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MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



Approximately 67 guests joined us for the 2016 Holy Family Como Parish Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Dressed in the spirit of the occasion they were greeted with champagne and nibbles.

Ian Sydney-Smith once again proved beyond doubt that he was the best man for the job as the official Parish Bookmaker with his skilful and professional management of the sweeps. He also did a great job as floor manager.

With the late scratching of the favourite, the Parish nominated a substitute horse named **Felicity**. She was quite outstanding.

The lunch consisted of chicken schnitzel, succulent pork and delicious freshly cooked corned silverside complimented by a

variety of sauces, gravies, potato dishes & garden salads. This was followed by home-made pavlova and cheese cake plus a variety of other desserts including fresh fruit platters. All this was washed



down with classic red and white premium wines of which Ray Jordan would be proud of.

Prior to and after lunch great conversation and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Numerous awards and prizes were presented including the traditional Door Prize & Best Hat and a prize for any excuse was the order of the day.

An event like this cannot be possible without the assistance of a hard working dedicated and talented organising committee who have been working on this Melbourne Cup day since July. Special thanks to the organising committee for the catering & setting up of the venue including the audio visual, to the people who donated prizes and to all those who assisted on the day including the cleaning and putting away of the furniture. But most importantly thank you to those who attended and contributed to make this day the Holy Family Parish Premier Social Event of the Year!

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Melbourne Cup organising committee, to wish everyone a happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

**BOB & JENNY
ALBONICO**

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Ossie Lewis

Resident Priest: Fr Greg Carroll

Parish Pastoral Assistants:

Nola Smith & Tony Pires

Sacristan:

Joseph Muttupulle

Office Staff:

Cecilia Bray & Maggie Doyle

Safeguarding Officers:

Breda Pires & Jim Phillips

Liturgy Committee:

Nola Smith

Adult Faith Formation:

Tony Pires

Sacramental Preparation:

Mark Ferroa & Nola Smith

Sacred Environment:

Megan Phillips

Holy Family Care:

Maggie Doyle

St Vincent de Paul Society:

Mike Cosson

Parish Pastoral Council Chair:

Tony Pires

Finance Committee:

Mary-Jo Sieber

Maintenance Committee:

Jim Phillips

Grounds Committee:

Colin Howarth

Social Committee:

Marie Tiley

Communications:

Nola Smith

Contact details for the above parishioners are available from the Church Office Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEKEND

24/25 December	6.30pm	Midnight	9.00am
Acolytes	Peter Quinn		Tony Bray
Altar Servers	MC Thomas Breust C James Breust S1 Abby Breust S2 Sam LeFebvre S3 Georgette Morgan	Raphael Affinito Aaron Richards Holly Smith K Don Shenahan Cameron Richards	Sam Fitzgerald Acolyte Elisha Seow Shenaya Wijeyekoon Sam Fitzgerald
Commentators	Tony Pires	Pascale Tin	Judy Priestley
Readers	Anne Reutens Marianne Taylor	Eugene Browne Joan Morcombe	Jim Phillips Cecilia Bray
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Carl Celedin Graeme Johnson Breda Pires Tony Pires Adelene Bird Anne Quinn	Shiromi Ariyaratne Mary O'Neill Jill Browne Pascale Tin Nola Smith	Paddy Embry Jackie Embry Virginia Scanlan Vince Scanlan

Children's Sunday Liturgy *Is in recess for the School Holidays*

Sacred Environment Megan Phillips and Sacred Environment Team

HOME COMMUNION

Do you know anyone who is house bound or new to a Nursing Home and would like to receive Holy Communion? Phone 9450 5921 or Email como@perthcatholic.org.au

BAPTISM

Please contact the office for a Baptism Request Form and to make an appointment with the Parish Priest. *Baptisms take place at 11.30am on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month*



MARRIAGE

If you are thinking about marriage please see your parish priest before you make other arrangements. A minimum of six months notice is required to help you prepare for this important step in your life.



RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 5.30pm-5.45pm or any other time by appointment



HOLY FAMILY CARE

Do you or anyone you know, need transport to & from church, shops or medical appointments: Emergency meals or gardening: and so on?

