### **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)***