

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 26 December 2021



## CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST. ANTHONY'S

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DEPT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF  
MELBOURNE STIPULATE THAT WE CAN NOW ALL  
GATHER TOGETHER BUT WE MUST STILL USE  
THE QR CODE TO ENTER THE CHURCH**

**Friday 24 December—Christmas Eve**

5pm Mass Holy Spirit—Children's Nativity Play  
6pm Carols and Mass St Anthony's  
Midnight

**Saturday 25 December—Christmas Day**

9am (Italian) - St Anthony's  
10am -Holy Spirit  
11am- St Anthony's

**NO EVENING MASSES**

**Sunday 26 December—Feast of the Holy Family**

9am Italian  
10am Holy Spirit  
11am St Anthony's

**Tuesday 28 December**

9.15am -Mass - Holy Spirit

**Wednesday 29 December**

9.15am Mass St Anthony's

**Thursday 30 December**

9.15am Mass (Italian) - Holy Spirit

**Friday 31 December—**

9.15am Mass St Anthony's

**Saturday 1 January 2022—Mary, the Holy Mother**

10am Mass St Anthony's

**Vigil Masses for Epiphany of the Lord**

5pm Mass Holy Spirit  
6pm Mass St Anthony's

**Sunday 2 January**

9am Mass Italian - St Anthony's  
10am Holy Spirit  
11am St Anthony's

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES  
UNTIL  
TUESDAY 18th January 2022 and  
AND NO  
6PM SATURDAY NIGHT MASS AT  
ST ANTHONY'S  
UNTIL  
22nd January 2022.....**

**Our Christmas Bulletin is available on our web  
page. Details and stories gathered by Rosie  
Hoban from parishioners and creatively put to-  
gether by Donna Maloney. Thank you ladies a  
wonderful Christmas read. Fr Ireneusz.**

Laudato Si

The focus this week is on Mary...Queen of  
all Creation Mary who cared for Jesus,  
now cares with maternal affection and  
pain for this wounded world.

We can ask her to enable us to look at  
this world with eyes of wisdom St  
Joseph, also, can inspire us to work  
with generosity and tenderness in  
protecting this world which God has  
entrusted us. P 241-242

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Christmas Masses**

1st Reading: Is 62:11-12

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Toay is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord .**

2nd Reading: Titus 3:4-7

**Gospel Acclamation**

Tidings of great joy: a savior is born. Jesus Christ, the light of  
the world. Tidings of great joy: a savior is born. Come let us  
adore the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 2: 15-20

**26th Dec—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

1st Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28

**Responsorial Psalm**

How happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

2nd Reading: 1John 3:1-2,21-24

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the  
words of your Son, Alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 2: 41-52

**Next Weekend: The Epiphany of the Lord**

1st Reading: Is 60: 1-6

2nd Reading: Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

**Deaths and Anniversaries**

We pray for those who have died recently including Bruno  
Sinicco and those whose anniversaries occur at this time  
Elizabetta Deodata (1mth), Henry Restall, Joe Bugeja, Melita  
Bugej, Pat Foster, Tessie Craig, Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech,  
Maria Consiglio, Charlie Restall White, Emidia Micallef, Saverio  
Muscia, Maria Bertoncello that they all be at peace with their  
God.

**Gospel Reflection**

**Exploring the Word**

Luke's account of the birth of Jesus is very  
different from Matthew's, and this serves to  
remind us that we must read these as religious  
rather than historical stories. Luke goes to great  
lengths to situate Jesus in human history. He is  
born in a specific time and place. It shows how  
God works through human beings, human  
agencies and human institutions. No one could be  
further removed from Mary and Joseph than the  
Emperor of Rome, but it is through Augustus'  
edict that the words of the prophets of Israel are  
fulfilled. Nevertheless, this astonishing news 'of  
great joy' is not given to the powerful but to the  
poor.

Overwhelmingly, this gospel leaves us with a  
sense of great rejoicing, both in heaven and on  
earth. God has come among us!

**Calls to the Parish office, please call 94128439 first and leave a  
message and then in an emergency also call 0432576500 or email  
hosan@cam.org.au**

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention) OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

### **2022 Columban Calendars and MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale NOW**

The calendars cost \$10 and Christmas cards are \$7 per pack and can be purchased at piety stall or using the envelopes attached to items.