Holy Family Care can help!
Call the Parish Office on 9450 5921

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Breda Pires: 0422 237 261
Jim Phillips: 0419 964 806



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DECEMBER 2016

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month:

Dorothy & Bill **Chin**
David & Katherine **Gan**
June & Malcolm **Young**
Bob & Pascale **Tin**
Dot & Greg **Oliver**
Wendy & Leo **Burke**
Michael & Stella **Pang**
Alvin & Jacqueline **Kang**
Greg & Alina **White**
Roland & Cathy **Ordonez**
Shehani **Alles** & Kasthuriara **Dixon**
Eleanor & Julius **Fernandez**
Astrd & Coilles **Ducarme**
Brian & Sheila **Walker**
Jessica & Don **Wall**
Marisa & Colin **Kwok**

God bless you on your special day

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week.

Rick **Starr**, Clemente **Manalo**, David, Carmella **Scuria**, William **O'Brien**, Jill **Rochford**, Ivy **Din**, Ed **Devereux**, Peter **Jones**, Carolyn **Gonsalves**, Josephine **Pollom**, Sean **Vaughan**, Colette **Shack**, Ben **Bianchini**, Rhys, Janet **Low**, Helen **Ivanoe**, John **Chen**, John **Mayger**, Nancy **Noonan**, David **Williams**, Nelson **Dix**, Don **Barrett**, Janet **Low**, Robin & Robinson **Sy Suan**, Natasha **Ria Cruz-Euttridge**, Fr Trevor **Simons**, **Dukha** Family, **Lewis** Family, **Serafini** Family, George **Young** & Family,

If you know someone who has asked for prayers please add their name to the list in the church foyer.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE?

Go to www.holyfamily.com.au to view this bulletin online.

Are you new to our Parish?
If you have recently moved into the area and would like information about our Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Ossie and complete a New Parishioner Enrolment Form available in church foyer.

GREETINGS FROM FR OSSIE

I am very glad to have this opportunity of sending to you my warmest and heartfelt greetings for this wonderful Feast of the Birth of our Saviour.

It's interesting to note that when Matthew wanted to capture the meaning of Christmas, he pulled out an old word from the Old Testament to convey the message. The word was EMMANUEL, which means God-is-with us.

The impact of this word is incredible. When we believe this, when we accept this and when we claim this word it will absolutely change our lives. Look at Moses, caught between

Pharaoh and the deep Red Sea in a seemingly hopeless situation, he believed that God was with him and he went forward and trusted God to open a way and He did.

Little David stood before Goliath. What chance could a little boy with a sling shot have against this giant warrior? But David believed that God was with him and it made all the difference.

And so my Christmas wish and prayer for you is that when you are Frightened, Lonely and Burdened with Sorrow, you will not forget to Believe, Accept and Claim this Christmas Promise of Emmanuel, GOD-IS-WITH-US.

A Very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year!

God bless,

Fr Ossie Lewis PP



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note: During the month of January, hours for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **9.30am - 12.30pm on Thursday**.

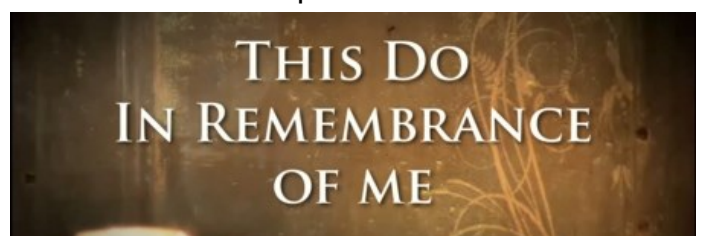
Normal hours will resume February. Make it your New Year's Resolution to spend an hour with Jesus on a Thursday.

NO ADORATION on Thursday 29th December



Communion Service ONLY Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th December

Br Terry Casey cfc who is a member of the Brothers' Formation Team at the Edmund Rice Oceania Province has kindly agreed to hold a Communion Service in place of the Mass on Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th December. Fr Ossie will celebrate Mass as usual on Friday 30th December at 7pm.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

TONY
PIRES

The Council meets most months of the year. Working in collaboration with Fr Ossie, we endeavour to support him in the overall leadership of our Parish Community. With him, we are called to further the Mission of the Church in this locality.

Recently.....

We have made a concerted effort to focus a little more deeply on **Prayer**, especially at the beginning of each meeting. By reading the Gospel of the coming Sunday together, silently reflecting on its impact on our lives and then sharing our reflections, we build a solid foundation for our deliberations.

