



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YR B
31ST DECEMBER, 2023

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

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Context Connection: This week’s Gospel tells the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem by Joseph and Mary. As faith-filled Jews, Mary and Joseph, in compliance with Jewish ritual, consecrate their firstborn son to God. The presentation is required because it recalls the hand of God delivering the Jews from Egyptian slavery when God had the angel of death, at Passover, take the lives of the first-born males of the Egyptians. From that time forward, Jews have dedicated their first-born sons to God for saving them; the first-born son “belongs” to God.

In the passage by Luke, we meet Simeon and Anna, who represent the faithful Jew who has been waiting in hope for the coming of the redemption of the promised Messiah. We learn that Simeon is a righteous man upon whom the Holy Spirit rests. The Holy Spirit has revealed to Simeon that Simeon will encounter the promised Messiah before he dies. Immediately upon Joseph and Mary’s entering the Temple area with the child Jesus, Simeon takes Jesus in his arms and gives praise and thanksgiving to God for allowing him to see the Messiah. Simeon’s prayer can be found in Luke 2:29–32. This is called the *Nunc dimittis*, which is traditionally part of compline (night office) in the Liturgy of the Hours. Then Simeon gives his blessing to Joseph, Mary, and Jesus with this prophesy: “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed” (2:34–35). Then Simeon adds this specific prophecy for Mary: “A sword will pierce your own soul too” (2:35). Simeon’s words are ominous; he speaks of a schism, where one person will chose Jesus while another will reject him. This idea is repeated many times in the Gospel of Luke. The message to Mary is about the demands of discipleship. Through Simeon’s words, Luke says that to be a disciple of Jesus is not easy. To love Jesus is to suffer with him. Right from the beginning of the Gospel of Luke, we have the foreshadowing of the necessity of the suffering of Jesus in the universal mission of the Messiah. Through Simeon’s words, the shadow of the cross already casts its shadow on the Holy Family. Luke is also saying that it should not come as any surprise to the followers of Jesus that they too will have to suffer as they live lives of Gospel values.

Anna, a faithful Jew, also is one who points to Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. She has dedicated her life to prayer and fasting with the hope that God will award her the privilege of encountering the Messiah, who will bring about the redemption of Jerusalem. In the deep recesses of her heart, she knows that Jesus is the one.

Tradition Connection: Luke uses the occasion of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple as a way to point out to all believers that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Luke wants everyone to know that Jesus is the long-expected Messiah the Jews have spoken of. However, Jesus is a Messiah of God’s making not of humans’ desire (see CCC, number 529).

Most of the expectation of the Jewish Messiah can be found in the writings of the prophets of the Old Testament. Isaiah says it will be a small group of poor individuals that will recognize the coming of the true Messiah. Luke is very careful to describe both Simeon and Anna as individuals who are poor in world possessions but found to be in the favor with the Holy Spirit because of their lives of prayer, fasting, and righteousness.

Throughout the Gospels, the true nature of Jesus as the Messiah, the Servant of the Servants, is revealed. This is an image that already is revealed by the prophet Isaiah in the servant songs. Luke helps the Christian community maturate its understanding of the Messiah as the servant who would bring about salvation of humankind through the Holy Spirit by Jesus’s Passion and death.

Wisdom Connection: Simeon and Anna represent the faithful Israelite who has patiently waited for the coming of the Messiah. Most Jews, however, are expecting a Messiah who will be a worldly leader and will restore the glorious Kingdom of Israel. If Simeon and Anna can recognize the true identity of Jesus at the time of his presentation in the Temple, how much easier it should be for the members of the Christian community to accept Jesus as the Messiah after all the good works he did in his life and how he suffered and died? Simeon also speaks of the way the Messiah will bring about the salvation of all humankind, through suffering and death. And being a follower of Jesus does not exempt any of Jesus’s disciples from a life of suffering and possible death.

Luke 2:22–40 Context courteous <https://www.liturgia.com.au/app>



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St. Joseph’s Parish Mass Times

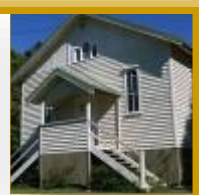
*Monday 8:00am , Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,
 Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am*

Reconciliation

Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm

*St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time
 Third Sunday of the month 10:00am*

*St Augustine’s Church Palmwoods Mass Time
 Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm*



*St John Bosco Church
 21 Anne Street
 Kenilworth*

Saturday 30 December

4:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Sunday 31 December

*THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH*
8:00am Mass

Monday 1 January

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Years Day*
Office closed
8:00am Mass

Wednesday 3 January

10:00am Liturgy of the Word
with Communion

Friday 5 January

8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration
6:00pm Benediction—*Deacon
Adrian*

Saturday 6 January

9:00am Baptism Parent
Information Session
11:00am Mass—Marion
Movement combined Cenacle
SSCoast—*Fr Jim*
4:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Sunday 7 January

The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00am Mass

Please pray for the Sick and needy and all the sick and needy and their families, particularly Yvonne & Bob Reid, Aiden Doyle and Doreen Brennan and all those affected by any illness or virus, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick.



