



**The Feast of the Holy Family**  
 St Thomas More Parish, Glenfield  
 30 December 2018

### The WORD This Week

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us there were also the so-called hidden years- the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things.

During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example.

Our celebration of this feast announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children.

Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

### Lord, let us cry out with joy.

Frantic, not finding him,  
 they double back to Jerusalem,  
 hunting everywhere over three days!

And there he is.

Often we too cannot find you,  
 Lord, and we too are frantic.

You stayed behind to teach in the temple.  
 Teach us too: wisdom, and grace,  
 now and at all times  
 whenever we lose our way.  
 Jesus, stay behind with us.

**Anne Osdieck**

### GOSPEL SPIRITUALITY The Holy Family

The Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is a symbol of what every family should be like. It is in a special way a sign of the unity of the human family. Today's liturgy tells of all the qualities which should characterize the human family: respect, care, kindness, forgiveness, love, peace, duty. It expresses, in terms of the culture of biblical times, the ideal of harmony and working together. The boy Jesus disturbed his family's internal harmony momentarily, but with good reason, for the sake of something higher. The internal harmony of today's human family is also being disturbed, but for the sake of things baser: greed, the will to dominate, disregard for human dignity, pride, selfishness. "Why have you done this to us?" This is the question that must be impressed upon all those who disturb the unity of the human family, the oppressors, racists and sexists, the hoarders of wealth, the polluters of the land, the abusers of children, the neglectors of the elderly, the instigators of war, the killers and rapists, the indifferent. And of course, in our day, ISIS. "Why have you done this to us?" *G.D. / liturgy.slu.edu*



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE  
**FRANCIS**  
 FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
**52nd WORLD DAY OF PEACE**  
 1 JANUARY 2019  
*Good politics is at the service of peace*

#### 1. "Peace be to this house!"

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a

son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (*Lk 10:5-6*).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: **"Peace be to this house!"**

**2. The challenge of good politics.** Peace is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction. Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy & just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

#### 3. Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

Pope **Benedict XVI** noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields. Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family". This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity.

#### 4. Political vices

Sadly, together with its virtues, politics also has its share of vices, whether due to personal incompetence or to flaws in the system and its institutions. Clearly, these vices detract from the credibility of political life overall, as well as the authority, decisions and actions of those engaged in it. These vices, which undermine the ideal of an authentic democracy, bring disgrace to public life and threaten social harmony.

#### 5. Good politics promotes the participation of the young and trust in others

When the exercise of political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised and young people can be tempted to lose confidence, since they are relegated to the margins of society without the possibility of helping to build the future. But when politics concretely fosters the talents of young people and their aspirations, peace grows in their outlook and on their faces. Politics is at the service of peace if it finds expression in the recognition of the gifts and abilities of each individual.

#### 6. No to war and to the strategy of fear

A hundred years after the end of the First World War, as we remember the young people killed in those battles and the civilian populations torn apart, we are more conscious than ever of the terrible lesson taught by fratricidal wars: peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear. To threaten others is to lower them to the status of objects and to deny their dignity. This is why we state once more that an escalation of intimidation, and the uncontrolled proliferation of arms, is contrary to morality and the search for true peace.....

**To read the full message of Peace from Pope Francis click on the link on our parish website under 'Newsletters' [www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz](http://www.glenfieldcatholic.org.nz)**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Christmas time

#### Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

#### Monday

1 John 2:18-21

Psalms 96

John 1:1-18

#### Tuesday

Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalms 67

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

#### Wednesday

1 John 2:22-28

Psalms 98

John 1:19-28

*Sts Basil the Great and  
St Gregory Nazianzen*

#### Thursday

1 John 2:29-3:6

Psalms 98

John 1:29-34

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

#### Friday

1 John 3:7-10

Psalms 98

John 1:35-42

#### Saturday

1 John 3:11-12

Psalms 100

John 1:43-51

Our musicians may be taking a break over the Christmas/New Year period.

Please feel free to join in the singing at the Masses as much as possible.

### Haere Mai! Nau Mai!

You are invited to the 180th anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13 January 1838. Mass followed by a shared picnic lunch will be on 13 January 2019 at 11am at Totara Point, Hokianga.

While in the Hokianga you can also visit the resting place of Bishop Pompallier at Motuti.

See poster in foyer.

### Thursday Adoration

will resume on

**Thursday 7 February 2019.**

There will be no evening Masses, adoration or novenas during January 2019



### Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth.

A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St Mary MacKillop.

**9am - 4pm Saturday 23 February 19**

Mary McKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Rd, Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch.