New members have brought a fresh, and somewhat younger, dimension to our discussions: Marianne, Claire and Marie have confidently contributed their views and ideas... and converted that to action.

With Jim Phillips, the Council have discussed the **'Safeguarding' initiative of our Archbishop**: Committing to its Code of Conduct and so seeking to ensure all children in our community are respected and kept safe at all times while in our care.

Pope Francis latest Letter **'Laudate Si'**, has encouraged us to seek a way within the Parish to highlight care for our precious environment. A new committee will take up this work in the New Year.

We have worked with the Finance Committee to highlight our precarious **financial situation**, so all in the Parish will be aware of our present need and, if possible, increase their contribution to the 2nd Collection.



Apart from these, **many aspects of Parish Life are reflected on**. Whether that be the Liturgical celebration, social events, children's spiritual education, the physical environment, adult spiritual education or our youth – we seek to give Fr Ossie different and more comprehensive perspective to ensure our Parish continues to build a vibrant and faith filled community.

Please, speak to a Parish Counsellor if you have ideas/ issues you want looked at – positive, and/or negative.

Please..... Pray for us..... Support the life of the Parish..... and grab a piece of the action.

Young families are well represented on Parish Pastoral Council.

Young families in the parish at Holy Family Como now have not just one but two voices in 2017 with the inclusion of Claire Noonan and Marianne Taylor on the Parish Pastoral Council.



Claire Noonan



Marianne Taylor

VINNIES COMO CONFERENCE | TONY ABBOTT

After 9 years of service as President and Secretary of Vinnies Como Conference, I am retiring from my post. I should add that I have truly enjoyed the role and could not have wished to have worked with a more supportive or like-minded group of friends and fellow parishioners. I will, of course, continue to remain a member of the Conference. I believe the time has come to hand over that responsibility to someone new who is capable of bringing a different and forward-looking approach to the work of the Conference. Happily, we have such a person in our ranks and I'm delighted to say that Mike Cosson has very kindly agreed to accept the position. He will take over the chair from the first meeting next year which will be on 6 February 2017.

I wish to express my thanks and huge gratitude to Fr Ossie and the Holy Family Parish congregation for all the help and assistance given to the Holy Family Como Conference over the years. Without the great generosity of the Holy Family Parish congregation we could never have achieved the outcomes for the less fortunate in our district that we have witnessed over these years especially with regard to the marvellous donations that have been contributed at Christmas and throughout the year. I am extremely grateful to you all for making my job so much easier.

Tony (on left of photograph) and wife Margaret first came to Holy Family Parish between 1993-97 when Tony was serving in Perth as British Consul-General. After a couple of postings they returned to Perth in 2004 to retire. Tony joined Vinnies shortly afterwards then in 2007 took over the Presidency from Richard Hennessy.

Fr Ossie and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank Tony for the wonderful example of evangelisation he has shown through his leadership of Vinnies Como Conference.



Mike and wife Trish have been in the Parish since 1983, originally at the Holy Cross Church in Kensington. He has been with Vinnies Como Conference just short of 2 years. Mike is a retired civil engineer and was born on Remembrance Day in 1952. He and Trish have 3 adult children one of whom is married and living with her husband in London. Fr Ossie and the Parish Pastoral Council welcome Mike to the Presidency of the Vinnies Como Conference and assure him of our continued support and generosity.

Christmas - A Time for Giving

Members of the St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Como Conference have been busy assembling and delivering Christmas hampers to the disadvantaged in our area. They delivered 70 hampers of which 30 were provided by the donations from the Holy Family congregation. The Como Conference would like to express their warm appreciation and in particular, grateful thanks from the many recipients of the hampers.

"It is most heart-warming that our congregation continues to support Vinnies in such a positive manner." said Como Conference President, Mr Tony Abbott.



Farewell to pioneers of Holy Family Parish, Como

JOSIE
STAUDE

During this past year, we were saddened by the passing of two much loved and respected members of our Parish. Dorothea (Dot) Hearne and Eileen Scanlan had been close neighbours for well over 60 years and after very active and inspirational lives, they were living in different Care Facilities until their deaths just approximately 2 months apart. Excellent eulogies were given at their Requiem Masses here at Holy Family by John Hearne and Mary Eileen Scanlan both of whom attended the local Holy Family School with our children in their primary years.

