

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

27th December 2020

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8am & 6pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English);
10.30am; 5.30pm

Tue-Fri : 8am (until the 15 January)
(Reconciliation by private appointment only)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF Mary, Mother of God

Mass Friday 1st January 2021

8am & 10.30am

(Doors open half an hour early and enter via the side
door to register before Mass)

Registration is essential as contact details of any person who attends on site for longer than 15 minutes must be recorded. For weekend Masses please register online on [our website](http://www.stmonicasparish.com.au)

WE ARE SO GLAD TO BE OPENING UP AGAIN!

The Feast of the Holy Family certainly celebrates families. On a larger scale, it invites us to cherish and develop our ability to participate in communities of love. We are created for God, in the image of the Triune God whom we know as a constantly expanding, all encompassing community of love. Like Jesus, we all have the ability to enter into and form the communities that make us more human and more godlike.

The family we really celebrate today is the whole, holy family of humankind, bound together across the ages by the God who loves us into life- now and forever, amen.

ONLINE MASSES

St Patrick's Cathedral Live Streaming at
<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
Monday-Friday 1pm and Sunday 11am

SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home:

Please click on each link below to find
guided reflection for the Holy Family

[For Adults:](#)

[For Families with Young Children:](#)

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Ursula McWhinney;
Justin Diviny; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Nicholas Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Peter Moore;
Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Peter Ferrigno; Caterina Timpano; Joy Thoppil; Charlie Tiang

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,
Andrew Bastian; Mary Tripp
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Alfred John Bastian; Pauline Stevens; Jim & Nell Connors;
Antonia Sfregola

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING (Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3)

A reading from the book of Genesis

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 one 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.

The word of the Lord. — *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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 (Heb 11:8. 11-12. 17-19)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

The word of the Lord. — *Thanks be to God.*

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 (Lk 2:22-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord. — *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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