Mass on Demand is available 24/7 on <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>. Please advise the Parish office when you or your loved ones are well enough to be removed from the prayers.

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital including Tita Marshall, Neal McIntyre, Tom Mathews, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Diane Price, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Grant Allen (Kenilworth), Olivia McNamee (12 yr old), Jim McLeod, Maree Kruger, Val Chatterton, Baby Koa Pegler, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity.

Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them including all those in the Parish Prayer petition book. Especially Margaret Cody, Elvira Quinn, Edna Veronica May.

The Prayer petition book is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

Please pray for the holy souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends.

Anniversaries:

Remember in your prayers Malcolm Pearce 9/1, Terence Hopkinson 31/12, Leo Juratowitch 24/12, Jan Pearson 2/1/22, Fr. Frank Heffernan 23/12/1996, Robbie Keegan 18/12/22, Mark Turner 17/12/22, George & Florence Kenyon, Raymond (Tom) Leslie McDougall 03.12.2022, Jason Kunkel 28/11, Dorothea Cornish 24/11, Hilda Pulache 19/11, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

Deceased:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently departed especially John McGoldrick, Lachlan James Robbins 29 years old (Grandson of Joan & Barry Pobjoy) Joseph Clutterbuck (Mackay), Sesto Porcellini (Peter & Jennifer's father/inlaw) Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Sundays:

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

Tuesdays:

9:15am Tai Chi
(recess from 21/11/23—20/2/2024)
Ryan Room
Enquiries 0427 690 072

Fridays:

6:00pm RICA - Ryan
Room

ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH

Thursdays:

9:30am Christian Meditation

Sundays:

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the
word with Communion

Third Sundays: Next: Sun 28th Jan

10:00am Mass

Fifth Sundays:

9:00am Ecumenical Service

This weekend we welcome Fr Jim Smith, presiding at Mass on Saturday @ 6pm, Sunday @ 8:00am and Monday @ 8:00am for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.



On behalf of Fr Odinaka, Fr Jim, Deacon Adrian, Cecilia & Julia, we also wish you a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year 2024.

2024 Parish Study Program

1. On line learning with 'Transformed Catholics' Program
2. Group studies using DVD and workbook
3. Parish Book Club
4. Arete Residential and on line training - for 2025

Sign in to any, or all of the studies via:

- The QR Code opposite
- The link: bit.ly/CFStudygroup
- The sign up page at the Church - The Parish Office will then register you

(please include your email address when you sign in)

Your early sign up will help gauge likely interest across the programs and allow more detailed information to be sent to you

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St Joseph's Church Nambour has set up an account for fundraising funds for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Please support, it will be a great Christmas gift to the Parish, either by dropping off containers at the depot or the Parish.

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1. Go to the bulk gate at any distribution centre
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- at stjoe.nambour@bne.catholic.net.au

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ADORATION

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of faith, adoration, love,

thanksgiving, repentance and charity that we can offer him as we contemplate — His Divine Majesty— In the Blessed Sacrament.

'Could you not watch one hour with Me?'

Please come, join and adore Jesus in the Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday 5th January, 2024** following 8:00am Mass, from 8.30am concluding with Benediction @ 6:00pm.

MARIAN MOVEMENT COMBINED CENACLE SUNSHINE COAST.

First Saturdays of the month.

Next—6th January, 2024

@ St. Joseph's Church
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Mass at 11:00

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Rosary; Divine Mercy
Chaplet; Our Lady of
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& Catholic Hymn**



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Ecumenical Ministry

Joan Pobjoy.

Eucharistic Adoration

Rosanna Tumelty

& Adrian Eldridge.

Helping Hands

Kate Bourassa & Jan Imarisio.

Youth Minister

To be confirmed

Contact all Ministry Coordinators
C/- Parish Office 54411034

ST JOSEPH'S USUAL MONTHLY DIARY

1st Monday:

- ◆ 5:30pm Monday
Liturgy Meeting 5th February, 2024

1st Wednesday:

- ◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass
- ◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome
- ◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly

1st Friday:

- ◆ 8:30am—6:00pm
10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding at 6:30pm

1st Saturday:

- ◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation
- ◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSCoast—all welcome

3rd Sunday:

- ◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth
- ◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

5th Sunday:

- ◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

Last Monday-bi-monthly

- ◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands
Next meeting tbc

Last Friday:

- ◆ 6:00pm
St Joseph's Men's Group



Fr F.V. Hefferan Bursary & Awards 2024.

The Executive Committee for the Fr F.V. Hefferan Bursary & Awards wish to advise the 2024 round for applications will be a fallow year.

The 2025 round will be promoted in September 2024 with applications opening in November 2024.

COUNTERS: This week: Group 1: E. Lawrence, T. McCorley, D. Kelly, T. Keegan, M. Murphy, D. Cuskelly
Next week: Group 2: S. Brinnand, J. Bourassa, M. Murphy, D. Cuskelly

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Last week:
Loose: \$3929.45
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