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29 December - The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dear friends,

Today is an opportunity to honour the Holy Family and to be inspired by them. It is also an opportunity to reflect on our own marriage and family life, and on the state of marriage and family life in our society and world today. There are great strains and pressures on family life across all cultures. In our Mass today, may we pray for our own families and pray for family life within the Church and throughout world. Remember the Lord wishes to be the foundation and strength of your marriage and family life.

The Book of Revelation has a beautiful image of the risen Christ saying: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If you but allow me to enter in, I shall sit at the table and eat with you." In the spirit of that promise, I encourage you to continue to make a real place for God in your marriage and family life. In the words of the Old testament: "... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15)

Once again my immense gratitude to all those who made our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. Each one of them was quite special and it was encouraging to see so many visitors at each of our Masses. To all those who worked behind the scenes in so many different ways, and to all our choirs who provided such wonderful music, thank you.

Fr John, the parish team and I thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts received during the Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to us and for your generosity to others outside the parish.



Blessings,

Fr Kelvin

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
we place in your tender and powerful care the life
of our parish and the life of every parishioner.
May marriage and family life be valued in all cultures.
May the will of the Father be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.*



Mass Times: Throughout December and January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained. Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:15am Weekends: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am and 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours into January: The office is closed until Wednesday 15 January. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221 or email Holynamae@bbcatholic.org.au During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	30 December	No Mass				6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday	31 December	Mass	9.15am			7th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday	1 January	Mass	9.15am			MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
Thursday	2 January	Mass	9:15am			Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
Friday	3 January	Mass	9:15am			Friday before the Epiphany
Saturday	4 January	Mass	*9:15am	5:00pm		*FIRST SATURDAY - MORNING MASS Saturday before the Epiphany
Sunday	5 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ina Evans (died 24 December—longtime parishioner of Holy Name), William (Bill) Hayward (died 10 December aged 73, father of Sarah, Tom, Lucy, Emily, Claire and Mollie), Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattia and Luca, died **7 December**).

ANNIVERSARIES:

December: Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 55th anniversary on 24 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 4th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—7th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (19th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 24th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 4th anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (39th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 4th anniversary 31 December), Marcelli and Agnes Pochyly (relatives of Cecylia Ramsden)

January: Aaron Iori (12th anniversary 1st January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (6th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 12th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (3rd anniversary, 6 January) Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 9th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (31st anniversary 8 January), Patricia McGrath (2nd anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (9th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 2nd anniversary 21 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 8th anniversary, 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 5th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 64th anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 38th anniversary on 23 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (3rd anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 55th anniversary, 31st January).

FOR THE SICK: Neville Bower (friend of Megan Khannah), Megan Khannah, Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Rose Planas, Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Gabrielle Flood (Gemma Couch's Mum), Philip Clump, Sienna McGrath (Dominic McGrath's niece and Reg Gibbons great-niece), Noeline Mannix, Gemma McDermott, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).



Holy Hour will resume on 7 February 2025.

Christmas Offerings: Envelopes are available in the Church and are for the support of our Clergy. Thank you for your appreciation of and generosity to our Priests.



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us an almighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen