

The Living Word

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C

26 December 2021

First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10

*(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house,
O Lord.*

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet

been revealed,

all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our
own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son
Jesus Christ

and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us

by the Spirit that he has given us.

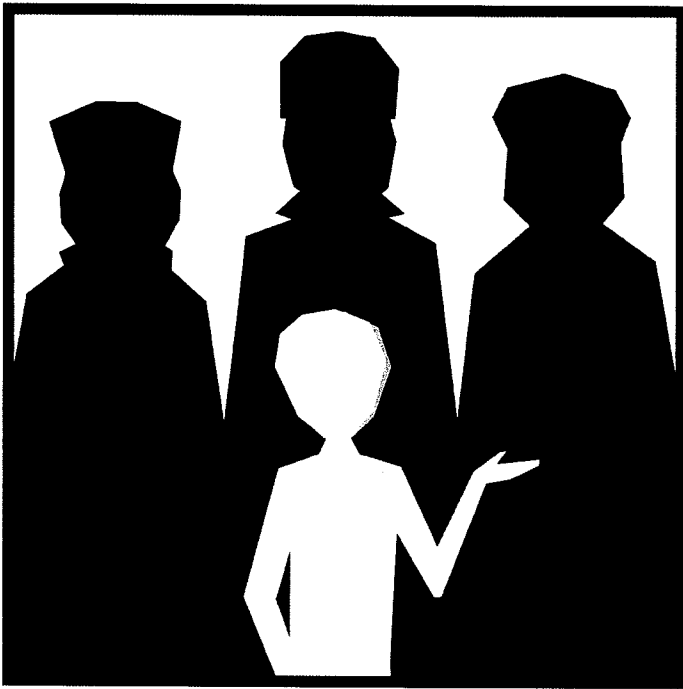
Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The optional readings for the feast of the Holy Family provide us an opportunity to reflect on 'family values' in a slightly different way. Here the pivotal theme is the union that we enjoy with God, a union of love that makes us children of God, members of the family of God. All other families find meaning and inspiration in this fundamental gathering. The stories of Hannah, Elkanah, and Samuel as well as Mary, Joseph and Jesus are examples of how the plan of God unfolds within the everyday occurrences of family life.

It is out of love that we are called to be children of God. As children of God, we are also joined to God's own Son, who has commanded us to love one another as God has loved all. If we are faithful to that commandment, Christ remains in us. We are bound to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The human family plays a significant role in the fashioning of the broader family of God. The larger family that God initiates is specified in unique historical families, as strange and as complex as those family relationships may be, with their joys and sorrows, their barrenness and their fruitfulness. There is no way of separating this human family and the broader people of God. The plan of God does not unfold in a vacuum, but in the everyday family situations that include separation and misunderstanding as well as joy and celebration.

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from *The Psalms, A New Translation*, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the *Jerusalem Bible*, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.

HOLY TRINITY

CATHOLIC PARISH

Incorporating the Mass centres and communities of

Holy Trinity Our Lady Star of the Sea Holy Family
34 Stevens St 68 John Dory Drive 101 Hitchcock Ave
Queenscliff Ocean Grove Barwon Heads

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen
Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera

Parish Office & Presbytery
34 Stevens Street, Queenscliff 3225

Telephone: (03) 5258 1673

Email: queenscliff@cam.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00am to 1:00pm
excluding public holidays

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff
Principal: Ms. Fiona Dawson, Tel: 5258 1736
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY Year C

Anniversaries 26 December to 1 January:

Laurene Anthony, Rosemary Lorenz, Michael Gillian, Dulcie Duffy, Annie Trotman, Nora Ellis, Maria Bernes Joan Shapter and Dola Harrison.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koertjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Santa Sutera, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.



**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a
happy, safe and prosperous New Year.
We hope you have a wonderful festive season
with loved ones.
- Fr Darien and Daniella**



**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

+ + +

TAR grocery collection boxes for Refugees in Geelong will be available at each church until Christmas. Your generosity is always most appreciated. TAR contact: Shirley 0409 424 243.

Santa Casa needs to find a part time cook and would like to offer the position to someone who needs the work. This would be from the 2nd week of January. It would be ideal for a mum as the hours are 9am - 3pm. The person would need to be able to cook and follow a recipe. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Sr Lizzie on 5258 2661 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

The Parish Office will be closed from 12pm on Friday
24th December 2021 and
reopening 10am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

+ + +

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 27th December – St John (Feast)

Tuesday 28th December – The Holy Innocents (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 29th December – 5th day in Octave of the Nativity

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 30th December – 6th day in Octave of the Nativity

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 31st December – 7th day in Octave of the Nativity

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 1st January – MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
(Solemnity)

Sunday 2nd January – The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Solemnity)

+ + +

Thought for the Week:

Share the simple pleasures
of this moment.

+ + +



Anthony & Letitia Dowling
with the friendly team you know and trust.

2 Park Lane, Ocean Grove VIC 3226

Phone: 5255 5655

Email: info@oceaneyes.com.au

Visit: www.oceaneyes.com.au



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies No Interest Loan Scheme ("NILS")

Geelong Vinnies NILS provides people on pensions & low incomes with loans up to \$1500 for essentials such as whitegoods, TVs, computers, medical & dental services, car repairs, etc... with absolutely no interest or fees! For further information, contact Vinnies NILS Tel 5229 8829 or email enquiries.nils@vinniesnils.org.au.



Nelson Property
Transfer Services
Geelong & Bellarine

Looking to buy, sell
or transfer property?

Contact Frank Nelson

0413 017 053

bellarine@npts.com.au



You're
in *safe*
hands

FLETCHERS

LOCAL EXPERTS

74 HESSE STREET, QUEENSCLIFF | 5258 2833

3/80 THE TERRACE, OCEAN GROVE | 5255 1721

bellarine@fletchers.net.au

fletchers.net.au

IT'S A FLETCHERS THING

CHARLIE'S MAINTENANCE CO

General maintenance, gardening, cleaning and tiling.

Servicing the Bellarine and Geelong areas.

Contact Charlie on 0413 609 170

or email charlie.sutera76@gmail.com