



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

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

### **A FATHER IS A SHADOW OF THE FATHER**

The best human father in the Bible is St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus is also called the “Son of Joseph” (Lk 4:22, Jn 6:42, Mt 13:55, Mk 6:3). During the year of St. Joseph in 2020, Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter **PATRIS CORDE** (*With a Father’s Heart*), qualified the fatherhood of St. Joseph as:

1. **A *beloved Father***: He knew that he is loved by the Eternal Father and was chosen by him.
2. **A *tender and loving Father***: Taking care of the infant and child Jesus tenderly and lovingly to grow in favour of God and Men.
3. **An *obedient Father***: Obedient to the will of the Heavenly Father.
4. **An *accepting Father***: Wholly accepting and against selfishness.
5. **A *creatively courageous Father***: Creatively contributing to fulfil the will of God and ready to go to any extent for it.
6. **A *working father***: Providing for the family.
7. **A *Father in the shadows***: a father on earth conformed to the Heavenly Father.

The above statements are beautiful attributes of a father. But I would like to look at them as challenges to the fatherhood on earth. A challenge to all of us as fathers. In faith you are a father by the will of the Heavenly Father and by his choice. The first step in conforming to the Heavenly Father on the earth is accepting our vocation.

St. Joseph was struggling with accepting that call in the beginning, but once he accepted the call, he conformed himself to the Father in Heaven.

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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 –

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**ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT FOR  
2024/2025**

The title for the 2024/25 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference social justice statement is, *Truth and Peace: A Gospel in a Violent World*. Echoing calls for peace by Pope John XXIII in *Pacem in Terris* (1963) and Pope Francis’ recent encyclical on the brother and sisterhood of humanity, *Fratelli Tutti*, the statement reminds us that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is our source for a more peaceful society.

The statement names some unsettling problems which lead to a loss of peace in our times such as misinformation, disinformation, reduced care for the dignity of the human person and the acceptance of lies as truth. Just as the first creation story in Genesis shows the acceptance of the lies of the serpent as truth, we still see today how the message of that story is exemplified by the sharing and accepting of lies - and the eventual result of lies which is conflict and death. Whether these lies come from influential figures on the internet, the disposition of some to live in an echo chamber, or from totalitarian regimes around the world, the accepting of lies as truth is contrary to human dignity and the Gospel, which is God’s truth in a world which needs peace.

God’s truth, revealed fully in the person of Jesus, is the antidote to the destructive power of lies and mistruths. The bishops’ statement explains that Jesus came as both *logos* (Word), ‘the Word was with God and was God’ (John 1:1) and *dialogos* (dialogue), ‘the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.’ (John 1:14). When Jesus rose from death his first words were ‘Peace be with you.’

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**CHILD SAFETY**

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

## READINGS

### SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,  
6-8

Psalms 15:2-5

James 1:17-18,21-22,  
27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-  
23

### MONDAY

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Psalms 119:97-102

Luke 4:16-30

### TUESDAY

**St Gregory the  
Great**

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Psalms 145:8-14

Luke 4:31-37

### WEDNESDAY

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalms 33:12-15,20-21

Luke 4:38-44

### THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Psalms 24:1-6

Luke 5:1-11

### FRIDAY

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Psalms 37:3-6,27-40

Luke 5:33-39

### SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 4:6-15

Psalms 145:17-18,19-  
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Luke 6:1-5

Jesus, who is truth, defeated his death which was founded on the lies of those who refused to see him as God (John 8:39-45), to show that peace is ‘the fruit of dialogue between God and humanity.’ We are called not to be cynical about peace, but to open our hearts to God, who gifts us with peace and ‘...who wants to work with us in the making of peace and waits for us to say yes to the gift.’ Peace ‘is a duty imposed on us by the Gospel,’ let us pray about how we can ‘do peace’ by praying on the words of Pope John Paul II who said, ‘*When truth is not just spoken but done, it becomes power – power enough to turn swords into ploughshares (Isa 2:4)... power to set us free.*’

*By Lindsay Sant*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024: Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

## POPE INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

**1 - 7 September** is National Child Protection Week. We reiterate the need that every child in our parish needs a fair go and a chance to grow up safe and supported. Our children are our future – we need to cherish the need to keep our young people safe. The theme for this year is “Every child in every community needs a fair go”.

## **DIVINE AUSTRALIA FIRST FRIDAY SERVICE**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 6.45 pm**

Praise & Worship, Holy Mass, Healing Prayer

I would like to ask a question to you fathers; how would you like the Heavenly Father to Father you? Compare that with how you father your child and how you want your Heavenly Father to take care of you. This will inspire your heart to be like the heart of the Heavenly Father.

Be conscious of your children who are looking up to you. As much as they are given to you, you are given to them as well. There is mutual ‘givenness’ which should not be undermined for any reason whatsoever. St. Joseph lived that ‘givenness’ in the first place which turned out to be his faithfulness to the Heavenly Father. A prayer to St. Joseph proposed by Pope Francis in the apostolic letter can help us to become the father the Father want us to be:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Let me conclude with the following acronym

- F** - Faithful to God and Family
- A** - Accepting His Holy Will
- T** - Tender like Heavenly Father
- H** - Heartily Loving
- E** - Ever-ready to help
- R** - Reliable like the Word of God



God bless you to be the Earthly Shadow of the Heavenly Father. Father’s Day wishes to you my beloved *fathers*.

*Fr. Joby George VC*

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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)**