

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

Lk 2:16

THE COLLECT

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, God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel

1:20-22.24-28

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 83:2-3.5-6.9-10.R.v5

R) They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

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)**

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)**

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

3:1-2.21-24

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Acts 16:14

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bar 3:38

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Very little is told us about the childhood and youth of Jesus; today's story is the whole of it! And what do we see? Jesus aged twelve, the year before the Bar Mitzva, his coming of age, with his mind already set on doing the will of his Father. For

what else is the meaning of , "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house"? Or, in another translation, "I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" No wonder Mary and Joseph were mystified! Even with the best will in the world (and we can certainly grant them that!) how could they possibly know or understand Jesus' love for his Father? Even the human love of the boy is the eternal Love of the eternal Son for the eternal Father! Even without the crucifixion, his human life of love and one-ness with the

Father while offering himself in union with his fellow human beings, would have restored the human race to friendship and union with God. The entire life of Jesus, the Incarnate Son, is redemption for us! The crucifixion was the supreme offering, revealing the profound evil of sin, sanctifying human suffering.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

57. This parable has to do with an age-old problem. Shortly after its account of the creation of the world and of man, the Bible takes up the issue of human relationships. Cain kills his brother Abel and then hears God ask: "Where is your brother Abel?" (Gen 4:9). His answer is one that we ourselves all too often give: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (ibid.). By the very question he asks, God leaves no room for an appeal to determinism or fatalism as a justification for our own indifference. Instead, he encourages us to create a different culture, in which we resolve our conflicts and care for one another.

FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME, HELPLESS BABE...

Reflection by Glenn Carroll

Reflecting on the Nativity scene, we see a family looking cosy in a stable being warmed by the breath of the cow and the donkey. Whatever artwork you look at, it all appears a perfect scene complete with proud parents looking on. Shepherds visiting with their fluffy lambs in their arms.

In reality, Our Lord Jesus was born in an animal feeding trough and the 'stable' was more likely a cave where the shepherds used to shelter their sheep from storms, it was cold, damp and dirty and for these proud parents, they were infact humble servants of God. The visiting shepherds were often thought of as crooks of the day and lowly citizens and yet were the first to be invited by the angel to give Glory.

For the new parents, this wasn't ideal for their new born but the fear of the unknown was quashed by having complete trust and faith in God. This first Christmas was simple, it was about God, it was about His plan. There were no nice fancy trimmings that we know today and yet here was the greatest gift of all.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, 'divinity is always where we least expect to find it!'

Let us reflect on this scene and know that however difficult our situation may be, having trust and faith in God will deliver us the peace that only the Helpless heavenly babe brings....





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Dear Parishioners

Today, we celebrate Feast of the Holy Family!

It's a very special Day for Our Parish as Our Parish is named after "The Holy Family". We commend all our families in the parish under the special protection of the Holy Family. Though we celebrate liturgically today, however we shall have our Parish Day Celebrations sometime in Summer, if conditions prevail favourably.

We are in the Christmas Season. Even amidst the looming pandemic panic and fear, we are encouraged by the angels who brought the "Good News" of the Birth of A Saviour, telling us "Do not be afraid". Let the Birth of Our Lord cast away all the fears that sin brings into the world. Let us live this Christmas season abandoning oneself to God's love, trusting and in firm faith in God, because in these days of Covid 19 pandemic there is a lack of "a sense of security, protection and tranquillity, a devastating scourge continue to alter our daily life". And only Love of God alone can strengthen us in our trials, to drive out fear from our hearts and enable us to do good works and keep our life going. That is the message from the Crib and the Holy Family therein.

My heartfelt that to each and every one who greeted me with Christmas Wishes and presents. May the Babe of Bethlehem bless you all abundantly now and

My Sincere **WISHES** for the NEW YEAR 2022 !!!

