



St Michael's Church - Meadowbank
The Parish Bulletin
The Holy Family Year C/1
Have A Wonderful New Year!



Entrance Antiphon:

Lk 2: 16

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a
manger.

1st Reading:

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

This is the child I prayed for: he is
made over to the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10

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

2nd Reading:

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

We are called God's children, and
that is what we are

Gospel Acclamation:

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*

Mary stored up all these things in
her heart

Communion Antiphon:

Bar 3: 38

Our God has appeared on the
earth, and lived among us.

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.

Reflection from Fr James McCarthy

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement in our daily experience of family life. Christmas, and the days following the Lord's birth, are important moments for the family. Christmas and New Year's can be a time of great joy, but it also can be a time when families get on each other's nerves.



It is important that a family does not become like a court room. Instead, it is better for families to be more like a confessional experience – where there is mercy, forgiveness and love.

If the husband and wife start arguing like lawyers, in an attempt to justify their behaviour, or if children start negotiating a deal like presidents, then the family becomes a court of law or a dictatorship and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband, the wife and the children - as in a confessional - are ready to admit

Acknowledgement of the land

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoira nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTIONCONTINUED**

their faults, offer forgiveness and try to bring out the best in everyone, then a family becomes a holy and even a heavenly family.

Mary and Joseph are a model family in which both parents place the needs of the family before themselves. They worked hard, helped, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of the child Jesus so that he might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a child of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2223) gives the following advice to parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule."

Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in the parish church through the sacrifice, celebration and thanksgiving of Mass. In a similar way, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice, celebration and thanksgiving. This happens when there is mutual understanding, support and respect for everyone.

Within every holy family, there needs to be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents even after the children have left home. However, parents must also show respect, support and understanding to their children, even when their children are teenagers or adults. When parents consistently take an interest in the life of their children, especially their adult-children and are willing to even learn from their children, then children of every age will learn to take an interest in others, and thus learn to develop and nourish the family relationship.

The family is the place where children learn to understand and live in a community. When children experience personal interest and self-fulfilment as more important than faith, family or community, then they will make their own will and autonomy more important than anything else. When children are formed in a family which understands its role as the domestic church that discerns and does the will of God, then children learn to understand that relationships and faith in God are an essential part of who we are, and not simply something we do when we find a few moments on the occasional Sunday morning.

On the Feast Day of the only perfect family that ever lived on this earth, all parents are encouraged to examine themselves and see how they are fulfilling the responsibility which God has placed on them. As is said during the marriage ceremony: "children are a gift from God to you," a gift for this life to be the joy of your young years and a help and comfort in your old age; but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which you are accountable before God and which you have to return to Him.

May God bless all your families in the New Year with peace, joy and happiness, and a true desire to do the will of God in all things.

Thank you for all your support at Christmas!

Thank You to all those who helped prepare our church and celebrations for Christmas -To the musicians, readers, servers, acolytes, children's pageant, flowers, altar and crib preparation - a BIG THANK YOU!

THANK YOU also to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas collections and to the Christmas offering envelopes. The Christmas Offering Envelopes are still able to be supported throughout the Christmas Season. The Christmas offering envelopes assist clergy in ministries beyond parishes. Thank you for your support.

O Come all Ye Faithful.

O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant
 O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
 Come and behold Him Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

Sing all ye citizens
 of heaven above

Glory to God

Glory in the highest

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
 The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes
 I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
 And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
 And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Silent Night

Silent night holy night
 All is calm all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and Child
 Holy Infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night holy night
 Shepherds quake at the sight
 Glories stream from heaven afar
 Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
 Christ the Saviour is born,
 Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night holy night
 Son of God love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With the dawn of redeeming grace
 Jesus Lord at Thy birth,
 Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
 Let earth receive her King
 Let every heart prepare Him room
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns
 Let men their songs employ
 While fields and floods
 Rocks hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify
 you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
 Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NEXT WEEKEND

Roster: 5 / 6 January 2018

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6:00PM Vigil	Jim Lemcke	Family Vigil Youth	1 Robyn Meehan 2 Paul Thambyah 3 Prescilla Luzon 4 Sue Metzmacher 5 Pam Keenan 6 Rita D'Mello
8:00AM	Stephen Topple	Joseph D'Mello Judith Orrock	1 Odette Sequeira 2 Chris Twomey
10:00AM	Joel Tabuso	Joan D'souza Kathleen Ryan	1 Connie Buttigieg 2 Darryle Fernandes 3 Felicity Donnelly 4 Celeste Villarente 5 Connie Buttigieg 6 Felissa Tan



Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

BAPTISM: Welcome to our newest Christians **Jack Williamson and Gabriel Adam**, who will be baptised this Sunday 30 December at 10am

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- Mon 31** Saint Silvester I, Pope
- Tue 1** MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Solemnity
- Wed 2** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors
- Thu 3** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Sun 6** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Solemnity

Pro-Life Training Day - February 2019

Internationally renowned speaker Brendan Malone will run workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. We are expecting a new abortion up to birth bill in NSW parliament soon. We must prepare to combat this. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday February 16, 9am to 5pm at St Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd. Dulwich Hill. RSVP essential: www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ

JANUARY Church Cleaner Roster

Sarah Magsakay, Henna, Colleen MaGuire & Sue Lobo
LINEN: Ancy Joy (Weekly)
 Carolyn Thomas (End of month)
VACUUM ROSTER: Justin Isaac

Become a Catechist for 2019.

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

Are you new to the Parish?

Welcome. It is great to have you here. Please make our parish your home. Feel welcome to share experiences and ministries from your previous parish with our community. Please complete a parish registration & census form at the office. Consider volunteering and joining the parish planned giving.

Celebrations between

SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER

9.15am: Weekday Communion Service

6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER: (HOLY FAMILY)

8am & 10am Mass

MONDAY 31 DECEMBER:

9.15am Mass

TUESDAY 1 JANUARY (New Year's Day)

11AM Mass

WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY

9.15am Mass

(Mass of Remembrance for Fr Maloney and Margaret Hallam)

THURSDAY 3 JANUARY

9.15am Communion Service

FRIDAY 4 JANUARY

9.15am Mass

SATURDAY 5 JANUARY

9.15am Mass

(Thanksgiving Mass from Jose Tan Family)

6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 6 JANUARY: 8am and 10am Mass

Thank You from Estia Nursing Home

Estia Health Ryde express their gratitude to the St Michael's Parish and Parishioners for their support in the last year and especially for the Christmas presents that were received prior to Christmas. This gesture has brought much joy to the residents.

Church Cleaning, Altar Linen & Flowers

Have you ever noticed how beautiful our sanctuary and church is arranged? We have a great team of helpers who arrange flowers, clean and vacuum the church on a weekly basis. We always need more help. Please consider volunteering by contacting Marie Bennett on 0447 830 551. Flowers cost about \$100 per week. Please consider donating to the Altar Society. Donation boxes are at the church doors.