Both Frank and Eileen Scanlan and Bob and Dot Hearne were founding members of the Holy Family Parish community that first celebrated Mass in the Cygnet Theatre. When the Primary School was built in the Parish (Now the carpark) Mass was held there till the Como parishioners decided to build their own church - so the Hearnese, Scanlans, Anne and Ken Kelsall, Pat and Charlie Owens, the Devlins, John Brophy, John Hogan, Bill and Joan Donovan (parents of Father Greg) got together and helped build the beautiful Church we all treasure today. I really feel it was their spirit of friendliness and support that established the unique sense of community in our parish today.

Both Dot and Eileen were kind supportive friends to Father Linnane in early days and spent many hours doing volunteer work for our Church - as John Hearne says "Dot washed and ironed the altar linen every week, regularly did the flowers for Sunday Mass and shone the brass every Saturday" and I feel certain that Eileen was her co worker in all her activities including lots of social occasions especially the "House Parties" held regularly to raise funds for their new church.

These two beautiful ladies were the core members of the Holy Family Tennis Group who played tennis each and every Tuesday on the original Parish Tennis Courts(now the car park) for many years before eventually changing to playing CARDS...Players included Dot and Eileen, Anne Kelsall, Joan O'Dea, Mary Daly and Irene Burt.

I feel blessed to have shared many happy times over many years with these lovely Matriarchs and we should all thank God for the influence of their lives amongst us and pray that both Dot and Eileen enjoy eternal peace in God's Kingdom.

Dorothea (Dot) Hearne (nee Davis)

6 August 1919 - 30 September 2016

DOT (as we all knew here) spent her whole life in this area, completing her schooling at St. Columbus before working as a Clerk in

Government Stores. Dot married BOB HEARNE in 1943 and a few years later they built their home in Barker Ave. Seven children were born over the following years - Maureen (McCormack), Julie, Jan,

Karen, Bernard, Paul and John. Sadly, Julie was killed whilst crossing Canning Hwy on her way up to Holy Family School. From John's eulogy "Mum lived her life by the principles and teachings of the Catholic religion and she was devoted to her Catholic faith."

Also, John says he remembers that his "Mother was a fantastic cook and generous - always welcoming anyone needing a bed to their home. But above all else, she was a role model. Kind, nurturing and generous in giving to her family not just quality time but ALL her time" John remembers his Mum enjoying her Tuesday Tennis and he also states that "this tradition was sacrosanct and you were never allowed to stay home from school on a Tuesday, no matter how sick you were".



Eileen Scanlan (nee Morrissey)

13 February 1919 - 13 July 2016

Eileen was born in 1919 and grew up in Bassendean in a family of 1 brother and 5 sisters. After school, she worked in Aherns Store in Perth and in 1941 married Frank Scanlan at St. Mary's Church in Guildford. They lived firstly in South Perth and Melville and moved into their newly built home in Brittain Street Como about 1950. Four sons were born in the early years - Peter, Vincent, Gary and Terry followed later by two beautiful daughters Mary Eileen and Helen.

At her Requiem Mass at Holy Family, representatives from each of Eileen's children offered symbols of her life. Eileen and Frank shared their strong belief in the value of family and community life.

Eileen's strong faith and belief in the power of prayer formed the foundation of her daily life.



She had a keen interest in a wide range of social activities including the Tuesday Tennis and cards as well as racing and pacing and having the odd bet!!! She treasured her Irish heritage and retained a great interest in visiting Ireland many times.

Eileen was a wonderful homemaker and Mother - always welcoming children and grandchildren home for celebrations over many years. One grandson gave thanks - in prayers - "for her generosity of spirit, never forgetting a birthday or such and always keeping the lolly jar full and the table overflowing."

Eileen also loved flowers - especially roses and camellias. Her rose garden was outstanding. She spent her last few years at Margaret Hubery House in Rossmoyne.

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

**FRANK
O'CONNOR**

The Catenian Association was established in 1908 in Manchester, England and is now represented world wide. The Association declares that its members are proudly Catholic and it follows that any practising Catholic gentleman is a potential member. The Association aims to strengthen family life through faith, friendship, fellowship and fun, hence social activities are an important part of a Circle's calendar of Events, especially as they involve the wives and family of the members.

