



# HOLY FAMILY

## DOVETON

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **THE FIVE 'SYSTEMS' OF A FRUITFUL PARISH – FELLOWSHIP**

In the book of Acts we read that the early Christian community '...devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.' (Acts 2:42). Among devotion to the apostles' teaching, Eucharist and prayer is fellowship, an essential ingredient parish life. What is fellowship and what does it look like in parish life today? One way to understand what it should look like is to ask, 'are we a meaningful community where people are known and loved and supported in their call to holiness.'

At the most basic level we know that fellowship looks like social gatherings, and these are great and necessary things, especially to maintain a strong sense of hospitality and welcome. Fellowship doesn't stop here, in fact, for fellowship to be truly what the quote from Acts above intends, then its centre need to be the Gospel. Gospel centred fellowship is seen when our goal is to accompany each other in our journey to holiness. Consider the following questions: Is everyone in our parish known by name, loved and cared for? Is anyone left out of our fellowship? Does our fellowship extend to all ethnicities, people with disabilities and people from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds? Let us pray that our praying, fasting and giving during this Lenten season will inspire us to love and accompany each other on our shared journey to holiness.

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\*<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-five-systems-of-a-fruitful-parish>

**Parish Priest:**

Fr. Prince Joseph VC  
(John Prince)

**Priest-In Residence:**

Fr Sebastian  
Mappilaparambil VC

**Parish Secretary:**

Caroline Allen

**Parish Manager (Interim):**

Wilfred D’Couto

**Principal:**

Paul Sharp

**Safeguarding Coordinator:**

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

**"WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN"**

A dedicated group of women, past students from St. Francis Xavier (FX) Broadway and Fatima School Kodambakkam in Chennai, India are organising a Fundraising Sale of **Preloved Clothes** and other items.

**VENUE: Holy Family Small Hall**

**DATE: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** after the evening mass and **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9.15 am, 11.00 am and 7.00 pm Masses.

All proceeds going to the promotion and education of women in the Solomon Islands.

We would appreciate your support and generosity for this worthy cause.

*Cash preferred on sale of items.*

**MASS OF THE HOLY OILS  
(CHRISM MASS)**

This year we will gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass on **20<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 am** at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to participate.

Please note there will be **NO 9.15 am Mass** in Holy Family Church.

The Novena and Holy Mass at 7.00 pm will be celebrated as usual.



## READINGS

### SUNDAY

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23  
Psalm 136:1-6  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

### MONDAY

Isaiah 65:17-21  
Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13  
John 4:43-54

### TUESDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12  
Psalm 45:2-3,5-6,8-9  
John 5:1-3,5-16

### WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 49:8-15  
Psalm 144:8-9,13-14,17-18  
John 5:17-30

### THURSDAY

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 105:19-23  
John 5:31-47

### FRIDAY

Wisdom 2:1,12-22  
Psalm 33:16,18,19-21, 23  
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

### SATURDAY

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 7:2-3,9-12  
John 7:40-53

## COMMISSIONING OF NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers on the Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15 am Mass:

Royston Devraj

Gerard Francis

Philip Pereira

Anthony Wong



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

On all Fridays during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: HOLY WEEK

Holy Tuesday:  
26<sup>th</sup> March,  
10am – 11am and  
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Holy Wednesday:  
27<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Good Friday: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 11am – 12.30pm



## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS / ADORATION

Next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March is the third Friday, and we will have Intercessory Prayer / Adoration in the church after the 7.00 pm mass (during Lent) to 12.00 am. Prayer will be in consecutive one-hour sessions. Kindly mark a convenient time on the roster available in the Church foyer.

Holy Family Prayer Group



### WHAT IS LAETARE SUNDAY?

#### When?

On the fourth Sunday of Lent.

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass: "Laetare, Jerusalem" "Rejoice, O Jerusalem."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: ISAIAH 66:10-11



**Laetare**  
means  
*"to rejoice"*

#### What's different?

- Priests may wear rose or violet vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the altar
- The organ may be played

#### Also Known As:

- Mothering Sunday
- Refreshment Sunday
- Mid-Lent Sunday
- Rose Sunday

#### Why celebrate?

It provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent. This day reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



#### Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday  
9.30am to 1.30pm

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