HOLY FAMILY YR B 2020 27 DECEMBER

The Parish of St James Coorparoo

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Beyond the Pews

by Mark Garden

Luke 1:26-28, "²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

Our Lady revealed to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche additional benefits for those who devoutly pray the Rosary. One of the 15 promises of the Rosary (https://www.ourladyswarriors.org/ prayer/15promise.htm), is "Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the configured by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life".

Our Lady places emphasis on considering the scared mysteries in this promise. The sacred mysteries are divided up into four groups, being Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious. In my 1953 Catholic Bible, the sacred mysteries are simple and easy to understand. Here is the first Joyful Mystery that I meditate on when I pray the Rosary.

First Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation

When the angel Gabriel announced the will of God that the Virgin Mary should become the mother of the Son of the Most High, Mary gave never a thought to the possible cost to herself. Without question or hesitation, without assurance of comfort and without pause before danger, she put at the unqualified service of God that life which God had intended once and forever for His own service and glory, as He ahs intended our own lives for His service and for His Glory. God designs each creature to perform a particular task set up by Him without consultation with any of His creatures. Our choice, not to select the task, but to meet it or to shirk it. The Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's and the Glory Be To The Father.

If you would like to join a prayer group with me, email me: My email address is: mrkgarden9@gmail.com .

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27 December—16 January Church and Office Calendar

JANUARY 2021 Year I St James Parish Coorparoo Wed SUN Mon Tue **Thurs** Fri **JANUARY 1** JANUARY 2 27 HOLY FAMILY 28 29 30 31 P-FRANCIS Mary, Mother of God 7am FRANCIS 8AM (Mon-Wed): LITURGY OF THE WORD & 9am 9am FRANCIS COMMUNION SERVICE. Led by DCN TUAN ANH. P—FRANCIS Conf: Francis Francis—break for 3 days (Baptism: TUAN) Francis-break for 3 days | 6pm FRANCIS H-FRANCIS Please remind parishioners that Friday masses is 9AM from January 1st. 9 3 EPIPHANY I D | 16 | 17 - 9 JANUARY (Mon-Sat): <u>NO</u> COMMUNION SERVICE CHURCH CLOSED 7am & 9am P—FRANCIS H—TUAN 4 - 8 JANUARY (Mon-Fri): Augustinian Province Gathering Conf: Francis 4 – 11 JANUARY: TRISH ON HOLIDAYS & OFFICE CLOSED 6pm FRANCIS Gold Coast Mass: 12nn FRANCIS 12 FRANCIS 13 FRANCIS 16 FRANCIS 11 FRANCIS 14 15 0 BAPTISM of our LORD TRISH ON HOLIDAYS & OFFICE CLOSED 9am Conf: Francis 7am FRANCIS P-FRANCIS 6pm FRANCIS 9am FRANCIS 10 - 30 JANUARY: Deacon TUAN ANH on Holidays 10 – 30 JANUARY: Deacon TUAN ANH on Holidays



The Holy Family

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and following Jewish law he is circumcised eight days later. While Mary and Joseph are at the Temple they encounter two people. Simeon is a very old devoted man. God has promised him that he would not die until he had set eyes on the Christ. Anna was a prophetess. They both proclaimed Jesus as Israel's salvation.

On the night of Jesus' birth the shepherds came to the stable to see if the message they received from the angels was true. How wonderful it must have been for Mary to hear their amazing story. Eight days later, when Jesus is taken to be circumcised, two others proclaim Jesus' greatness. Simeon and Anna and the shepherds reaffirmed for Mary the message to which she had said yes to nine months earlier.

Jesus' mother was certainly a woman of faith, but I wonder what went through her mind when Joseph told her there was no room for them at the inns. She must have been concerned about giving birth to the future Messiah in a stable. No doubt, Joseph made the space as clean and comfortable as possible. But Mary was a first-time mom, away from her family in a strange town;

> she must have been afraid and confused.





"Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another."

Sheepish Question:

Who especially needs my compassion today as a beloved sister or brother in God's family?

In the after-

glow of giving birth, Mary undoubtedly forgot all of her concerns. Certainly her faith was

reaffirmed as she looked at her beautiful baby boy. However, God, being a gracious God, also sent the shepherds, Simeon and Anna so they could confirm the message, leaving no doubt in Mary's mind that all was

God may not send shepherds or prophets, but if we keep our eyes and ears open we may well discover God's messengers in our own life, people who affirm our faith

and let us know that all is well. Like Mary, we need to remember those moments, reflecting on them often in our hearts, especially in times when our faith needs a lift.

