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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS OF ST JOSEPH'S ENFIELD
May God's love light your way and lead you with faith, love and joy in this new year. May you and your families be blessed with all good things God will bring. "For I know the plans I have for you....to give you a future and a hope" Jer 29:11...

New Years Day Mass Monday 1 January 9:15am.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2018

RECONCILIATION Year 3 and older.

Enrolment Date Saturday 5th May 2018 at 4pm. **Sacrament Date:**

Thursday 28th June at 6:30pm.



CONFIRMATION

Enrolment Date Sunday 6th May at 4pm.

Sacrament Date: Saturday TBA June 10am & 2pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment Date Saturday 4th August 2018 at 4pm.

Sacrament Dates: September Sat & Sun weekends 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd.

RECONCILIATION Year 2 and older.

Enrolment Date Saturday 27th October 2018 at 4pm.

Sacrament Date: Thursday 29th November 6.30pm.

ROSTERS

The new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the sick, and cleaners rosters are now available for collection at the entrance of the church under the Pope Francis photo. Please collect your new rosters.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Denise Nerrills 1 Austin Cres, Belfield.

Please call Denise on 049 919 5404 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

PRAYER GROUP

Prayer group resumes Wednesday 24th January 2018.

HEALING MASS CHOIR PRACTISE

Will be held Friday 29th December 7:15pm.

JANUARY HEALING MASS

Friday 5th January 2018

Celebrant: Fr. Yacub Barkat

Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7—8pm,

Prayer & Praise 7.30pm, Mass 8pm

Exposition (after Mass)

Prayer Ministry available after Mass.

For more information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE POTTS POINT CELEBRATING 160th ANNIVERSARY

St Vincent's College Potts Point will be celebrating their 160th Anniversary in 2018. A calendar of events will be published on the website

www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au. The College, Ex-Students' Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies' Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited and encouraged to participate and spread the word.

www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

CAMPION SUMMER PROGRAM 8-12 JANUARY 2018

Campion Summer program is forming young minds in faith and reason. Looking for 16 – 24 year olds to come join the Campion summer program in Jan 8-12 2018.

Experience College life and a taste of the Campion College course: | Literature | History | Hiking | Coastal Walks & Swims | Theology | Philosophy | Sports | Other Activities. Registration: \$390 per person - Financial assistance available For more information: visit www.campion.edu.au/summer or contact us at study@campion.edu.au, Tel: 0413489738.

CALLING ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus.

Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE now offers a

series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

Dear parishioners,

Christmas celebrations at our parish was amazing, thank you to all those involved especially the choirs with many singers coming to more than one Mass. It was a wonderful time for the parish community to share our faith to those who don't regularly attend our services and share the birth of Our Saviour for everyone who desires to have Jesus for Christmas. All the Masses were well attended. It is always wonderful to see many Catholics come together on this happy occasion to celebrate our faith. I pray they continue with the joy of Christmas by coming to Mass each week, since God has always something good to give us. We continue to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas until the Epiphany.

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Holy Family.

We might have a close family or happy family but not a holy family. What in particular makes a family holy? We can see the example of Joseph that his obedience to God, makes him and his family holy. The family function in God's plan is not to make each other happy but holy. Joseph sees his love for Mary and Jesus within the love he has for God. Many times Joseph's feelings tempted him not to obey God, but he didn't listen to his feelings, but to God. Sometimes God calls us to sacrifice our feelings as a sign of love to follow the ways of holiness.

Holiness is like any other virtue, it needs to be pursued with great enthusiasm and commitment to be attained. It should be a Christian greatest desire to be holy since God is holy. We don't spend enough time pursuing holiness. If we pursue it like many other hobbies we get involved in, we would certainly advance quickly to be the person we like to be become. The Holy Spirit loves us when we desire holiness since He desires to make us holy.

In the end all holiness comes from Jesus Christ, He is always the source, but if we do a loving act or obey God, then we share in Christ's holiness through the Holy Spirit. We then also become a source of holiness to inspire others too. Let us live for holiness and pursue it like climbing a great mountain. We need to risk everything even our live to be victorious. But it will be worth it since you will be your own master, you will have more of a sense of self, more calmer, more prayerful, joyful, loving and wiser.

Holiness can be achieved when families pray together. A family that prays together stays together. The Rosary is a powerful prayer that helps us become children of God. Everyday work also can sanctify us in God's presence and plans. God's love is in all the ordinariness of daily lives, but we need to have this intention to be holy when we carry out our daily duties.

