



HOLY FAMILY DOVETON

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th September 2025

A BEAUTIFUL VOCATION

Father's Day is a special occasion to honour and appreciate the fathers and father figures in our lives. For Catholics, this day is an opportunity to reflect on the profound role of fathers within the family and the Church, drawing inspiration from the example of Saint Joseph, the fatherhood, rooted in love, faith and self-sacrifice.

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, is the epitome of a faithful and devoted father. Despite the challenges and uncertainties he faced, Joseph embraced his role with humility and unwavering trust in God. He protected and provided for his family, guiding Jesus with wisdom and love.

In *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis highlights the significance of Saint Joseph's fatherhood, describing him as a tender, loving father who was obedient to God's will. Joseph's example teaches us that true fatherhood goes beyond biological ties; it is about being present, nurturing and guiding with a heart full of love and faith.

Fatherhood is not just a physical or emotional role but a deeply spiritual vocation. Fathers are called to be reflections of God the Father, embodying His love, patience and mercy. This spiritual dimension of fatherhood is essential for the holistic development of children, helping them to understand and experience God's love in a tangible way.

Pope Francis often speaks about the importance of fathers being close to their children, saying, "Fathers are necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue" (*Amoris Laetitia* 177). By being present and engaged, fathers help their children to grow in faith and character.

As we celebrate Father's Day, let us take time to honour the fathers and father figures who have profoundly impacted our lives. Let us thank them for their sacrifices, their love, and their unwavering commitment to their families. In the spirit of Saint Joseph, may all fathers be blessed with the grace to fulfil their vocation with faith and courage.

May this Father's Day be a reminder of the invaluable role that fathers play in our lives and in the life of the Church. Let us celebrate them with joy, gratitude and a renewed commitment to supporting and uplifting the vocation of fatherhood.

(Courtesy: Rhiannon Watts-Robinson, St. Edmund's Catholic Academy)

An acronym for **FATHER**

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

Take the Way of the Gospel, TWG, Holy Family Parish Vision

To follow the **Gospel** of Jesus with a listening heart, and grow as a **vibrant**, Spirit-filled community, empowering one another to be **joyful** disciples who serve God and help **transform** lives.

Parish Priest:
Fr. Joby George VC

Priest-In Residence:
Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC

Parish secretary:
Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:
Gerard Antony

Principal:
Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:
Florida Nugara

Catechist:
Christina D'Couto

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 Hire:
Contact Parish Office

Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations!

“
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
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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

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17

Philemon 9-10,12-17

Luke 14:25-33

MONDAY

The Birthday of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4

Psalm 13:6-7

Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

TUESDAY

Colossians 2:6-15

Psalm 145:1-2,8-11

Luke 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

Colossians 3:1-11

Psalm 145:2-3,10-13

Luke 6:20-26

THURSDAY

Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm 150

Luke 6:27-38

FRIDAY

1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,11

Luke 6:39-42

SATURDAY

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,
19

Luke 15:1-32

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

FOR ALL WHO ARE
SUFFERING FROM
OCD.

We will be praying for
them in every Holy
Mass for this week.
Please keep them in
your personal Rosary
and prayers.

Positions Vacant

CAM Positions

- EOI – Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Volunteer Opportunities
- Discipleship Specialist, Family Accompaniment

Parish Positions

- Administrative Assistant, St Jude's Parish, Langwarrin
- Evangelisation Leader, St Gregory the Great, Doncaster & St Kevin's, Templestowe
- Finance Officer, Our Lady of Pentecost, Balwyn
- Parish Property Co-ordinator, Our Lady of Pentecost, Balwyn

Catholic Development Fund (CDF)

- Relationship Support Officer (2 Roles Available), East Melbourne/Ballarat

Other Positions

- Housekeeping Attendant & Handyperson, Newman College
- Accounts Clerk, Newman College

Further details of the above positions can be found on the
Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

PARISH PRAYER MEETING



Every Tuesday 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm
at the Fellowship Hall
All are welcome.



Let's ♥
Pray

INTERCESSION NIGHT

Every third Friday of the month from 7 pm to 12 am we
have a very zealous group of people praying for the
whole world. The prayer is in one-hour sessions.
All are welcome.

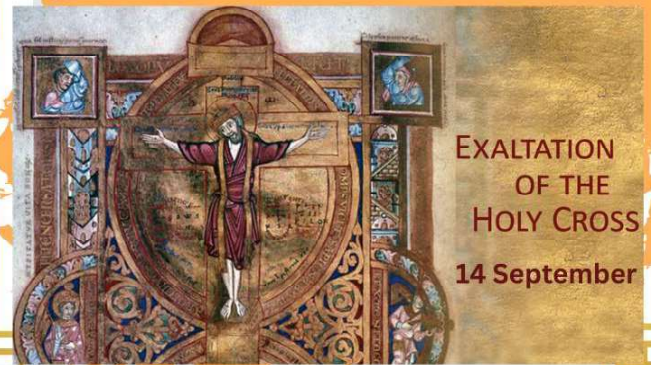
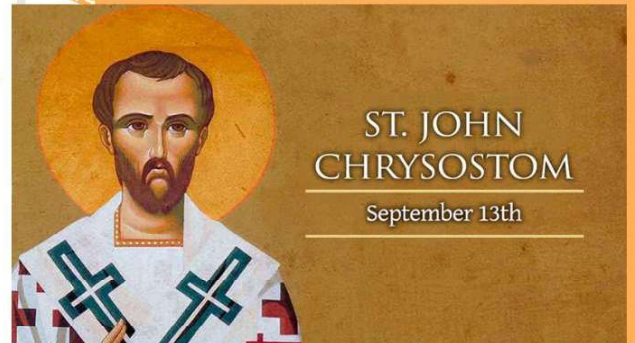
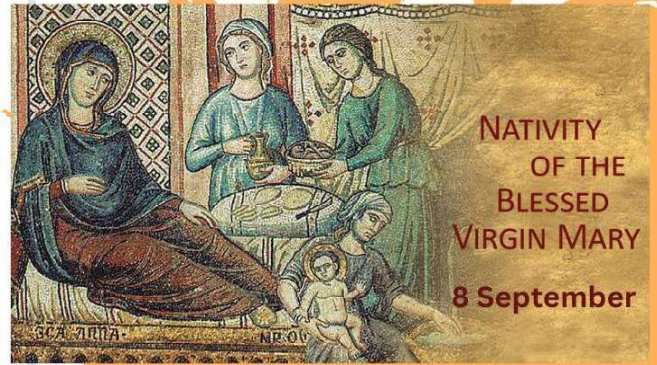
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From Holy Family Parish

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



7 - 13 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 conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action”

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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Parish Manager E: hfparrishmanager@gmail.com

Child Safety E: 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. (Hebrew 10:25)