

# The Living Word

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

**29 December 2024**

## **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 Greg Sunter

We live in an era when we are constantly hearing about the demise of the family and the demise of family values. It seems that the family is under constant attack. Divorce rates are at an all-time high and a huge number of young people are raised in single-parent families, divided families or blended families. To talk about a 'typical' family is increasingly irrelevant. What we are learning to appreciate more and more is the diversity of family experience. Despite all this, there is no disputing the value of the family unit. Family is at the heart of our society; at the heart of our development; and at the heart of our Church. When we stop and think about it, the Holy Family that we honour today wasn't exactly what we might describe as a 'typical' family and yet they provide a model for all families.

In today's gospel, we get a snapshot of family life for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at a time when Jesus was 12 years old. We're reminded that the family was a faithful Jewish family, attending the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem every year. We're also reminded that it is at the Passover celebrations some 20 or so years later that Jesus will be tried and crucified. When Mary chastises the boy Jesus, he reminds her that he needs to be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph are confused by this, perhaps forgetting momentarily that Jesus is referring to his heavenly Father. This incident, so often dismissed as background 'colour' to the gospel narrative, conveys the significant truth that Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.

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# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH

*Incorporating the Mass centres and communities of*

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

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**  
BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

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**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME  
AFTER MASS**

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

**Anniversaries 29<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Edith Mary Reilly.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** John Anwyl, Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeanette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams.

## ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),  
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

**OCEAN GROVE: 5<sup>th</sup> January at 9:00am:**  
(C) (C) Majella O'Connor (L) Anne Bourke (SM) Judy Considine,  
David O'Connor (W) Michael and Barbara Hardy.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 5<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am:**  
(C) TBA (L) TBA (SM) TBA (W) TBA.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00am:**  
Emanuel Baglieri and Ken Caffyn.

## \*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\*

*If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office.*

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:  
[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/)  
*We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

**The Parish Office is closed from  
12:00pm 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Christmas Eve) and  
reopening 10:00am Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**Ocean Grove News:** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025, as we celebrate the arrival of the kings or wise people, children are welcome to come dressed as Kings or members of their caravan to join in the celebration.

**Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal.** These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.



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## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Solemnity)**

**NEW YEARS DAY**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Sts Basic the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (Memorial)**

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

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday before the Epiphany**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday before the Epiphany**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Solemnity)**

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## *Thought for the Week:*

*I wasn't afraid to fail. Something good  
always comes out of failure.*

*-Anne Baxter.*

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### **\*\* YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY \*\***

1. If an emergency occurs near you, please raise your hand or stand up and speak out to alert the Emergency Wardens. Directions as to what to do next will then be given and assistance rendered.
2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest. Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.
3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

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