FAMILY RESPONSE

As a family, talk about who are or have been the angels and messengers in your life.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How has your child been God's messenger to you? What have they taught you about God or your faith? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Justice Challenge

December 27, 2020 ● Feast of the Holy Family

One of the most beautiful messages of Christmas is that of peace. The prophets of the Old Testament put their hope in a Messiah who would bring peace to a war-torn world. That is what Jesus did. In the Incarnation, we experience God's desire for all human persons, for all families and communities, and for all of creation (even lions and lambs) to live in

harmony with each other. The angels proclaimed "peace on earth, goodwill to all" at Jesus' birth. Your challenge during this Christmas season is to be people of peace in your actions, words, and thoughts. Can you make it through the week without starting any fights or arguing with your family or co-workers? Can you share quiet moments of conversation instead of frantically running here and there? Can you rest peacefully in God's arms in your prayer time? What are ways you can be peacemakers instead of peace-breakers in your relationships during this special time of year?

St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

St James Parish Sacristy

The vessels and sacramental that we use at church are either donated by our generous parishioners or purchased by the parish, which is also out of the generosity of everybody's giving. And we are always grateful for your continued support. Lately, if one would take a look at the vessels and sacramentals in our sacristy, it is not hard to notice that some of them would need to be changed already. Here below are some pictures of the current ones we have:



Baptismal water receptacle



Thurible



Presider's Chalice



Asergelium Set



Communion Bowls

The parish has ordered some new items already from overseas (where they cost lower compared to when buying them here in Australia), although COVID-19 conditions on freights and delivery is causing some delays for their arrival. Be that as it may, we would like to appeal to your generous hearts, if you wish to make a donation towards any of the vessels or sacramentals below, please contact the parish office by email or by calling to indicate your interest. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Parish! Happy Holidays!



Baptismal Shell \$65 AUD



Thurible and Boat \$ 445 AUD



1 Presider's Chalice \$498 AUD



Aspergelium Set \$ 690 AUD



Communion Bowls / Stacking Ciboria \$ 335 AUD



Baroque Monstrance (22.44in x 14.17in) (24 kt Gold Plated) \$ 2360 AUD

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Please pray for recently deceased:

Rodolfo Ignacio Jr; Joseph Chinh Nguyen; Joseph Quy Ngo; Beth Mennie; Noel Harris; Lyn Janouris; Peter Hung Dang; Maggie Simpliciano; Rodrigo Urbano.

And these anniversaries: Fernando family; Mary & Gordon Dungan; William Palakkal; Treasa William; Daniel Reilly; Flaviana & Eulogio Diaz; Tom Lunney; John Girard; Carmen Lunney; Adela Herrera; Lourdes & Regina John.

Please pray for these unwell: Jocelyn Tibayan; Mariena Corzo; Paul & Esme Gannon; Bill & Carmel Trewern; Beth Mennie; Laurie Sheehan; Tina Romano; Pauline Donaldson; Rex Ducat; Dennis Moritcho; Peter Herman. Give prayers to our Baptismal

Children: Birdie Basso.





Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through **Eventbrite): Year B Holy Family**

Monday-Wednesday 8am services will be Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service led by Dcn Tuan

28-30 Fr Francis away on annual leave

JANUARY (no Anointing Mass in January)

Friday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9am mass

2/3 Year B Epiphany of the Lord

4-9 Augustinian Australian Province (Series of Meetings) [No Communion Service on Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 8am and Church Closed]

Parish secretary in the Parish Office at work

5-11 Tues-Mon Parish secretary on annual leave (Office Closed)

9/10 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B Baptism of the Lord

Dcn Tuan Anh on annual leave 10-30

Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through 16/17 Eventbrite); Year B/1 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Today's Readings Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3 Your own son shall be your heir.

Second Reading Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 22-40 The child grew to maturity,

Counters:

December 26 / 27 Karleen & John

January 2 / 3 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK January 2 / 3	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Merina M	Cathy M
LECTOR	Bill S	John D	John W
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Paul D Collette S	Jan L Heather L	Pat P Yen N
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe	Gene	Leah
POWERPOINT	Paul	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL	Dew / Karl M / Lorie	Brendon G / Trish R	Doreen C / Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6 The glory of the Lord

shines upon you.

Second Reading Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 We have come from the East to worship the King. For complete Sunday's readings, visit our St James website (look for the Prayer tab).

