



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th December, 2025



**God of blessings,
in the Holy Family you give us the model
of a household drawn together in love.
Grant that we may follow their example
and be welcomed with joy into your home in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



PRAYING FOR -All those who **have died recently** Bernard Silva, and all who are sick and in need of our prayers. We remember too, **all those whose anniversaries occur at this time**, especially, Edward Silva, Rosie Harris, Joseph Semenow, John Van Der Staak, Lorraine Loel, Hans Hauer, Maria Fredriks, Catherine Leobald, Maureen Mason Alain Sirmel-Newton, and George Kuhlman

ST JOHN'S PARISH GROUPS will take a break over the Christmas/January period and resume on the following dates in the new year. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Charismatic Prayer Group - Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Friendship Gathering - Thursday 15th January 2026

Children's Liturgy Thank you to all who have supported Children's Liturgy this year. We will take a break over the holidays, and will resume after school starts in 2026

Parents & Kids Group is now on Christmas break, and we look forward to meeting again in the New Year, when school resumes.

Youth Group have planned to meet on **Saturday 17th January, 2026** in the Parish Community Centre from 12pm -4pm.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS/JANUARY HOLIDAYS

The Office will be closed from 23rd Dec 2025

Normal offices hours resume

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Please Note:

Monday 26th January 2026 is a gazetted public holiday, for Australia Day, so the Parish office will be closed.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS 2025



ANGEL TREE. On behalf of our SVDP local conference, we would like to **thank you most sincerely** for your ongoing generosity this year in



supporting our angel tree and our work with the disadvantaged - **Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society**

ROSTERS: Mon 29 th Dec – Sun 4 th January 2026	
Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Peter G & Wilma H 10.30am Johanna C, Thelma, Anna M,
Lectors	6pm Rosina L 10.30am Joan R
Counters	To be advised.
Gardening	Theresa Ngaihte

Please note: No weekday Mass on Fri, 26th Dec, 2025

The Mass for The Solemnity of Mary is on 1st Jan, 2026: Mass at 10am

No Masses from Tues 6th Jan – Thurs 8th Jan 2026

Fri 9th Jan 2026, Normal Mass Times Resume.

SAVE THE DATE

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Sisters in our parish and the opening of St John the Baptist primary school. There will be a special Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 1st February followed by light refreshments in the hall. We invite you to save the date and join us on this special occasion.



Archdiocese of Melb

COME WORK WITH US

Applications are currently open , please check the website at:

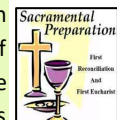
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

or:

<https://www.macs.vic.edu.au/Working-in-our-schools/Job-Search.aspx>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

The Sacramental program for children who do not attend a catholic school, will begin early in term 1 2026. First Term is for students who are in grade 3 and upwards to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Second term will be for children, who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation, grade six or upwards and Third Term will be for children who will be celebrating their First Eucharist. For further details please contact the parish office of Ferntree Gully



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

3:2-6. 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a
fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children
of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to
the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. /R

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. /R

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! /R

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and
you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in
kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear
with one another, forgive each other as soon as a
quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you
must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them
together and complete them, put on love. And may the
peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this
that you were called together as parts of one body.
Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all
its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other,
and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in
your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs
to God; and never say or do anything except in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you
should in the Lord.

Husbands love your wives and treat them with
gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents
always, because that is what will please the Lord.
Parents never drive your children to resentment or you
will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

2:13-15. 19-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take
the child and his mother with you, and escape into
Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod
intends to search for the child and do away with him.'
So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother
with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until
Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had
spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of
Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get
up, take the child and his mother with you and go back
to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the
child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child
and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel.
But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his
father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there,
and being warned in a dream he left for the region of
Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In
this way the words spoken through the prophets were to
be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

