



28/29 December 2019-Year A Feast of the Holy Family



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes
Children's Liturgy during School
Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's
Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am Mass and
Adoration till 10am.

Reconciliation: Saturday
4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -
check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His
ways.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of His
message live within you. Alleluia!

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

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family

1. Weeping for the Children

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to flee,
because Herod was looking for the young child to destroy him. And so
Joseph fled and the young child—Jesus, the Lord—was saved.

Herod, who couldn't find the particular young child he was looking for,
hedged his bets by killing every young child in Bethlehem (Mt 2:16).
Another part of the Gospel (Mt. 2:17-18) quotes Jeremiah to explain how
bad it was then in Bethlehem: Rachel weeping for her children and would
not be comforted because they were not.

**Because Jesus lived to die, there is a consolation even for
inconsolable tears.**

Why didn't God send his angel to warn all the fathers of young children in
Bethlehem? What happened to the heartfelt compassion and gentleness
that Paul recommends in the Second Reading? Doesn't God have
gentleness for all young children? Doesn't God have compassion for all
parents of young children? Isn't God perfect love? Why did he let all these
children die?

But here is another question: why did God take care to make sure that the
young child Jesus would live? Here is the answer: because Jesus came to
die for all people, young children, adults, old people. Jesus came to die as
an adult, on the cross. And so he couldn't die as a young child.

Because he came to die, because he suffered and died on the cross, there
is real life, unending life, for everyone who dies, at any age.

There is something worth inconsolable tears in the death of every human
being, and especially in the death of children, so innocent, so lovely. And
yet because Jesus lived to die, there is a consolation even for inconsolable
tears.

In Jeremiah, the lines about Rachel weeping for her children are not the
end of the passage. It finishes this way: thus says the Lord, don't cry, don't
cry! Your children will come again! They will come again, in the end, to
their own home. (Jer 31:16)

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

30 December - 4 January 2020

L Pecotich, M Gimellaro,
M DeVries, S Taoum

6-11 January
Volunteers



READERS ROSTER

28/29 December

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Heidi O'Neill

Readers:

Heidi O'Neill: 1st Reading

Mark O'Neill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

4/5 January 2020 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Margaret de Vries

Readers:

Margaret de Vries: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Liz Habib

Readers:

Liz Habib: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Massimo Sofi

Readers:

Massimo Sofi: 1st Reading

Sam Sofi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

28/29 December

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Frances Musso

4/5 January 2020

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Olivia Tropea

ACOLYTES ROSTER

28/29 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

4/5 January 2020

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

28 December

School Holidays

4 January 2020

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

29 December

Lina & Faye

12 January 2020

Lina & Santina

