



28th December, 2014 - Year B
The HOLY FAMILY
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**ALL HALLOWS'
PARISH CHURCH**
2 Halley Street
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Parish Priest:

Fr Greg McGregor

Associate Pastors:

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Fr Andrew Kim SJ

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Sacramental Life

Eucharist:

Saturday - 9.00am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday - 8.30am

Sunday - 10am Children's Liturgy

Sunday - 6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - 9.00am

Tues - Wed - 8.00am

Thurs - Fri - 9.00am

Lauds (morning prayer) is prayed 20

minutes before morning mass daily.

All Welcome.

Reconciliation: Saturday

9.30 - 10am & 4.45 - 5.15pm

Anointing: First Friday of the
month at 9am mass. (except January).

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

Exposition: Third Thursday of
every month after Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

1. Peace, Consolation, and Glory

In the Gospel Reading, Simeon is waiting in the Temple because the Holy Spirit has revealed to him that he will meet the Messiah there. When he does finally see Jesus, the Gospel tells us, Simeon had been waiting for a long time.

Waiting can be so hard. Think of the young mother waiting for lab results about her cancer, or the old lady waiting for news about her son in Afghanistan. Think of the aspiring novelist waiting to hear if the press will accept his manuscript or the scientist waiting to know if his life's work will be honored with a great prize. Peace is so often lost by such a wait.

While a person is waiting, he is anxious. And he is sad or sorrowful, too, because he does not yet have the good thing he hopes and waits for. Then there's the undeniable humiliation of having to wait. A person who waits knows that what he wants depends on things outside his own control. Having to wait brings home to him his vulnerability and neediness.

And so look at what Simeon says when his wait is finally over and he sees Jesus. Seeing this baby, he says, lets Simeon die in peace. This baby overturns anxiety and brings peace—not a theoretical kind of peace which has no purchase on a person's emotions, but real peace, the kind that brings with it easy breathing.

And why peace? Because, as the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon, this baby is God's consolation for all his people. If God himself gives a person consolation, he will have God's peace as well.

And, finally, this peace is not the kind of peace that makes a person ready to accept defeat with resignation. No, on the contrary: it makes a person rise to glory. That is why Simeon says in his prayer that this baby brings glory to God's people.

And so here is the thing for us to think about at Christmas. In our anxieties, in our sorrows, in our defeats and humiliations, can we turn and look at this baby? No matter what anxiety, sorrow, or defeat the world has given us, nothing can take this baby away from us. Our consolation, our peace, and our glory lie with him.

2. Notices

Thank you to all the people who made our Christmas liturgy so beautiful, I hope it was an uplifting experience for us all.

The giving tree has been a huge success this year and St Vincent de Paul was overwhelmed by the generosity, which has allowed them to help so many families in the area.

Thank you for the many kind gifts and cards that have been sent to the presbytery.

On Monday 29th December there will be Mass at 9am.

The parish office will be closed between Christmas and New Years, resuming office hours on 6th January, but if you need to contact one of the priest please ring the presbytery.

Hope you all enjoy a safe new years and enjoy your holidays.

God Bless
Fr Greg





BAPTISMS

We welcome

Michael Julian Biasi

Wyona Jane Dinh

Georgia Joan Connelley

Tom Archie Little

who were baptised into our parish family of All Hallows recently.

May God bless them and their parents



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

1 – Paddy Greene;	2 – Richard Sidoti;
3 – Kevin Hennessy;	4 – A. Di Lorenzo;
5 – Sarina Marcuz;	6 – Enza Ferraro;
7 – Mary Coleman;	8 – Jo Livolsi;
9 – A. Di Lorenzo;	10 – Peter Aloe;
11 – Richard Sidoti;	12 – Patsy Scott.

Sincere thanks to everyone in the Parish.

All moneys raised go towards charities supported by the Catholic Women's League.

Merry Christmas



Start the New Year off with a bang!

Spend a weekend with your spouse at a

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend. The peaceful setting of this

weekend enrichment is a great way to rekindle the romance in your marriage.