Membership of The Catenian Association does not require a man to do anything more than what he does currently. Indeed it is expected that each member is active in the life of the church and hence on continuing Christ's mission on earth.

Currently 7 members of Como Parish are members of Como Circle of The Catenian Association and Como parishioners were very well represented among the foundation members when the Circle was inaugurated on 11 November 1984. Parishioner Frank O'Connor is President of Como Circle which now has 31 members drawn from several parishes. There are 13 Circles in Western Australia and together they make up Province 20 of the Catenian Association.

A member of Como Circle is entitled to attend a

meeting of any other circle no matter where in the that circle might be.

Province 20 has set-up a Youth Support Fund to provide financial assistance to young people as they strive to grow in their faith and practice their faith. Action is under way to establish a fund to provide financial assistance to those who might not be able to afford further education. The Association also has a Benevolent Fund which members may draw-on, through application, when there is a need and it has a Bursary Fund to support young people. For more information about the Como Circle of the Catenian Association and to join contact Frank at frank@frogmen.net



SOCIAL EVENTS

MARIE
TILEY

In the September issue of the at Home Newsletter Fr Ossie spoke of the importance of community. He said building a community was the first step towards effective worship, ministry and service. As a social committee we aim to build and nurture a sense of community within the Holy Family parish.

This community can begin with a smile and an extended hand as you meet a new parishioner or a friendly greeting uttered to a familiar friend. We would all agree that the pace of everyday life is hectic. To pause for a moment to think of others affords us opportunities to see people in a different light and enjoy the friendships that surround us. Social gatherings within the Parish are about coming together. Friendship is a true blessing.

One of life's greatest treasures that God in His goodness sends is the love that binds hearts together in the covenant known as friends.

Roy Lessin

To build on this community and friendship, the social committee has the following events planned for 2017:

- ◆ **January** – Holy Family Feast Day Luncheon
- ◆ **February** - Family Film Night
- ◆ **April** – Easter Morning Tea
- ◆ **May** – Mother's Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **June** – Dinner for Eight
- ◆ **August** – Family Fancy Dress Party
- ◆ **September** – Father's Day Morning Tea
- ◆ **November** – Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- ◆ **December** – Christmas Carols

Morning Tea
First & Third Sunday
of the month
after 8.30am & 10am Mass

SOCIAL EVENTS



Sunday 8th January 2017

Holy Family Feast Day

Friday 24th February 2017

Family Film Night

Family
Film
Night

Coming soon

Holy Family Feast Luncheon Sunday 8th January



Parishioners are invited to join our **HOLY FAMILY FEAST LUNCHEON** FOLLOWING THE 10AM MASS on **SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY**.

Meat & soft drinks provided (BYO alcohol). Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Sign up sheets with suggested salad/dessert plates are in the church foyer .

For catering purposes please add your name today!

Christmas Carols



FUNDRAISING EVENTS |

ROSE
HART

The Fundraising Committee has been formed for the purpose of organising fund raising events. These are the events proposed for 2017:

- ◆ **February** - Parish Dance
- ◆ **March** – Movies by the Stars
- ◆ **July** – Quiz Night
- ◆ **October** – International Lunch

★ ★ ★ Movies ★ ★ ★ Under the Stars

When: March 2017

Where: 8 Fourth Ave Kensington

Cost: \$10 includes film, endless tea, coffee & cakes

Film details available soon!

Holy Family Fundraising Dance

Saturday 11th February 2017
at Pater Noster School Hall, Myaree



LIVE BAND

Food & soft drinks available to purchase on the night

BYO alcohol

Tickets go on sale in January

Planned Giving Program

Holy Family Parish Como-Kensington relies on the generous and regular financial contributions made by parishioners through our Planned Giving Program. Your contributions are put toward the upkeep and maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds and the continued operation of pastoral, religious education and evangelising programs in our parish.

For your convenience you may contribute to the Holy Family Planned Giving Program using Planned Giving Envelopes or through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). We encourage you to use EFT and have your contribution deducted weekly, monthly or annually from your cheque or savings account. You may do this by contacting your financial institution or using personal online banking. Your contribution will be recorded on your bank statement and you may cancel or alter the amount of your contribution at any time.

The bank details for Holy Family Parish are:

Account Name: Holy Family Como

BSB Number: 036-050 **Account Number:** 790041

Reference/Description: (Your Surname & Initials)





2016 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE SBD

"When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, and the moon and the stars which you arranged, who are we that you should keep us in mind - mere human beings that you care for us?"