Fr. Kim

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 1st January - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday 2nd January—Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Week 1 – 06/07 Jan	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Domenic	Chris
1st Reader	Lalita	Tania	Monique	Chris
2nd Reader	Maria	Rose	Donna	Simran
EMHC	Lina & Kevin F	Romanta & Sr. Helena	Adrienne & Beryl H	James
Music (Please advise the parish office)	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	To be advised	To be advised
Altar Servers	Louis, Mateusz, Gideon & Grace	Annabelle, Savannah	Daniel	Isabella, Nate, Morgan
Counters	Graeme & Beryl Henneberry			
Ministers to the Sick	Marianne Freitas Sue Chidiac Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Church Cleaning 01-07	Stella Lin, Elizabeth Lees, Gabriella Taouk, Stephanie Wong			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Motto

Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.

For all new enrolments please call 9744 2811, or email school at info@stjfield.catholic.edu.au

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick

Lee Tilliam
Fedorowicz Family
Sokolowski Family
Sharon Holliday
Sarah Holliday
Zachary Marsh
Sue Brancatisano
Bishop Geoffrey
Nikranicz Family
Waslowicz Family
Michael Abou-Antoun
Douglas Edwards
Helen Bache
Lan Fon Yu
Anna Pezzuto
Sonia Grigoriou
Chris Dimitriadis
Barbara Mitchell
Lina Grande
Michael Tucker
Antoniette Serci
Sean Da Silva
Alfonso Costantini
Joseph You
Martin Fleming
Sam Shepherd
Patrick Morris
Rocob Shi
Haishong Andy Shi
Theresa Lee
Urban Fernandez
Beatrice Fernandez

For the Souls of

George Martinus
Matanios Elias
Dallal Elias
Josephine Elias
Theresa Elias
Matanios Ameen Moussa
Moussa Family
Chafic Elcham
Hannah Elcham
Elcham Family
Francesco Licastro
Constance Rada
Giuseppina Mannino
Richard Lyons
Carmela Pafumi
Joseph Gales
Giovanni Fichera
Giuseppe Coslovich
Henry McQuirk
Bruno Buffin
Mavis Chan
Vincenzo Patane
Angelo Ragazzini
Elizabeth Burgess
Souls of the unborn children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

Serafino De Giorgio
John Chu
Dorothea Dina Pizzolato
Salvatore Pizzolato
Jane Bedwani
Gene Liew
Marmora Family

Recently Deceased

Carmelo Calandra
Gennaro Ruggiero
James Baca
Victor Liew

Special Intentions

Pezzuto Family
Grigoriou Family
Dimitriadis Family

GOSPEL

Lk 2: 22, 39-40

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*Longer form Lk 2: 22-40***HOMILY****PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED***Or the Nicene Creed May be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:***R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

P. We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.**PREFACE I, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD***After the Preface, we sing or say:***All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.****Heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.****THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**COMMUNION RITE**

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.***LAMB OF GOD****All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.****INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bar 3:38****Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****NO HEADING SUPPLIED**

The prayer at today's Mass speaks of the Holy Family as an "example" for "imitation." For most people present, however, the gap between the small family at Nazareth and the reality of family life today may appear far too wide for comparison.

In one aspect, however, there may be some likeness.

Joseph and Mary dutifully bring their child to the temple to observe "what stands written in the law of the Lord". The custom of "redeeming" a first born (whether a child or animal) acknowledged that fact that all life was ultimately the possession and gift of the Lord. Joseph and Mary were in this sense "buying back" their child from the Lord.

Their Child was, like all children, the Lord's gift to his parents. But, unlike all other children, he was uniquely the gift of God's only Son, not just to Mary and Joseph, but to the entire world as its Saviour. One day they, especially his mother, would have to surrender him back to the Lord, to carry out this role, one that would not be without cost both to him and to them.

Simeon senses this with his prophecy about a "sword" that would "pierce" Mary's soul.

All parents know that the joy of receiving children from God is accompanied by endless calls upon their time, energy, and understanding. Ultimately too they have to allow their children to claim their own individuality and freedom as they move through adolescence to adulthood. In this they are not so far from the surrender asked of Mary and Joseph.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / B

31 DECEMBER 2017

SEE THIS CHILD! Many parents have looked at their newborn child and wondered: what will this child turn out to be? Parenting is always a journey in faith in which there will be occasions of joy, and also times of pain, as Abraham and Sarah, and Mary and Joseph, discovered. On this feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Lk 2:16

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

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.**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.

COLLECT

P. O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in

practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING**

Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless . . .' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.**RESP PSALM**

Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9. R. vv. 7, 8

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, / make known his deeds among the peoples. / O sing to him, sing his praise; / tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

2. Be proud of his holy name, / let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. / Consider the Lord and his strength; / constantly seek his face. **R.**

3. Remember the wonders he has done, / his miracles, the judgements he spoke. / O children of Abraham, his servant, / O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, / his promise for a thousand generations, / the covenant he made with Abraham, / the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Heb 1: 1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!