

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 30 December 2018 Year C

First Reading from 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

Responsorial Psalm

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 from the First Book of 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! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:41-52)

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.

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Parish Office hours:

Tuesday—Friday: 9am—3.30pm

Mass Timings:

Weekday: Tue—Sat 9.15am

1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am

Mass at Nursing Home:

2nd/3rd/4th Tuesday: 10.30am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue—Sat: 8.30am—9.10am

Fri (after mass): 9.45—10.30am

Children's Liturgy: Sun: 8:30am

(not during school holidays)

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30—5.15pm

Or by appointment.

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sunday outside of Lent

Baptism Preparation Program:

11.15am on 1st Sat of each month in the Parish Meeting Rooms

Rosary: Monday 7pm

Meditation: Wednesday: 7.30pm

We pray for better health for:

Baby Alessia Sharp, Barbara King, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Fr. Bill Hannon, Brandon Rapley, Himits Sarajoy Ly, Joan Sprod, John Miller, Johnson Tan, Kathleen Jean-Louis, Lily Mifsud, Lorraine Cloney, Marie Isbester, Mary Baddock, Mary Farrugia, Michael Dugan, Natalie Lynch, Paul Tyson, Pauline Taylor, Peter Harris, Peter Atkinson, Sharon Rapley, Simone Hoeflich, Steve Clare, Violet Abela and all who are sick.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: Dear friends, today we ponder the mystery of Jesus, son of Mary and Joseph and Son of God. Called like him to grow in wisdom and grace, let us pray for the advance of God’s work in our world.

Reader: As Mary and Joseph guided Jesus through his youth, may we be taught by the example of the Holy Family and guide our own children as they navigate their childhood and youth. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: We pray for families of every kind. May faithful love bind them together in good times and in bad and keep them strong and true. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: We pray for parents, especially single parents, step-parents and foster parents. May they provide their children with the love that enables them to flourish. Let us pray to the Lord **(R)**

Reader: We pray for the whole world as New Year’s Day approaches. May Mary, Mother of God, inspire the human family to walk anew in paths of peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Reader: We pray for the recently deceased Marcia Shanahan and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they see God face to face and rejoice with God forever. Let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Celebrant: Loving God and author of all life, your eternal Word took flesh and lived among us. Give us the courage to follow him until we are called into the love you share as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen



TUESDAY 1st January 2018
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Feast Day.

SPECIAL MASSES AT 9.15AM AND 7PM.



Baptism Welcome!

Congratulations to the family of the following child being baptised this weekend:

Brielle Eggins

Welcome to the Holy Family community!

ROSTER FOR 6 January 2019: (1st WEEKEND)

	5:30pm	8:30am	10am	Ancillary
WELCOMERS	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Ferraro Family	Ortiz Family	Counters: Liz Hall & team Children’s Liturgy: Not during holidays Barden Lodge Aged Care Maryanne & Tony Trainor Thomas Mitchell Aged Care Keith & Zena Church Cleaning: Marie Collins, Ross Stubbs Church Gardens <u>Volunteer Needed</u>
ALTAR SERVERS	1A	2A	3A	
ACOLYTES	Christopher Fetherston	Justin Coupland	Peter Ross	
MUSICIANS	Sue & Jeff Low Children’s Choir	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Cheryl Ross	
READERS	Sharon Bissell Simon Bradstock Margaret Keyes	Lauren Shanahan Maryanne Trainor Emma Gioello	Celina Fonseca Peter Harris Reema Katrib	
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Anick Bradstock & Alan Fagerstorm	Veronica Leva & Diane Marsden	Pauline Barton & Yvonne Harris	
OFFERTORY	Bradstock Family	Di-Nola Family	Cawley/Tait Family	
WARDENS	Charlie Zammit	George Szymura	Frank Fonseca	
O/H OPERATOR	Christopher Hamilton	<u>Volunteer Needed</u>	Martin Nicol	
O/H PREPARER	Lesley David	Lesley David	Lesley David	
PIETY STALL	Maria	Priscilla	Celina	