

PROPER OF THE MASS

First Reading *1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow.

Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R)**
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **(R)**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **(R)**

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-2, 21-24*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is,

that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Gospel *Luke 2:41-52*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

26 December 2021
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MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

PRIESTS

Fr Allan Casquejo

Parish Priest

Fr Rafael Silva Galicia

Assistant Priest

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass &
before Vigil Mass

(or anytime by appointment)

BAPTISMS

Sundays: 10.30am

(Enquiry: please approach the priests
after Mass)

MARRIAGE

By appointment (six months' notice)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Mary, Joseph and Jesus go to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

Jesus has reached adolescence, and is awakening to and maturing in his religious experience.

Perhaps it is reassuring for parents of teenagers to know that Jesus caused anxiety to Mary and Joseph.

He was truly human and they did not understand him! Yet he returned and lived under their authority as he grew to adulthood.



Prayer to the Holy Family - by Pope Francis

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.**



**Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, 26 December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast was established as part of the Christmas season in 1921 following promotion of the cult in the nineteenth century; it was linked to the octave of Christmas in 1969. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, itself subject to the difficulties and social pressures of its time, is offered as a model for Christian family life today.

Monday, 27 December - St John. First-century Galilean fisherman, son of Zebedee, who, with his brother James, left their nets to follow Jesus. With Peter, these "sons of thunder" form an inner group among the twelve. Probably the "disciple whom Jesus loved" of the Fourth Gospel and, according to ancient tradition, the author of this Gospel and also of three letters and the book of Revelation. Remembered for his contemplative reflection on the life and death of Jesus and for his emphasis on Christian love.

Tuesday, 28 December - The Holy Innocents.

In an attempt to kill the child Jesus, Herod ordered the massacre of all male children, two years old and under, in and around Bethlehem. The Holy Innocents have been honoured as martyrs for Christ since the fourth century and their feast has been celebrated on this day since the sixth century. In remembering them, the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.

Saturday, 01 January - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Venerated as Mother of God from ancient times, the Virgin Mary was acclaimed Theotokos (God-bearer) in 431 by the Council of Ephesus, and commemorated on this day in Rome in the seventh century. Soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day in 1969. Celebrates Mary's role in the mystery of the incarnation, enriches the octave of Christmas with a Marian perspective, and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.

Texts: Daily Mass Book - Picture: Wikipedia

PLEASE COMPLY WHEN COMING TO VISIT THE PARISH :

- **FACE MASK is NOW Mandatory (over 12 years old).**
- **SIGN IN** with the NSW Government QR code or use the Attendance Register provided in the foyer as you enter the Church. 
- **Keep physical distance** - from Wednesday 15 December, there is no density limits for all venues and events.
- **Please take home your bulletin copy; do not return to the foyer**
- **DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH** if you have a fever, cough, sorethroat, loss of smell or loss of taste; or shortness of breath, OR in the past 2 weeks been in contact with someone COVID-19 positive or visited a COVID-19 'hot spot'.



Thank you for your cooperation & support

More information:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Catholic children in Year 3 2022 are eligible to be presented for First Reconciliation, then First Holy Communion. Those in Year 6 are eligible for Confirmation. Please register ONLINE now via <https://forms.gle/SDYkgasmQMmSz7hN9>

TAP DONATION - From 1 DECEMBER, the tap devices will be no longer be specifically 1st & 2nd collections but pooled and halved between the two.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish throughout the year through WEBSITE, tap donation machines, weekly collections (planned giving envelopes and loose collections at Mass), monthly planned giving by credit card and various appeals. Your support is much appreciated. May God Bless you.

St Vincent de Paul Society – On behalf of those we assist in our Parish, we gratefully acknowledge your support and donations. There are receipts for the recent Christmas Appeal at the side entrance. Any remain uncollected receipts, it will be mailed out.

Carols 2021: Thanks to Mark and his team, and all those who helped, participated and attended the beautiful night of Carols last Sunday with the Archbishop and Governor General.

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Doris Cimijotta, Mate Karlovic, June Anderson, Peter Boidin, Antonia Zammit

Anniversaries: Pasquale de Martino, Jose Gomes, Jose Ferreiro, Manuel Quintal, Virgilio Costa, Corlos da Silva, Alice Quintal, Leonardo Goncoldes, Evangelina & John Gomes; Philomena, William & Leny Platt; Norma Masikip, Walker & Andrews Families ; and all souls in Purgatory

Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.