

First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025

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Holy Family Catholic Parish

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First Sunday of Lent, Year C
9 March 2025

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Minto

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Reflection

The Gospel for the 1st Sunday of Lent tells the story of the temptation of Jesus by Satan. Over 40 days of fasting, the devil entices Jesus with offers of comfort, power and prestige. At each opportunity, Jesus responds with Scripture and reaffirms his commitment to God's will.

Temptations are opportunities for our spiritual growth; the more we overcome temptation, the more we grow in spiritual strength. Jesus used his faith and knowledge of Scripture to hold fast to his convictions and not fall prey to the temptations the Devil laid out in front of him.

We face temptations every day. We may feel the desire for a higher social status, prestige and recognition, satisfaction of the body or an appetite for power and financial wealth. Temptations lead to the desire for instant gratification. A lack of self-control can cause us to fall even deeper to the things that tempt us. It can lead to uncontrolled behaviour, abuse, overspending, excess consumption and often greed.

But temptations are not sins. What matters is what we do with them. Overcome, they make us stronger in our following of Christ. Succumbed to, they make us slaves worshipping the devil, whose "works and empty promises" we are called to renounce - at baptism and during this Lenten season. Christ shows us we are not alone.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. Luke 4:1

SERVICE TIMES			
Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	Adoration	Tues	7.30pm
Holy Trinity	Benediction	First Friday of each month	9.30am
	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
Holy Trinity	Rosary	Mon	7pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

What's On In Our Parish

March

- 10 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Session 1 - 6.30pm
15 Church Cleaning - "Team B"
15 & 16 Social Gathering Weekend after all Masses
17 St Patrick's Feast Day (Holy Family 9am Mass)
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Session 2 - 6.30pm
19 St Joseph Feast Day
(Holy Family 9am/7pm, Holy Trinity 6pm)
24 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Session 3 - 6.30pm
25 Annunciation of the Lord
(Holy Family 9am/7pm Mass - Rosary 6.30pm)
31 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Session 4 - 6.30pm

April

- 2 Monthly Morning Tea - 9.45am
4 Sacrament of Reconciliation 5pm Liturgy (**for enrolled students only**)
20 Social Gathering - *after 9am Mass only*

Liturgical Dates

March

- 17 St Patrick, *Bishop*
19 St Joseph, *Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
25 The Annunciation of the Lord

LEGION OF MARY

7.30pm every Wednesday Church Meeting Room

BIBLE READING

9.45am 2nd & 4th Wednesday
Parish Meeting Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

Every Friday of Lent
Stations of the Cross 7pm in the Church
Lenten Reflection Program 7.45pm in the Parish
Meeting Room.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

6.30pm 2nd and 4th Friday Parish Meeting Room

CHILDRENS LITURGY

During 9am Mass 2nd and 4th Sunday

With joyful hearts, during February, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Holy Family Parish community:



Carter McGeoch, Sofia Thelmo, Aria Aslan, Lara Aslan, Ethan Ienna, Reynald Kumar, Fred Lapham, Marija Rosa Rakvin, Samuel Morell-Koroi and Catherine Jose.

We ask God to bless these children, their parents, Godparents and families, to surround them with your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their lives.

Visiting the Sick and Homebound: There are an increasing number of people who, whether due to age or ill health, are not able to attend Church, but would like to receive Holy Communion. If you, or someone you know, is in this situation, please contact the Parish Office so that a visit can be arranged.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session 1:

Date: Monday, 10 March 2025

Time: 6.30pm. Please ensure you arrive by 6.15pm to allow time to register attendance, pay enrolment fee (**CASH ONLY**) and collect workbook. Please ensure you bring a pencil with you.

Venue: Parish Meeting Room.

Reminder: Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all sessions. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact the parish office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17 March St Patrick's Feast Day

Holy Family 9am Mass

Wednesday 19 March St Joseph Feast Day

Holy Family 9am and 7pm

Holy Trinity 6pm

Tuesday 25 March Annunciation of the Lord

Holy Family 9am and 7pm (Rosary at 6.30pm)

Friday 4 April Sacrament of First Reconciliation Liturgy

5pm for enrolled students only

Saturday 3 May Liturgy Workshop

9.30am to 12noon - for current members of all Ministries

Confession

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness". 1 John 1:9

Saturday 9am to 10am
Tuesday 6.30pm to 7pm

HOLY FAMILY LENTEN SERVICES

Sunday Mass & Weekday Mass

9am and 5pm Sunday

9am Wednesday to Friday

7pm Tuesday

5pm Vigil Saturday

Morning Prayer

6am Monday to Friday in the Church

Stations of the Cross

7pm every Friday in the Church

Lenten Reflection Program

7.45pm in the Parish Meeting Room (please bring your copy of "Metanoia").

We pray ... For world leaders and policy makers to work to foster peace and justice in all nations.

For those impacted by natural disasters. For those feeling overwhelmed and challenged in mind, body, soul and spirit. For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: *May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers. Amen.*

For our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them; Ann Marie Proud, David Harrison, Marie Crotty, Gina Macalalad, Erwin Andrade, Rose Davis, Joelle Cadoue, Hoydee Rios, Richard Valovalo, Tom Cudmore, Frank Cudmore, Pearl Savage, Ofelia Gonzales, Akata, Doris Benjamin, Moy McConnell, Assunta Limpin, Regina Montoya, Bernardina Velenzuela, Walter & Nell Glynn, Elsa Mendoza, Najwa, Celeste Paguia, Liza Lambo, Bill Clarke.

For our recently dearly departed: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

Rebecca Forwood, Brian Smith, Lucia Rosalejos, Maritess Vinoya, Anna Dall, Yvonne and John Gatta, Josephine Trimarchi, Angelina Smith, Assunta Limpin, Tojo Sebastian, Tino Lauofo, Pulimutath Chacko, Maria Lourdes Navarro Yap, Tanya Carney, Ricardo Villarosa, Gervacio Santos, Ma. Consuelo Balangon, Eleazar Makilan, Adrienne Mulvihill, Phil Eyles, Rodrigo Bautista, Sue Mahony, Alison Bowling, Peter Thinh Duc Nguyen.

For those whose death anniversaries occur at this time: *Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.* For all of our family member and friends; Lucia Rosalejos, Hilaria Jordan, Charles Thorley, Angelica Carvalho, Peter O'Connor, Giuseppe Occhiuto.

SERVING AS PARISH MINISTERS

As a parish, we need to continue to build the various parish ministry teams. Please give some consideration to joining one of our Parish Ministries: Acolyte, Altar Servers, Lectors (Readers), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

If you would like to join one of the Ministries, please contact Father Henry.

Parish Planned Giving

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