



Holy Family
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.



This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28. These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop Peter has written a pastoral letter on the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Copies are available in the foyer.

Happy New Year 2026

This New Year may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving for all the gifts we have received from God and with God as our leader, may we be prepared to live another year under His Guidance.



A WORD OF THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered during our 2025 Advent Season, our Children's Christmas Carols & the Choirs for all other Masses,—We are grateful to the cleaners, decorations committee, music & IT, our readers, greeters, Altar servers and Sacristans and performing any other ministries during these Masses. We wouldn't have done it without your help. Greatly appreciated.
God bless you.



We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:
St. Annes Church (CDF)

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 21/12/2025 \$ 2950.00



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

“Child Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility”

Welcome to St Anne’s Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk.

Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Allyson Joel, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi, Eliza Wilmot, John McCready, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Barbara Bennett, Jay Sulton, Cheryl, Kerry Marshall, Frances Kinna.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Andrey D’Cruz, Ronald Alo** and for all those who have died recently deceased **John Lloyd, Barbara Bennett.**

Rest in Peace. Amen.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am Mass
Thursday (New Year 2026)	9:15 am Mass
Followed by Benediction	
Friday	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	5:20 pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
	6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am & 10:00am Mass
3rd Sunday	10:30am Filipino Mass (at Holy Family Hall)

Christmas Hamper “Big Thank You”

I am incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm, generosity and commitment shown by the wonderful small team of hamper members (Val, Brian, Marilyn and Rosie), and by so many parishioners who donated so many toys, the 21 helpers at Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, also the sorting, packing, moving of hampers.

The staff, families and students from our parish schools – fundraising and incredible toy packing in the heat.

Then last Saturday the wonderful 48 people (parishioners and friends) who managed to deliver 200 grocery hampers and some 140 bags of toys in a few hours. The hugs, tears and messages of “Thanks” from our companion recipients, highlights the reason and the reward – THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Please know Christmas Hampers couldn’t happen without you.

Congratulations! Wishing You a happy New year knowing the difference you make in our community. God Bless. **Peter. V**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

1st Reading:	Sirach 3: 2 - 6, 12 -14
Responsorial Psalm:	Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
2nd Reading:	Col 3: 12 - 21
Gospel:	Mt 2: 13 - 15, 19-23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **The Epiphany of the Lord**

1st Reading:	Is 60: 1 - 6
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord., every nation on the earth will adore you.
2nd Reading:	Eph 3: 2 - 3, 5-6
Gospel:	Mt 2: 1- 12