

The Parish Community of

# St Therèse and St Anthony Parish

The Little Flower Church In the care of the Franciscan Friars



## The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 30 December 2018 (YEAR C)

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### WEEK DAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am  
Tuesday 8.00am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 8.00am  
Friday 8.00am

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm  
Sunday 7.30am  
9.30am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.30pm

**Safeguarding Representative**

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Christian art has not served us very well in terms of picturing the Holy Family. From medieval times, Joseph is portrayed as being as least 80, Mary is very young with perfect white skin and, usually, Jesus has golden curls and a knowing smile.

Now I don't know about your family, but among my clan no one is a canonised saint, immaculately conceived or the son of God. Let's face it, the Holy Family is a tough act to follow!

We know only the barest facts about the Holy Family.

Joseph was 18 or 19 when his fiancé, Mary, who was 14 or 15, potentially caused great scandal in the neighbourhood by conceiving a child, by the power of God, before the wedding. They were a poor, devoutly Jewish family from Galilee. They were as olive-skinned as any Lebanese is today and they lived in a country harshly administered by the occupying Roman Army.

The scriptures tell us they knew what it was like to be refugees, to lose their child for three days and that Mary so misunderstood what Jesus was on about that once she went to bring him home; later she watched him tortured and executed by the Romans.

By these traditions the Holy Family has much to say to those in our world who are teenage mothers, are poor, hard working religious people, are refugees or are so-called 'coloured' people. They give consolation to parents who can't work out their children, to children who feel their parents are not on their wave link, and to anyone of you who has ever lost a child in a market place or been through the heartbreak of losing a child in death.

You see, the more we put halos on the Holy Family, sadly, the less we seem to be able to connect their family experience with our own.

Most families are about being generous, loving, stable and faithful. They stand for security, roots and identity. Our world needs stable, strong families more than ever before.

Families, however, also fight, can be envious, they break up, are under pressure from all sorts of social forces and, tragically, the family home is the most common place for physical and sexual abuse in our society.

For all our western wealth and technology I think it's very hard to have a happy and balanced family life today.

So what's the secret?

Family studies surveys tell us that forgiveness is the key. This flies in the face of the film *Love Story's* outrageous motto, 'Love means not having to say you're sorry'.

As Christians, precisely the opposite is the case. Love means you can and want to say you're sorry and that the other person in the family can, and wants, to forgive.

But if my experience is anything to go by, 'I'm sorry' is second only to 'I love you' as the hardest statement to say and hear, in family life.

When I was 16 I read the works of Jesuit Fr John Powell who wrote, 'We should never leave this world not having told the people that we love that we love them.' Now, I don't come from a particularly demonstrative family. So I took John Powell's line as a personal challenge.

I wrote to my sister, who was then working with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and to my brother who was working interstate, telling them that I loved them.

That left my mother. I stayed home one Saturday night and with my heart pumping and my tummy churning I approached my mother after tea while she was watching the news. 'Mum, I

### Mass times for New Year

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Day 8.00am  
(Normal Mass)

Tuesday New Year Day 1<sup>st</sup> January  
9.00am



The parish office  
will be closed for  
the Christmas  
and New Year  
from the 21<sup>st</sup> December  
2018 and will reopen on  
Monday 7th  
January 2019.

have something important to tell you', I began. My mother, not taking her eyes from the screen, casually said, 'Oh yes, what's that?' 'Mum', I responded, 'I've never told you this before.'

And now I could tell there was a duet of hearts pumping and tummies churning.

I plucked up all my courage and came straight out with it. 'Mum, I just want to tell you that I love you.'

And such was her relief that my mother replied 'I hope so' and promptly turned back to the TV.

My brother and sister wrote to Mum asking what was wrong with me. They all concluded it was a phase I was going through.

In our complex world, no one can pretend that forgiveness is easy or that it is a magic wand we wave over deep hurts and harsh words. True forgiveness does not deny reality, it deals with it. But forgiveness is necessary if we are going to follow Jesus. It is also necessary if we want to enjoy a happier family life. Revenge and spite, so endemic in society, are the antithesis of what Jesus taught and lived out.

May this feast of the Holy Family, then, give our families the 'serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference'.



### Baptism Preparation...

If you have an Infants (up to 3yrs old) or those parents with new born babies wishing for them to be baptised are reminded of the preparation meeting which takes place at the church, beginning at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3357 6640) or emailing: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) - **Our next preparation will be Saturday 2 February 2019 at 11.00am.**



### Holy Anointing Masses...

2019

Friday—1st February  
Friday—3rd May  
Friday—2nd August  
Friday—6th December  
**9.00am**

*Please note the change of time for the Anointing Mass only.*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation 2019



The parish of St Therese and St Anthony's will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation on the Tuesday 12th March between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. To be eligible for this sacrament, children must have made their confirmation and First Holy Communion. Other interested families can obtain an enrolment form at the Parish Office, 134 Somerset Road, Kedron or by emailing Maria on [sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au).

ROSTERS January 5-6	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
<p><b>Please arrange a replacement by contacting each other directly</b></p>	ALTAR SERVERS	Heidi Day Chloe Bijker	Sofia Poy	Carolina Dierra
	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy
	DATA PROJECTOR	Peter Ivers	Sally Galvin	Anthony Briggs
	HOSPITALITY		First Sunday	First Sunday
	READERS	Trish Carroll Gary Humphrys Kerry Humphrys	Sr Moya Byrne Margaret Casey Johnny De Angelis	Katherine Cross Sarah Laffey Colin Dash
	SPECIAL MINISTERS	Glenda Honan Theresa Sheen Bill Sheen Janice Lowcock Jan Neville Joe De Pasquale	Michael L'Estrange Karen Martin Julia Bell Johnny De Angelis Malia Rossaro Piero Rossaro	Christie Barthodt Tom Battam Patrick Borger Vicki Scanlan Clare Quaglia Vyv Menegon
CLEANERS 31 December		Dan McManus Sharyn McManus Cameron Hurd		

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: Helen Carter, Sam Dutton, Tim Dutton**

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#### Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

#### Next Week's Readings

#### Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2019 Year C

First Reading: Is 60: 1-6: Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6 Gospel Mt 2:1-12 Gospel: Luke 2:41-52