Weekend date: 6-8 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

To apply contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

www.wwme.org.au

www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

New Rosters available in Sacristy

* Eucharistic Minister * Home Visit Roster

* Altar Society * Nursing Home Visits

NEW COUNTING ROSTER FOR 2015 IS ON THE WALL NEAR THE NOTICE BOARD.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN GROUP NUMBERS

Reminder to Altar Servers

to please mark your name off on the sheet in the sacristy, so the roster can be updated. Thank you

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Salvatore Nucifora, Maria Zol (Snr)

Anniversaries:

Francesco & Nunziata La Cava, Elisa Longobardo, Filomena Pezzullo, Umberto Carangelo, Giacomo Caldareri, Mary O'Dwyer

Also for:

Giovanni Moschella, Corry Soetio

For the following ill members of our community:-

Michelle McGhee, Pam Alexopoulos, Crochetta Valenti, Brian Gallagher, Bernadette Lane, Vanessa Lane, Muriel Daly, Margaret Gleeson, Mary Johnson, Carmen Gallagher, Mary Longrell, Raffaele Errichiello, Benilda Buenafe, Lorenzo Mioli, Frances Hennessy, Antonietta Ciaglia, Tomas Laming, Angela Colantonio, Ida Bova, Amelia Casarotto, Mirella Mercuri, Alex La Rossa, Monica Moschella, Madelina Michael, Marcello Cheles, Brian Lees.



GET YOUR COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- That was the year that was: pictorial roundup of 2014
- Best ever year for Catholic students in HSC
- Michelangelo connection: seminary needs your help
- Do pets go to heaven? How the media got it all wrong
- A very happy Korean Christmas
- Beating euthanasia: advanced healthcare plans

HEALING MASS -

Friday 2nd January 2015

St Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Rd, Lakemba

Rosary: 7pm, Reconciliation 7-8pm, Prayer and Praise 7.30pm, Mass 8pm.

The celebrant will be Fr Hugh Thomas

Enq: Rose 9642 2359/ 0412 115 961

Kid's Corner

Q. Did you hear about the pirate who got covered in glue?



A. He stuck to his guns!!

POPE FRANCIS' COLUMN

Pope Gives 9 Tips to Vatican Employees

Francis Urges Them to Devote Time to Their Children

Pope Francis is calling on Vatican employees to examine which areas of their lives need healing.



Expressing his heartfelt thanks to each and best wishes for Christmas, the Pope addressed the employees today. He encouraged them to do an examination of conscience, in preparation for Christmas and the New Year, and urged them to draw close to the Sacrament of Confession, "to receive the mercy of the Lord who knocks at the door of our hearts."

He noted he didn't want to pass his second Christmas in Rome without meeting the people who work in the Vatican; without meeting the people who work without being seen and who are called ironically "the unknown, the invisible": the gardeners, the custodians, the ushers, the elevator operators, etc.

"Thanks to your daily work and your thoughtful effort, the Curia is expressed as a living body," and, in a way, as "a real rich mosaic of different fragments, necessary and complementary." Recalling St. Paul saying that in the Body of Christ, "the eye cannot say to the hand: 'I have no need of you'; nor again the head to the feet, 'I do not need you,'" he noted, "this shows that all parts of the Body of the Curia are needed for it to be living and dynamic." From this, he asked them make this Christmas a real opportunity to "cure" every wound.

He then encouraged them to examine nine areas. "Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God," he said was the first, because "this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are." "A Christian who is not nourished by prayer, the sacraments and the Word of God, inevitably fades and withers," he added. Second, care for your family life, "giving to your children and your loved ones not only money, but above all time, attention and love." Third, heal your relationships with others, transforming faith in life and words into good works, especially for those most in need. The fourth suggestion of the Pope was to watch how you speak. He stressed the importance of "purifying the language from the offensive words, vulgarity and phraseology of worldly decadence." The fifth requires "healing the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness," which means forgiving people who have hurt us and medicating wounds we have caused in others. The sixth exhortation relates to work, he said, which involves doing it "with enthusiasm, humility, skill, passion, and with a soul that knows how to thank the Lord." The seventh appeal was to avoid envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings "that devour our inner peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people." Eighth, he continued, requires the faithful to let go of "the bitterness that brings us to revenge," "the laziness that leads to euthanasia," "the finger-pointing that leads to pride," and "the complaining that constantly leads us to despair." He added: "I know that a few times, to keep your job, you quarrel with someone, to defend yourselves. I understand these situations, but the road does not end well." "Rather," he suggested, "ask the Lord for wisdom to bite one's tongue" and "not to say insulting words that afterward leave your mouth bitter." Ninth, he stressed, is to reach out to the weak, elderly, sick, hungry, homeless and foreigners. For this will determine how we will be judged.

In addition, he called on them to never treat Christmas as "a celebration of consumerism" and useless, extravagant gift-giving, but rather as the "festival of joy to welcome the Lord in the crib and heart." Acknowledging he had spoken of various areas on which to reflect carefully, the Holy Father called on the Vatican employees to ponder which area they need to address the most. Here, he stressed taking care of the family, as, "The family is a treasure. Children are a treasure." He said young parents should never be too busy to find time to play with their children, for such playing is such a beautiful moment, and helps "sow the future." "Imagine how it would change our world if everyone started immediately, and here, to heal and treat generously their relationship with God and with others," he said.

