



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

The third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always."

The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. We are reminded to rejoice on this third Sunday of Advent. No matter the challenges or difficulties we face, we must be joyful. We know that God is faithful and is in control of all creation.

*Why is the third Sunday of Advent pink?*

It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. It is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



## HOLY FAMILY VOLUNTEERS DAY

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm for Holy Family Parish's volunteers, followed by a dinner. Volunteers, please save the date.

## COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDAR 2024

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2024 marks the 102<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Now on Sale at Holy Family piety stall.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence on 15 February 2024. Parents of children who wish to receive First Holy Communion in 2024 are kindly requested to register early at the Parish Office.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT HOLY FAMILY



### Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday  
9.30am to 1.30pm

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Child Safety E: [holyfamilycso@cam.org.au](mailto:holyfamilycso@cam.org.au)

*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)*

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH, DOVETON**  
**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR LITURGIES – 2023**

DATE	TIME
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER</b>	<b>9.15 AM AND 11.00 AM (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER</b>	7.00 PM - CHRISTMAS CAROLS 7.30 PM - (FAMILY MASS) <span style="float: right;">SPANISH MASS AT 4 PM</span>
<b>SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER</b>	11.30 PM - CHRISTMAS CAROLS 12.00 AM - MIDNIGHT MASS
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
<b>MONDAY 25 DECEMBER</b>	10.00 AM MASS
<b>WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER</b>	7.00 PM THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER FOR VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS' DAY
<b>THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER</b>	9.15 AM FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS BLESSING OF LITTLE ONES
<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER</b>	10AM HOLY MASS (FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)
<b>SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER</b>	11.00 PM THANKSGIVING ADORATION <span style="float: right;">SPANISH MASS AT 4 PM</span> 12.00 AM – MIDNIGHT MASS
<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	
<b>MONDAY 1 JANUARY</b>	10.00 AM MASS

**RECONCILIATION TIMES:**

19 – 23 December      9.45 am – 10.15 am (after the morning Mass)  
 Friday 22 December      6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE: NO HEALING MASS AT 7.00 PM ON SUNDAYS – 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AND 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

