



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th November 2023

LIFE EVERLASTING

209. What is meant by the term “heaven”?

By “heaven” is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God “face to face” (1 Corinthians 13:12). They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.

210. What is purgatory?

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God’s friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

212. In what does hell consist?

Hell consists in the eternal damnation of those who die in mortal sin through their own free choice. The principal suffering of hell is eternal separation from God in whom alone we can have the life and happiness for which we were created and for which we long. Christ proclaimed this reality with the words, “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire” (Matthew 25:41).

213. How can one reconcile the existence of hell with the infinite goodness of God?

God, while desiring “all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9), nevertheless has created the human person to be free and responsible; and he respects our decisions. Therefore, it is the human person who freely excludes himself from communion with God if at the moment of death he persists in mortal sin and refuses the merciful love of God.

Compendium of The Catechism of The Catholic Church

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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:

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

**HOLINESS IS ‘A GIFT AND A JOURNEY’:
POPE FRANCIS**

Pope Francis on Wednesday told pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square that holiness is both a “gift” from God and a “journey” to which we must “commit” ourselves after we’ve received it.

Holiness is “a gift, you can’t buy it,” Francis said. “And at the same time, it’s a journey. A gift and a journey.”

“Holiness is a gift of God, which we’ve received at baptism. And if we let it grow, it can completely change our lives,” he said.

The saints, the pope noted, “are not heroes who are unreachable or distant. They’re people like us, our friends, whose starting point is the same gift that we’ve received: baptism.”

“Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life,” the pope said. “After all, when we receive a gift, what’s our first reaction? It’s precisely that we’re happy, because it means that someone loves us. A gift of holiness makes us happy. It shows us how God loves us.”

But “every gift must be accepted, welcomed,” the pope said. And a gift “carries with it the responsibility of a response.” Holiness is “an invitation to commit ourselves,” Francis said, so that we do not squander the gift from God.

Holiness, the pope argued, is also “a journey. A journey to be made together, helping each other, united with those great companions, who are the saints.”

“They’re our elder brothers and sisters on whom we can always count,” he said. “The saints support us, and when we take a wrong turn along the way, with their silent presence, they never fail to correct us.”

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READINGS

SUNDAY

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

Psalms 131

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12

MONDAY

Romans 11:29-36

Psalms 69:30-31,33-34,36-37

Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY

Romans 12:5-16

Psalms 131

Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY

Romans 13:8-10

Psalms 112:1-2,4-5,9

Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

Psalms 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

John 2:13-22

FRIDAY

St. Leo the Great

Romans 15:14-21

Psalms 98:1-4

Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY

St. Martin of Tours

Isaiah 61:1-3

Psalms 89:2-3,4-5,21-22,25,27

Matthew 25:31-40

The pope urged visitors to ask themselves several questions regarding receiving the gift of holiness: “Do I remember having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who calls me to holiness and helps me to arrive there? Do I thank the Holy Spirit for this gift? Do I feel that the saints are close to me? Do I turn to them? Do I know the history of some of them?”

“May Mary, Queen of All Saints, help us feel the joy of the gift received and increase in us the desire for our eternal destination,” he said.

“Let’s continue to pray for all those suffering from the wars of today,” Francis said. “We remember suffering Ukraine, suffering Palestine, suffering Israel. Let’s remember all the other parts of the world where war is happening.”

By Daniel Payne, [Catholic News Agency](#)

PARISH EVENTS

11th & 12th Nov: Next weekend’s second collection is for ‘Catholic Deaf’

16th Nov: Pastoral Council Meeting Nov 16

SAINT OF THE WEEK

10th October: St. Leo the Great

11th October: St. Martin of Tours

*“Peace is the first thing the angels sang.
Peace is the mark of the children of God.
Peace is the nurse of love. Peace is the
mother of unity. Peace is the rest of the
blessed souls. Peace is the dwelling place of
eternity.”*

St. Leo the Great

CONFIRMATION, 28th October 2023



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

BACK TO THE HEAVENLY HOME

BERNADETTE IRENE BORGONAH
20th August 1954 – 2nd November 2023



Funeral: 6th November 2023, Monday,
Holy Family Doveton

Viewing: 10.30 am

Holy Mass: 11.30 am

Burial: 1.30 pm, Bunurong Memorial Park
790 Frankston - Dandenong Rd,
Dandenong South VIC 3175

Refreshment: 2.00pm at Holy Family Small Hall

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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)