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**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and
Joseph
Year B**

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

First Reading: *A reading from the book of Genesis (15:1-6, 21:1-3)*

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.

Responsorial Psalm: *(Psalms 127:1-5)*

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever

- 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)**
- 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)**
- 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)**
- 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: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (11:8, 11-12, 17-19)*

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.

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

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:22-40)*

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 - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. 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 in maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Memorial Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

All our Masses are being offered "pro populo" - for the intentions of the people of God.

Pastoral Corner



The feast of the Holy Family, coming within the Christmastide celebrations, gives us a further opportunity to reflect on the miracle of the incarnation of Jesus into a human family. God provided this special family to protect and nurture his Son during his earthly life. This family, who were so faithful and instantly obedient to God's will, provides us with a model that shows us how to be committed to and care for the family with which we have been blessed.

Have you ever wondered about the instant obedience that Joseph displayed when he was warned that Jesus was in danger in a dream? How instant is our obedience when we recognise that God is asking us to do something that will be disruptive to our life? Reflect on your own experience of family life. What is it that makes some relationships more special than others and can you identify ways in which you have come to experience God's love in your family?



Happy New Year!

We give thanks to Almighty God for all the benefits and graces that we received this year. 2020 has certainly been for all of us a year like no other. In the midst of the confusion and the discomfort generated by Covid-19 we have learnt to be more patient and more humble and more conscious of our limitations and the lack of control that we have over our lives. We also discovered that we have strength that we never thought we had and the resources that can only flow from the Lord's providence. We are therefore grateful for the security that we have enjoyed during those uncertain times. On that note Fr Victor and I would like to wish you and your loved ones much joy, happiness and peace in the coming year. May 2021 bring us closer to one another and closer to Christ.

Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE PP

St Emilie's Parish RE Program Enrolments for 2021: The RE Program is now finished for 2020. We will be taking enrolments again for 2021 in late January and early February all being well. Families who have already been enrolled will be notified of the dates etc. and it will also be published in the St Emilie's Sunday Bulletin. Enquiries to **Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900** or email **lharkins@iinet.net.au**.

Adoration at St Emilie's

The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour each Tuesday will be in recess between 22 December 2020 and 5 January 2021 inclusive. It will resume on Tuesday 12 January 2021. May we all share in the Lord's blessing for a very happy and holy Christmas and experience a safe and healthy New Year.





Personal Advocacy Service needs your **HELP!!**

Do you still have a valid driver's License and time to share your life experiences over a cuppa?

Personal Advocacy Service an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Personal Advocacy recognises the human dignity and spiritual worth of all persons, including those with disabilities. We believe that all persons are created by God to fulfil a unique mission on this earth and to bring their own special gifts into the lives of all they touch.

These may seem like very ordinary activities but some of this would not be possible for our friends without the extra help. If you are a caring person, have love of faith and enjoy meeting new people and have a sense of fun, come and join us. St Emile's parish along with Fr. Jean-Noel MARIE is looking forward to a group starting here in your parish centre in 2021.

For each person with intellectual disability, an environment, conducive to growth may need to be initiated and supported by a close one-to-one relationship with another member of the community. Personal Advocacy is committed to offering appropriate motivation, training and support to ordinary members of the community, to enable them to take up the role of personal advocate.

As people with intellectual disability are assisted in achieving their rights to belong and grow, both within the local parish and wider communities, their contribution will enrich the lives (life) of the whole community.

If your New Year's resolution is to make a difference in someone's life, Personal Advocacy Service needs you.

The small group runs on 8 volunteers. We are in need more volunteers. If you would like more information about us, please Contact Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on **9256-9650** or email Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au God Bless you all. Thank you for reading this notice.

Find out more about us from our website www.paswa.org.au

CHRISTMAS TIME CALENDAR

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 26 - Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday, December 27 - Mass at 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.00pm

Tuesday, December 29 - Mass at 6.00pm

Wednesday, December 30—Mass at 9.00am & 6.00pm

Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.00pm

Friday, January 01 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass at 9.00am

Feast of Epiphany

Saturday, January 02 - Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday, January 03 - Mass at 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.00pm



*Mary
Mother of God*

2020 NEW YEAR'S EVE
MIDNIGHT MASS
Thursday December 31

11.00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
12.00 am Midnight Mass
Refreshments

Bring your thanksgiving for the past year
and welcome the graces of the coming year!

OUTDOOR EVENT please bring own chairs!!!
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December 31st- New Year's Eve
Midnight Mass

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