The question which these beautiful words from Psalm 8 pose, find an extraordinary answer in the mystery of Christmas. As Saint John expresses it in his Gospel, "God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son that all who believe in him might not be lost but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

We live in an age where the unimaginable power, beauty, wonder and vastness of creation, are known in ways that our ancestors could never have believed. For us as Christians, this extraordinary universe is not an obstacle to belief in God: rather it is a stimulus to a deeper, almost overpowering understanding of the greatness of the creator, who gives existence to all that exists and who keeps everything in existence, through endless ages.

How can we do anything other than stand in awe at the creation, and even more in the presence of our creator? The psalmist is right to say, "who are we, O Mighty God, that you should keep us in mind?"

In Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, God responds by saying to us, "In the extraordinary vastness and complexity of my creation, you are the ones whom I have created and chosen to enter into a relationship of profound and intimate love with me.

So much do I love you, and want to be one with you, that I have, in my Son Jesus, become one of you and one with you. In a world in which it is so easy to lose sight of me, misunderstand me, or even forget me, I have given you my Son, so that in him you might hear me speak, see me reach out with compassion, recognise me as the one who heals and forgives, and see me, in his suffering and death, as the one who will go to any lengths to save you. - because I love you."

This extraordinary encounter between God and his people begins with the conception and birth of Jesus. This tiny, fragile baby, is the presence of the mighty creator, God among us. He will grow and develop as we all do, and his life, free from sin and totally given to his Father and to us, will reveal to us what real, fully human living, is meant to be.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, I invite you to gaze with wonder on this helpless baby, lying in his manger. Recognise in him, the extraordinary love God has for you. Allow that love to be the foundation of your lives, a source of strength and hope in times of struggle and sorrow, and an inspiration for that reaching out to others with compassion and care, which is the defining characteristic of life lived to the full, of life lived as a disciple of Jesus.

I wish you and all your loved ones a very happy, holy and joy-filled Christmas.

+ Timothy Costelloe SBD

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

MARK
FERROA

On Sat 17 September 2016, seventeen candidates from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 6pm Mass. Fr Ossie was the Presiding Celebrant for the Ceremony.

The candidates were Marian Atienza, Marcel Bianchini, Jessika Zuiderduyn, James Cridland, Bella Edmiston, Amy Frangs, Tristan Gibson, Josie Hegarty, Polly King, Kian Sykes, Zebiah Peaker, Georgia Le Febvre, Ella Schabort, Ella Tiley, Ella Zappia, Man Ling Joyce Wang and Luis Uribe.

Following the Confirmation Ceremony, Fr Ossie joined the candidates and their families to cut and share a cake to mark the occasion.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Holy Family 2017 Sacramental Program, which prepares children for the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, commences on the weekend of 25-26 February 2017. All children joining our Sacramental Program are required to attend an Enrolment Ceremony which will be held during **all** Masses over the weekend of 25-26 February. Families may choose to attend the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, or the Sunday Masses at either 8.30am or 10.00am.

Ideally, children will be in the following levels at school:

Year 3 for First Reconciliation,
Year 4 for First Eucharist,
Year 6 for Confirmation.

Enrolment forms are now available in the church foyer as well as on request at the following email address –
comocath.sacramental@ymail.com

Enrolment forms are to be submitted by placing them in the "Sacramental Program" collection box in the church foyer by Sunday 19th February 2016.

Information and the program timetables will be sent out by email in early February.

Important dates and times for the three Sacramental programs are as follows:

First Reconciliation classes commence on:
Sunday 5 March (10am - 11am)
The First Reconciliation Ceremony will be held on
Saturday 24 June at 5.00pm.

First Eucharist classes commence on:
Saturday 29 April (4.45pm - 5.45pm).
The First Eucharist Ceremony will be held on
Sunday 27 August at 10.00am.

Confirmation classes commence on:
Saturday 22 July (4.45pm - 5.45pm).
The Confirmation Ceremony will be held on
Saturday 28 October at 6.00pm.

