



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

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

The Ascension of the Lord

12th May 2024

HOPE

Christ, in ascending to heaven, brings to the very heart of God our humanity, with all its hopes and expectations, so that that “we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before” (Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord).

This hope has nothing to do with mere “human” optimism or the ephemeral expectation of some earthly benefit. No, it is something real, already accomplished in Christ, a gift daily bestowed upon us until the time when we will be one in the embrace of his love. Christian hope – as Saint Peter writes – is “an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading” (*1 Pet 1:4*). Christian hope sustains the journey of our lives, even when the road ahead seems winding and exhausting. It opens our eyes to future possibilities whenever resignation or pessimism attempt to imprison us. It makes us see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail. Christian hope fills us with serenity when our hearts are burdened by sin and failure. It makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world, even when it seems barely worth the effort. Such is hope, the gift that the Lord bestowed on us in Baptism.

Let us lift up our hearts to Christ, and become *singers of hope* in a culture marked by much despair. By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope, so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity and reawaken in every heart the joy and the courage to embrace life to the full.

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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

Hope is needed by the Church, so that when she feels wearied by her exertions and burdened by her frailty, she will always remember that, as the Bride of Christ, she is loved with an eternal and faithful love, called to hold high the light of the Gospel, and sent forth to bring to all the fire that Jesus definitively brought to the world.

Each of us has need of hope in our lives, at times so weary and wounded, our hearts that thirst for truth, goodness and beauty, and our dreams that no darkness can dispel. Everything, within and outside of us, cries out for hope and continues to seek, even without knowing it, the closeness of God.

May the Lord, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, grant us the grace to rediscover hope, to proclaim hope and to build hope.



Pope Francis

Source:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20240509-indizione-giubileo.html>

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

READINGS

SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 46:2-3,6-9

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8

Psalms 67:2-7

John 16:29-33

TUESDAY

St Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

Psalms 112:1-8

John 15:9-17

WEDNESDAY

Acts 20:28-38

Psalms 67:29-30,33-36

John 17:11-19

THURSDAY

Acts 22:30,23:6-11

Psalms 15:1-2,5,7-11

John 17:20-26

FRIDAY

Acts 25:13-21

Psalms 102:1-2,11-12,19-20

John 21:15-19

SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20,30-31

Psalms 104:4,5,7

John 21:20-25

PENTECOST SUNDAY - SOLEMNITY

18th May Vigil Mass 6.30 pm

19th Sunday – There will be *only one Mass in the morning at 10 am.*

Mass will be followed by a celebratory BBQ.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and celebrate this great Feast.



7 pm Holy Mass will be as usual.

ADORATION AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Next **Friday, 17th May** is the third Friday, and we will have Adoration and Intercessory prayers in the church from **7.00 pm 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



20X20 HOLY FAMILY MISSION

As part of the Holy Family 20x20 TWG Mission, an email will be sent from the parish office to update the data of the parishioners; kindly complete and return as soon as possible. Those who do not access email will be contacted by the parish office by phone or personnel.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Wishes All Mother's A Very Happy Mother's Day



DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS AGE 5 TO 15

Date: 25th – 26th May 2024

Time: 9 am to 3.30 pm

Venue: Holy Family Church Halls

Details and enrolment please visit

www.divinekids.com.au .



“Make Disciples of All Nations”

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)