Register with Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz)  
Or phone 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

### R.I.P. Fr David Mullins SM

Fr David was a NZ Marist priest who spent many years in Tonga. Back in New Zealand he spent 30 years in Auckland parishes and was Parish Priest in Otahuhu and Glen Eden.

## New Year Masses

**31 December Monday**  
- New Year's Eve  
**7.30pm Mass**

**1 January 2019**  
- New Year's Day  
**9.15am**



### Mass & anointing of the sick

**Anointing of the Sick**  
9.15am  
every 2nd Saturday of the month  
followed by a cuppa  
Starts again 9 February



Parish Office will reopen  
**Tuesday**  
**15 January 2019**

### Pilgrimages departing in 2019 to

The Holy Land, Medjugorje and within NZ.

Expressions of interest welcome.

Visit: [www.pilgrimage.nz](http://www.pilgrimage.nz) or see noticeboard for details. Contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064. Email: [info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz](mailto:info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz)

### Altar Servers ROSTER 5 & 6 Jan

<b>Saturday</b> 5 January 5.30pm Vigil	To be advised <b>Projectionists: Kit Latorre</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 6 January 8.00am	To be advised <b>Projectionist: Kateni Jones</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 6 January 10.00am	To be advised <b>Projectionist: Mariam Baho</b>



### Auckland Divine Will Conference

Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 Jan 2019

(2<sup>nd</sup> day is continuation) 10am - 6pm

Mass @ 9.15am. Parish Hall,

St Thomas More Catholic Church.

Bring a plate for a shared lunch.

Tea/coffee provided.

Entry is free but donations to defray costs would be appreciated.

#### About the Speaker:

World-renowned Divine Will expert, Mr Tony Hickey, teacher of Sacred Scripture & Theology, Manchester, England, who spoke in Auckland in 2013, 2015 & 2017. His speaking schedule is usually booked out two years in advance. He has trained about 3 dozen priests in Australia but sadly none from New Zealand.

### Pilgrimage to graves of Mary and Thomas Poynton on

**Sunday 13 January 2019** to commemorate

**180th Anniversary of Bishop**

**Pompallier's First Mass in**

**Aotearoa New Zealand** after

10.30am Mass at

St Luke's Church, Bayswater Ave

and starting at Lych-gate

entrance at O'Neills Point

Cemetery. Refreshments served at St Luke's after-

wards, all warmly welcome.

Contact Eileen 021 0822 4744

or email Eileen: [eileenpearce1@gmail.com](mailto:eileenpearce1@gmail.com)



### CHRISTMAS SINGING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the marvellous music and singing during the Christmas Masses



and a huge thank you to all choir members and musicians who contribute so much to our Masses during the year.

Board Required: 18 Year old, Catholic student. Moving from Christchurch to North Shore to study. Board needed for the year. References can be provided and for more information, please contact Jonathan Challies at [director.jc12@gmail.com](mailto:director.jc12@gmail.com) or on 0221739278.



### Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or

[www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**RETREAT DAY: Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ:** How

gratitude opens the way with SARAH COOPER.

Saturday 16 February 9.30am-3.30pm. \$65 incl lunch.

**MUSIC WORKSHOP: Psalms and Gratitude** with

Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Saturday 23 February, 10am - 1pm. \$30 including morning tea.

**DREAMWORK 101: Introduction to Dreamwork**

with MARGARET BOWATER. Friday 23 Feb, 6-9pm

and Saturday 23 February, 9.30am - 4pm. \$130.

St Columba Centre, Ponsonby Road, Auckland.

email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

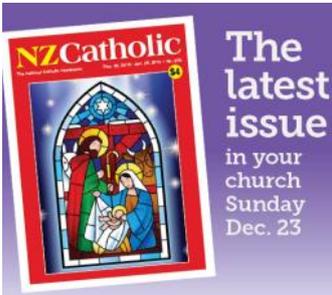
### Please pray for our sick parishioners & their families

Peter Marshall, Patrick Pabalan, Emelda Armishaw,

Joan Rumble, Tamar Mathews, Israel Nathan,

Eloise McFadden, Mary Jury and Gary & Cathy Sigley

Contact office for any name changes ph 444 8624



**Please Note:** No cuppa 30 December and all of January 2019

**Baptism Preparation courses will recommence in March 2019.**

Group baptisms will be held on the third Saturday of each month at 11.30am.

**PLEASE collect your child's baptism certificate from the parish office. Thank you**



### Church Cleaning 12 January 2019

Juliet Gapultos, Helen Ellis and Ronaldo Natividad  
Queries ph Sharon 441 6454

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