Sacramental Ceremony Dates 2017



First Reconciliation
Saturday 24 June 2017 at 2.00pm

First Eucharist
Sunday 27 August 2017 at 10.00am

Confirmation
Saturday 28 October 2017 at 6.00pm

Safeguarding Project | JIM PHILLIPS

Directives from the Archdiocese of Perth

Our Safeguarding Officers are Mrs Breda Pires and Mr Jim Phillips. Their photographs and contact details are at the end of this article and on the notice board in the church foyer. We encourage you to speak to them about any child related concern. Jim is a regular at the 8.30am Sunday Mass while Breda regularly attends the 10am Sunday Mass.

Copies of the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for parishes and churches in the Archdiocese of Perth are available on request at the Parish Office.

A Code of Behaviour outlining obligations and duties of adults in ministry with children must be agreed to and signed by each adult involved with children in his/her ministry.

All persons paid or unpaid who work or minister with and to children in the Archdiocese of Perth must have:

- A current Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- A signed declaration Form declaring any prior or pending criminal or inappropriate activity towards children.
- Signed the Safeguarding Policy and Procedure form.

All adults involved in ministry with children must sign in and sign out from a designated book each time. This is located in the sacristy.

Ministries involving children at Holy Family Parish include:

- Acolytes
- Children's Liturgy Team
- Sacramental Preparation Team

- every Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- every Altar Server over the age of 16
- Every member of choirs which include children under the age of 18

All staff and any volunteer must know the Procedure for reporting allegations or disclosures of abuse. If you have concerns for immediate safest and wellbeing of children, please contact the Safeguarding Officer, your local Child Protection Officer or Crisis Care Unit on: (08) 9223 1111 or Freecall 1800 199 008 to discuss your concerns. Please attach any information



Mrs Breda Pires 0422 237 261
breda.pires@education.wa.edu.au



and report this in the Form for Reporting Concern or an Activity.

All concerns or complaints must be reported to the Safety Officers and not to the clergy. The officer will submit a formal report to the Safeguarding Coordinator.

All children and their parents and guardians involved in church activities must be in the possession of the appropriate Children's Information Leaflet



Mr Jim Phillips 0419 964 806
jimegan@inet.net.au

For our children...



JESUS IS BORN

The Roman Emperor Augustus ordered a count to be made of all the people in the land. This meant that Joseph and Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem because that was where Joseph had been born. The journey was long and difficult and the time was coming for Mary to have her baby.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Is in recess for the school holidays.