**Asylum Seekers Support Group**—will hand out gift tags and envelopes at St Anthony's if you would like to donate this Christmas. It has been a disappointing year as we haven't been able to hold our usual fundraising activities and have had to cancel our rice order. But we are determined to return in 2022!!!

### **A thank you from ASRC**

As another challenging year draws to an end, we feel a deep sense of gratitude for the community of compassion that has supported our work. Your every act of kindness has made a difference in the lives of people seeking asylum, and for that we want to thank you. Whether you signed a petition, joined a calling party, shared our social media content, purchased a copy of our new book *Seeking Asylum*, took part in a fundraising event or made a generous donation, your kindness has ensured we could stand with people seeking asylum and refugees. It is our privilege to work alongside people seeking asylum - to empower people, provide support in moments of need and to amplify their voices. But you are the ones who make real change possible. From everyone here at the ASRC, thank you.

### **HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH**

CDF is continuously looking to improve its service and client support and with Christmas fast approaching they are introducing an easier way for parishioners to support our parish with a new CDF pay QR code. This QR code is unique to St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay QR code on display in the foyer of the Church with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps. We thank you for your support of the parish in this way.

**New envelopes will begin next weekend.**

**Direct debit and Credit Card receipts will be sent out next week.**

**Thank you during these difficult times for your continued support of the Parish and Fr Ireneusz**

### **Melbourne Catholic**

This week we hear from Mary Burke FMM, a Melbourne iconographer who sees her art as a way of entering into a deeper relationship with God. 'When it comes to the Gospels we often think, "Oh, we've heard this story before. But no, we haven't. ... It's important for us to keep ourselves open to that freshness. It's so critical, otherwise, our tradition just dies, and we lose something too precious. And that's the gift of iconography. It continues to draw us into the story, and to provoke a response.' Another story that continues to unfold is the life and legacy of Melbourne's first bishop (later archbishop) James Alipius Goold. The recently published book, *The Architecture of Devotion: James Goold and His Legacies in Colonial Melbourne*, illustrates how Goold ultimately shaped the social and cultural fabric of Melbourne and Victoria. One of the book's editors, Melbourne's own Rev Dr Max Vodola, spoke with Melbourne Catholic and shared why Goold remains a fascinating and significant figure in the life and faith of our city.

**Pat Shannon has moved into care at BlueCross Ivanhoe she is well but decided with her family that she needed a little bit extra care.... If you would like to visit she would love it. Please call first to see if lockdown restrictions have lifted. We pray for God's Blessings on Pat as she enters a new phase of her her life.....**

#### **Parish Telephone Prayer Group:**

**Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.**

**Call-in number: a) 07-5660 6012 b) access code : 722762 # . Cost of a local call.**

#### **Stay Connected via our Social Media**

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## Christmas Message, - Fr Ireneusz

Dear Parishioners, School Communities, Friends and Visitors!

Every year on Christmas Day we express our wishes to each other and exchange gifts.

What are your expectations for Christmas this year?

What would you like to receive from God or from your family as a gift?

Of course, we have different needs but, I think, the biggest desire we all should have is to have the presence of Jesus in our lives.

We need the Saviour to be a part of our existence on earth.

Not only that; we need him to be the Lord of our lives and of our homes.

May He truly be alive through our words and actions during this beautiful season.

Let us be peacemakers and bring reconciliation to our families and friends.

Please feel welcome as you join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

May the Lord bless you and keep you in God's loving presence. I wish you a truly happy Christmas.

You are in my prayers. Fr Ireneusz

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## FAREWELL MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

My time in the parish comes to an end. I would like to thank you for all the love and care you have shown me over the past three years. Also, I would like to express my appreciation for your support offered to all the Salvatorians, who served you in the past five years.

I am taking with me a lot of great memories, which have been enjoyable and enriching in many ways. As I always pray for my past, present and future parishioners, you will be in my heart for the rest of my life. I humbly ask for your prayerful support as well.

Have a happy Christmas season and a great new year 2022!

In Christ the Saviour

Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS

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## Thank you Fr Ireneusz



We farewelled Fr Ireneusz at the volunteers dinner last week and gave him a gift from the parish for his time with us over the past three years.

Though the past two years have been a difficult time for us all we thank him for his work, prayers and support during this time. We wish him well for 2022 and beyond.

