

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm.



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Word of God Sunday, Year A

5 February 2023

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The theme that runs through the Scripture readings this Word of God Sunday is clearly that of “light”. We can see it in the First Reading (“then will your light shine like the dawn”), in the opening verse of the Responsorial Psalm and (with reference to Christ) in the Gospel Acclamation verse (“I am the Light of the world”), all building up the climactic statement in the Gospel: “You are the light of the world”. Only the Second Reading (1 Cor 2:1-5) stands apart.

The community of disciples is not just to be something for itself. In continuity with the vocation of Israel, the Church has the vocation both to preserve (“salt”) and to model (“light”) something for the rest of the world.

To appreciate what Jesus says about salt, we have to recall the role this item played in food preservation before refrigeration. Salt can hardly lose its taste but it may be so mixed with other elements as to become impure and so good only for salting the path outside the house, where people will trample it underfoot. Disciples who fall away from their vocation may face a similar fate.

Our readings this Sunday challenge us, not only as individuals but as parish and other communities, to reflect upon our vocation to be, according to the Second Vatican Council’s description of the Church, “the Light of the Nations” (Lumen Gentium), “salt of the earth”.

SERVICE TIMES

Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm followed by Holy Hour
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	<i>Benediction</i>	First Friday of each month	9.30am
Holy Trinity	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Sat	9am - 10am
	Mass	Wed	6pm
	Mass	Sun	8am

Triumph - Lenten Program 2023

Triumph is an 88-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) as well as beautiful religious artworks.

Booklets will be sold at the back of the church for \$5 after every mass.

We look forward to walking with you during this coming season.

Lenten Group Gathering

Please join us for a Lenten Program Group every Friday after Stations of the Cross at approximately 7.45pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

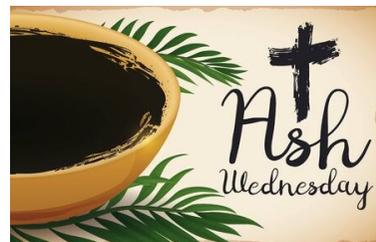
Holy Family

Wednesday, 22 February 9am

Wednesday, 22 February: 7pm

Holy Trinity

Wednesday, 22 February: 6pm



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St Patrick's College
OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

www.enquiry.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au/events/

SCAN ME

Macarthur's only All Girls' College

Bookings recommended. To make a booking, please visit: <https://enquiry.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au/events/>

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* (External site). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year -- February 5 in 2023. Many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A number of resources have been developed to help individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries commemorate Word of God Sunday. Among ways Catholics and Catholic communities are being encouraged to mark the day are a special display of Sacred Scripture or the Book of the Gospels, the establishment of Bible study groups or the adoption of lectio divina, a common practice of reflection on Scripture.

Word of God Sunday

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



What's On

- 4 Feb Altar Server Candidates Meeting – 11am
Church Cleaning - Team "A"
- 5 Feb Word of God Sunday
- 12 Feb Parish and School 2023 Welcome Mass - 9am
- 18/19 Feb Project Compassion Sunday
- 24 March Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 6pm
- 1 April Ministry Workshop with Sr Monica - 9.30am
- 18 June Sacrament of First Holy Communion



We pray ... For those who are affected by the droughts, floods, earthquakes and those affected by war: that God will grant peace, justice and healing to all involved during these times.

For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: Noal Bornstein, Phil Clarke, Dawn O'Donoghue, Ann Marie Praud; our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them.

May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers.

For our recently dearly departed: Ezio Epifania, Josephine Ooi, Marian D'Cruz, Jennifer Malone, Lorraine Morrison, Margaret Rose, Michael Brezinski, Joyce O'Keefe, Giuseppe Occhiuto, Gerald Barbara, Jeanette Morand, Angelita Z Molano.

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.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.

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 know of somebody in this situation, please contact the Parish Office, so that a visit can be arranged.

With joyful hearts, during January we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community:

Violet Karzon, Dreanna Mendoza, Idris Grasso.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2023

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above, has been Baptised, they are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our parish.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on Friday 24th March 2023 at 6pm.

Sacrament preparation will be held at 6.30pm on 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th March.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 18th June 2023.

Sacrament preparation will be held at 6.30pm on 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, 5th June.

Sacraments of Confirmation

If your child is in Year 6 or above, has been Baptised and has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday 12th November 2023.

Sacrament preparation will be held at 6.30pm on 9th, 16th, 23rd October, 6th November.

For further information, please see the parish website www.hfi.org.au



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**



Ministry of Altar Serving - Meeting

The next meeting of Altar Server Candidates will take place on:

Date: Saturday, 4 February

Time: 11am

Venue: Holy Family Church



Ministry Workshop

On Saturday, 1 April, Sr Monica and her team will be running another Ministry Workshop (specifically Readers, Ministers of communion and Acolytes) for existing and those interested in joining these ministries. The day will begin with mass at 9am, followed by the workshop at 9.30am and concluding with a light lunch at approximately 1pm.

Date: Saturday, 1 April

Time: 9.30am to 1pm

Venue: Holy Family Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

The parish is seeking volunteers who would be available to mow the parish lawns. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Family Parish and Holy Family School 2023 welcome mass:

Date: Sunday, 12 February 2023

Time: 9am Mass followed by morning tea

Venue: Holy Family Church



Please bring a plate of finger food to share for morning tea.