Reflection on Family: A family is a Christian family if Christ is at its centre. Where Christ reigns, love abounds. Husband, wife and children form the world's greatest team. Whether this team wins or loses depends largely on the love that binds them. Where love is, joy is shared, and sorrow eased. The Holy Family had its sorrows when they found that the Baby Jesus found missing. Mary asks her son "Son, why have you done this to us? We have been searching for you in sorrow". No family is without its own struggles and difficulties in life. Raising children these days is hard. The one thing that children wear out faster than shoes, is parents. A lot of mothers are inclined to believe that it would be much wiser to give themselves vitamins and the kids tranquilizers. To earn enough money to keep up the cost of living is hard today. It now cost to amuse a child than once it did to educate its father. A naked terror in many modern families, is loneliness. Even before marriage, some leave their parents, with the result that the aged parents are left to spend their time alone, hugging perhaps, some memories. However, during all such family trials, a Christian heart can remain serene, if it loves.

Wish you all once again the Joys of this Blessed Season
In the meantime, may you all stay safe and be blessed!!!!

Fr Chacko

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED from
22nd Dec to 4th Jan

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The offertory collection taken during the Christmas masses is traditionally your personal gift to the priest.

Envelopes are at the back of the church
Thank you for your generosity

MASS DETAILS

Boxing day (Sunday 26th)	FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY 9.30am Mass at CtK & 11am Mass at SB As celebration of our Parish Altar Servers, they will be renewing their promises, and some will be receiving their medal of the Guild of St. Stephen at both masses.
Monday 27th	Feast of St John the Apostle and Evangelist 6pm Adoration 6.30pm Mass at St B's <i>Mass Int: wellbeing of Sharon Whitaker</i>
Tuesday 28th	Feast of the Holy Innocents 9.30am at CtK <i>Mass Int: Peter Montgomery RIP</i>
Wednesday 29th	Feast of St Thomas Becket NO MASS
Thursday 30th	MASS of 6 th DAY of CHRISTMAS OCTAVE 9am adoration followed by mass 9.30am at CtK
Friday 31st	MASS of 7 th DAY of CHRISTMAS OCTAVE 9.30am Mass at CtK followed by Chaplet of divine mercy and adoration
Saturday 1st Jan	FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER of GOD 9.30am Mass at CtK & 6pm Vigil Mass at St B's <i>Mass Int (6pm): wellbeing of Alba</i>
Sunday 2nd	9.30am Mass at CtK & 11am Mass at SB <i>Mass Int: wellbeing of Alba Cross</i>

Parish Bank details

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Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.

TAKEN FROM 'ADMIRABLE SIGNUM'

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIVITY SCENE - to read the remainder, follow the link below....

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ab-20191201-admirabile-sianum.html

Please remember in your prayers...

Valerie and Michael
Chauffourier.
Lucy Rose
Margaret Simpson
Linda Dunsden
Carole Hyde
Marcia Russell
Judd Barker
Pauline Warburton
Veronica Williamson
Anna Browne
Miriam Miller
Sheila Perry
Chelsea Waring
Sheila Browning
Elina O'Connor
Frances Herbert
Miriam Park
Mary Neito
Sheila Shelley
Tony Bateman
Mary Hogan
Theresa Smith
Imogen Garcia
Naille Bala
Michelle Waring
Katrina Brookes
Lee Langdown
Neville Rogers
Jocelyne & Peter
Cotrel
Kathleen & Mike
Carter
The Place family
The Martin family
The Bailey family

For all those recently
deceased or whose
anniversaries are at
this time.....

HOLY FAMILY "WALKING TOGETHER"



Here are our wonderful church banners representing the Holy Family Parish's synodal journey.

The main logo is of the Holy Spirit embracing and encompassing our community and all its diversity as shown in the group of people walking together.

The words 'Participation, Mission and Communion' are words Pope Francis used in describing this time of spiritual growth.

The other symbols represent various values needed to make this work such as;

Ear – to listen

Globe and cross – universal church

Clouds/ dream – we need to dream of what we can achieve and through faith, believe in this dream

Balloons – in celebration of this opportunity

Kite – showing the gifts & fruits of the Spirit in celebration helping our journey

Footsteps – to remind us that we are on a journey



Thank you to all who have contributed to the banners and we look forward to seeing them develop..

