

HOLY FAMILY
Doveton

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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Christian Hope

One of the consequences of any demise is Grief. It varies depending on the relationship with the person passed away, if you have anyone to share the sorrow with, confusions and questions about faith, etc. If grief is not dealt with spiritual understanding and strength, it can really move us away from God himself. Hope is what our spirituality offers as a remedy in moments of this grief. Let us try to explore how the scripture helps us to understand hope in times of grief.

Hope in Grief

In Scripture, hope in grief is grounded in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Christian hope is anchored in Christ's resurrection. St. Paul's teaching in 1 Thessalonians makes a clear distinction between Christians and others. Christians are not to grieve "as others who have no hope," because "we believe that Jesus died and rose again," and therefore the dead who belong to Christ are not abandoned to death's finality. The ground of hope is thus not a vague belief that things will somehow be ok; it is the claim that God has raised Jesus and will bring those who die in Christ to life. The biblical image of the dead as "those who are asleep" expresses this expectation of awakening.

It does not mean that death is painless or that the separation is unreal. St. Chrysostom acknowledges that the bereaved may miss a loved one's companionship, protection, and care; St. Paul's teaching gives them reason to hope despite that painful absence. "We know that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

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

Hope Does Not Forbid Lament

Biblical lament gives sorrow a way to speak before God. Hope includes God's presence in present sorrow. Pope Francis, reflecting on Lamentations, points to hope arising "in the midst of sorrow," when a person continues to turn toward God even in bitterness. Hope is patient expectation, not forced optimism. The faithful may groan precisely because they await the fullness of what God has promised.

So, in grief, hope means entrusting the deceased to God because Christ is risen, allowing sorrow to be spoken honestly before God, and waiting—sometimes painfully—for the life God promises. It does not say, "You should not grieve." It says that grief, however deep, need not be the final word.

God bless. Fr Joby George VC



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 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

MONDAY
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 2:13-22

TUESDAY
Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor
Titus 2:1-8,11-14
Psalm 37:3-4,18,23,27,29
Luke 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Titus 3:1-7
Psalm 23
Luke 17:11-19

THURSDAY
Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Philemon 7-20
Psalm 146:7-10
Luke 17:20-25

FRIDAY
2 John 4-9
Psalm 119:1-2,10-11,17-18
Luke 17:26-37

SATURDAY
3 John 5-8
Psalm 112:1-6
Luke 18:1-8

In loving memory of



Marie Frank Stelio Onezime

May 9, 1946 - October 29, 2026

Tuesday, 10th November 2026

10.30 am - viewing in fellowship hall

11.00 am - rosary in the church

11.30 am - requiem mass

Wednesday Evening Masses:
All Wednesday evening Masses in November are specially offered for the faithful departed.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For Infants Born With Disabilities

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

Saints and Feast of the Week

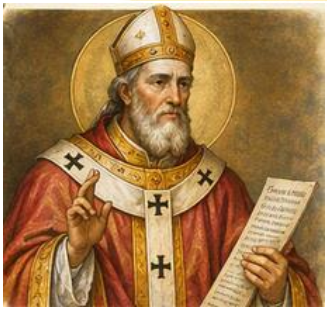


DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Feast Day: 9 November

This feast reminds us that the Church is not merely a building, but the living People of God united in Christ.

"*It is a sign of the living Church, built with chosen and precious stones in Christ Jesus, the cornerstone.*" – Pope Leo XIV



SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR

Feast Day: 10 November

Saint Leo's most influential theological contribution was his teaching on the Incarnation: Jesus Christ is one divine Person who possesses both a fully divine nature and a fully human nature.



SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Feast Day: 11 November

Saint Martin showed mercy by sharing his cloak with a poor beggar and saw Christ in him; his life exemplifies compassion, prayer, and faithful service. Through his charity and holiness, St Martin teaches us to see Christ in those who are poor, lonely, and in need of love.



SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Feast Day: 12 November

His feast is a reminder that unity is a gift to be sought with fidelity, patience, and love. Pope John Paul II, speaking to the Basilians whose renewal Josaphat helped foster, emphasized that service to Christian unity must be grounded in conversion to Christ, prayer, and love.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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