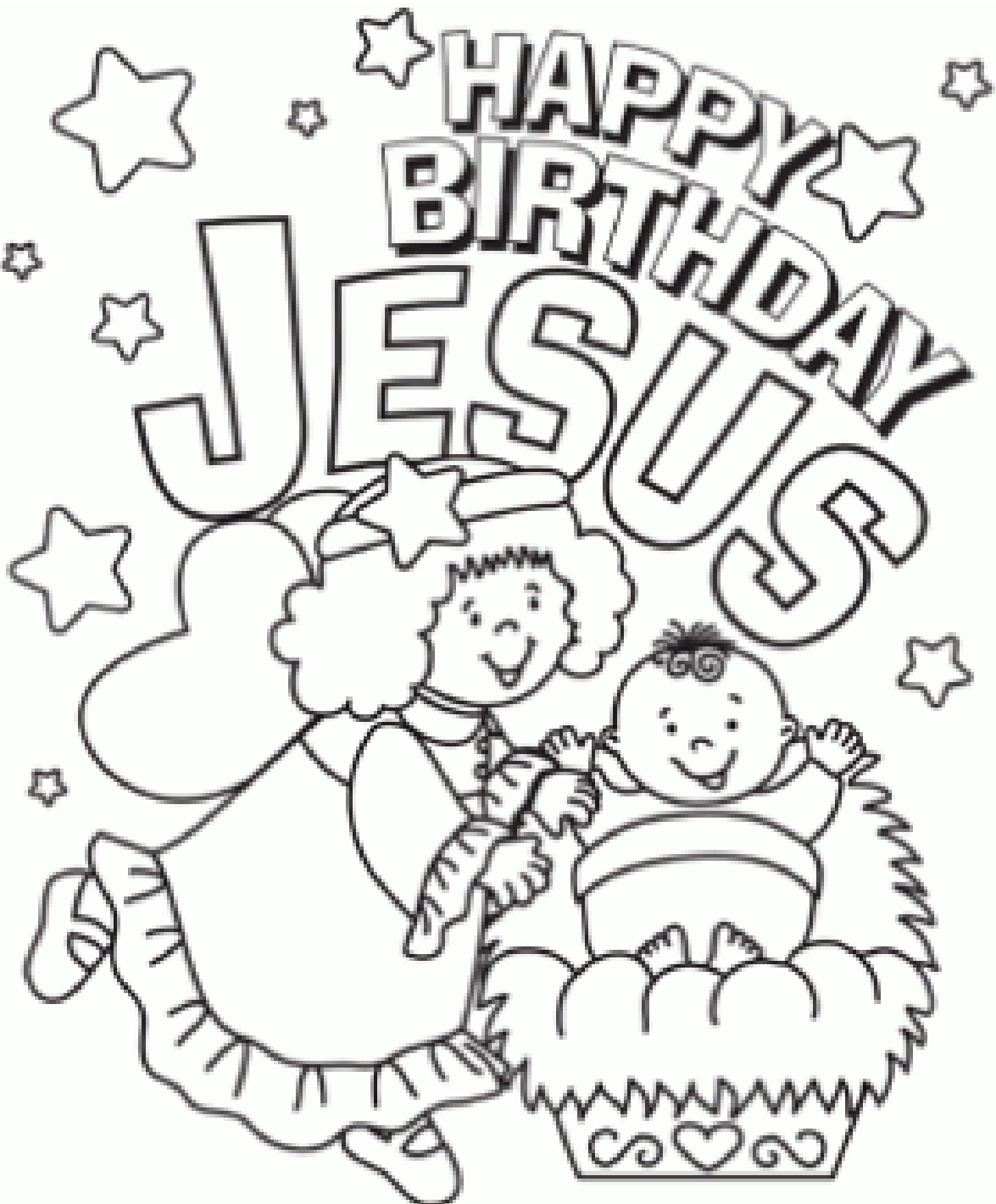


LET US PRAY...

Dear Lord Jesus, on this Christmas morning, may our hearts and our homes be filled with the peace and love you shared with the world.



COLOUR IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PICTURE



Christmas Word Search

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Joseph
Angel
Manger
Infant

Star
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Animals
Magi
Bethlehem
Swaddling Clothes

City of David
Salvation
Israel
Savior
Good News
Great Joy

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Merry
Christmas

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT...

"For today in the city of David a savior
has been born for you who is Christ
and Lord."
(Luke 2: 1-14)



Come to the stable

In a stable near the village, the two of them sit at their small table in their apartment. She is living Christmases of long ago; she has no awareness of this Christmas. Her faithful husband of 60 years is cutting pieces of turkey and gently feeds her, as she struggles to sit upright in her wheelchair. Later he will patiently remind her who he is, who they are, and that it is Christmas. He will point to the pictures of their children and again tell her the stories of their life together. Into this stable in the assisted-living facility, Christ is born again and again and again.

In a stable near the village, a single mom and her two sons have made it through another year. But they don't let their exhaustion and disappointments mar this day. They will put their kitchen table and card table and TV trays together to make one big (if uneven) table and will host a potluck Christmas dinner for Grandma and friends who would otherwise be alone this day. It will be a great time. Their stable with the makeshift table is the dwelling place of God.

In a stable near the village, she is up before dawn. Being a mom, Christmas Eve is a very busy day for her. But the cooking and gift-wrapping for her own family are done. This day is about bread. She will spend her morning baking fresh loaves for the local soup kitchen's holiday meal and her husband will deliver them early in the afternoon. She has been doing this since college, when she first helped out at a church's Christmas dinner for the homeless. That Christmas she made some not-so-great cookies in her dorm - but the joy on that little boy's face when he took one of her reindeer-shaped cookies was the most beautiful thing she had ever seen. And just knowing that something she bakes can be the means of such joy gets her up before daybreak every Christmas Eve. Her kitchen becomes a Bethlehem - "a house of bread" - where Christ is born.

The theologian and novelist Frederick Buechner writes: "Once we have seen God in a stable, we never know where we might see him again. If God is present in this least auspicious place, there is no place or time so lowly or earthbound but that holiness can be present, too. For just when God seems the most helpless, God is the most strong; and just where we least expect him that he comes most fully."

On this Christmas Day, may you see God in your stable in the midst of those you love; may you know in every season of the New Year the joy of "preparing him room" in your hearts and homes.