"Think of all the good," he said, "if we looked at each other, especially the most needy, with eyes of goodness and tenderness, as God looks at us, waiting for us and forgiving us; if we found humility, our strength, and our treasure!"

Gestures of tenderness, he noted, "can warm the icy heart, to encourage the disheartened souls and brighten dull eyes with the light of Jesus' face!" "With this peace in my heart I would like to greet you and all your family," he said, "I want to say thank you to them and give a hug, especially your children and especially smaller ones!"



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH?

Inner Wheel Club - Balmain Group

1st Tuesday of month 6.30pm - 9pm in Hall

St Vincent de Paul Society

Meetings held each 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the meeting room connected to the garage.

Contact Gerry Modini on 0418 966 247

Catholic Women's League Five Dock

3rd Friday of month 12.00pm in Parish Hall
For more information please contact Josie on 9713 8610

Italian Prayer Group

Tuesday - 1 pm in Parish Hall

Messa Italiana ogni ultimo martedì del mese
Enquiries: M. Mureddu 9712 2394

Playgroup

9.30am -11.30am in Parish Hall
(not during school holidays)

Wednesday - Antonella 0417 068 323

Choir Practice

All welcome to choir practice in the Church
7.30 pm every Monday.
Ring Maria on 9713 7310

Italian Choir Group

Tuesday -12.30 pm in the Church

Family Mass Choir Practice

Wednesday 7.45pm in Church
All welcome!

Italian Prayer Group - Thursday

In Chiesa, ogni settimana dopo la messa delle nove (9).

Ogni terzo Giovedì del mese l'intenzione è per il Gruppo di Preghiera di Riparazione Eucaristica.

Siete tutti benvenuti!

Enquiries/Per informazioni: Lucia 9713 1800

All welcome!

**Sunday 28th December 2014 –
The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

READINGS: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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READERS

R. Pollifrone D. Pettenon C. O'Grady G. Sutera	B. Pratelli J. Mylott C. Grant M. Mureddu	B. Pinto M/C Petrucco B. Carbone	Intro & P/F: Owen McM 1st: Isabella M Psalm: Emily C 2nd: Max C
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

B. Smyth A. Panuccio T. Coghlan K. Smyth M. Virtu M. Tomasello D. Grippi	E. Chesworth M. Chesworth C. Mylott S. Storan J. Livolsi M. Piccolo R. Pietrobon	V. Jacobs D. Squadrito A. McMahan M. Hadjidakis C. Petrucco N. Ancona P. Pavan	A. Biazzo C. Pollifrone C. Modini A. Den A. Zol A. Kirby E. Di Perna
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1
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HOME VISITS: J. Livolsi, J. Livolsi, M. Chesworth, P. Pavan

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 1 Jan - **Parkview**: no visit

Visit 2 Jan - **Russell Lea**: no visit

COUNTERS: Group 8

TRANSPORT: Maria, Tony, Miranda, Tony

PIETY STALL: Eleanor C

ALTAR SOCIETY: Lorraine F, Lorraine C, Enza, Vicki, Melissa



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4th January 2015 –The EPIPHANY of the LORD

READINGS: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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READERS

T. McDonald V. Simms D. Tomasello G. Picone	A. Fabro L. La Cava G. Giliberti J. Pappalardo	Family Mass	Intro & P/F: James C 1st: Kayleigh-Anne Psalm: Liam A 2nd: Rebecca C
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

G. Bonaddio J. Bonaddio V. Radice R. Glover A. Fabro A. Falcone R. Pozzer	L. La Cava I. Bova A. Merlino M. Coleman R. Compantangelo R. Liberatore M. Hinds	S. Carbone L. Moliterno F. Mercuri M. Caldareri A. Caldareri A. Roberts E. Ferraro	Chris M Catherine M M. Di Bella A. Di Bella A. Zol A. Bonaccorso K. Ommundson
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 2	Group 2	Group 2	Group 5
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HOME VISITS: L. La Cava, M. Hinds, M. Coleman, E. Ferraro

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 8 Jan - **Parkview**: no visit

Visit 9 Jan - **Russell Lea**: no visit

COUNTERS: Group 9

TRANSPORT: Robyn, Rosy, Tony

PIETY STALL: Sue P & Franca

ALTAR SOCIETY: Rosy, Geraldine, Cris, Liz, Simone

