

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

The Holy Family - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ



father and I have been looking for you.') reflects adolescent impatience: 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' (or 'in my Father's house' but 'business' seems more appropriate). On Mary's lips, 'father' refers to her husband, Joseph. But Jesus is speaking of his Father in heaven. Into their tranquil family life bursts a sharp reminder of his true status as unique Son of God and of the destiny (the Father's 'business') to which they are going to have to surrender him. This surrender, beginning here and now and culminating at the cross, is the 'sword' that will pierce Mary's heart, as the aged Simeon has prophesied at the Presentation (2:35).

In respect to the family the New Testament shows a decided ambiguity. Documents that stem from the developed Christian tradition, such as the Pastoral Letters and the excerpt from the Letter to the Colossians included as the Second Reading for today, commend family life in a highly traditional way. The Synoptic tradition, however, with its roots in the teaching and practice of Jesus himself, insists that family ties can be a hindrance to following the call of the Kingdom. Did not Jesus say that no one could be his disciple without 'hating' one's father, mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters' (Luke 14:26)? Of course, such statements need not be taken at face value: Semitic idiom uses 'love' and 'hate' simply to express a preference for one thing over another. Still the ambiguity remains.

But the task of finding some relevance to current family life is at least easier this year when the Year C readings for the feast of the Holy Family have as Gospel reading Luke's account of the loss and finding of Jesus in the Temple when he was twelve years of age (2:41-52). This offers what might seem to be a more realistic view of family life. Though part of Luke's Infancy Story, it presents Jesus no longer as a passive infant but as a young adolescent beginning to grasp, at this age, his adult identity.

Luke tells the story in a way that brings out very strongly the element of misunderstanding between the boy and his parents. Jesus' response to his mother's complaint ('My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your

It would be trite simply to say that here we see that the Holy Family was not immune to the trials of children going adolescence – though, of course, some comfort can be drawn from that. The Gospel is bringing out the uniqueness of Jesus as well as his identification with the ordinary human condition. 'His Father's business', which will ultimately involve a very painful destiny indeed, is his mission to draw the entire human race back into a 'family' relationship with God that it had lost through sin.

No image of God or of the relationship God wishes to have with us is ever adequate. But we do have to picture God in human terms and the 'family' image is the one that Jesus left us. He taught his disciples to pray, 'Our Father, ...' (Matt 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4) and, as Paul says, his Spirit comes into our hearts crying 'Abba, Father' (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6), impelling us, that is, to address God with the familial intimacy characteristic of Jesus – something that impressed the early believers so much that they preserved the address in the original Aramaic.

Jesus said of those who hear the word of God and keep it that they are 'my father and mother and sister and brother ...' (Luke 8:21). Here, in the truth that Jesus draws us into his own divine family life, lies the foundation for the dignity of all family life. But growing into Christian adulthood is perhaps no easier than growing into human adulthood and no less immune to the trials all growth entails. Each of us is called to discover and 'be about' our Father's business in our own unique way.

Thanks to all parishioners for your support and co-operation through 2021 as we tried to navigate the Pandemic. It has been a testing time for all. We in WA are very fortunate that we have not been put under lockdowns and don't have the high number of infections like the Eastern States. We encourage all parishioners to take the COVID vaccines by 31 January. The Pope and the Archbishop reminded us that it is for the Common Good to do so. Please read Parish Position Statement online or on the Notice Board.

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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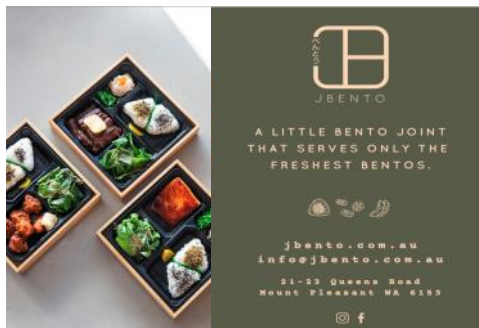
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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christmas roster	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Deb Hegarty	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Shirley Whitfield
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		M Prentice, H & F Tay	Kas Luczak, G Shankar

Parish Calendar		
Dec Mon 27	8.00am	Communion Service (St John, Apostle) Church
Tue 28	8.00am	Mass (The Holy Innocents) Church
Wed 29	8.00am	Mass (5th day in Octave of the Nativity) Church
Thu 30	8.00am	Mass (6th day in Octave of the Nativity) Church
Fri 31	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Mary, the Mother of God) - Church
Jan Sat 1	9.00am	Morning Mass - (Mary, the Mother of God) - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Feast of Epiphany - Year C) Church
Sun 2	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Feast of Epiphany - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Feast of Epiphany - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Feast of Epiphany - Year C) Church



**Line Dancing Classes**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 10am - 12noon \$5 per session  
 All proceeds go to the Parish  
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay  
 All are welcome; no age limits.  
 Classes recommence Monday 10 Jan 2022



Thanks to the donations from parishioners together with parishioners from Holy Family Church in Como and the students of St Columba's Primary School in South Perth; St Pius X Primary School in Manning and Aquinas College, we were able to compile and distribute 100 food hampers to needy people in Como, South Perth, Kensington, Manning and Karawara. The majority of these were distributed on Saturday December 18.

Members of the Como Conference of Vinnies wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year.



**Tai Chi Group**  
 There will be no Tai Chi Class as of Monday, 13 December and will recommence first week of February 2022.  
 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224

### Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Picture yourself in Jesus' situation. You have been sightseeing with your parents at the festival in the big city, and your parents are on their way home. They have been travelling for a day and cannot find you. They turn around, walk back to the city and search for you for three days before they find you talking to the priests in a church!

What would your parents say to you? What would you say to them? How much trouble would you be in? Where would you have stayed for those days you hadn't seen them? What would you have been thinking?

Is it fun to think that Jesus 'got in trouble' with his parents too? Sometimes we get so hung up on Jesus as Almighty God that we forget about Jesus as a human being. What other things do you think Jesus must have done as he grew up – things we don't usually think about, things not recorded in the Bible?



### SPX Safeguarding Officers

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7:30am Mass – Jeevan Joseph 0434 038 353

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The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life and the Diocese of Rome are organising the 10th World Meeting of Families, which will take place in 2022 from June 22 to 26.

As the Holy Father underlined in his recent video-message presenting the event, the Meeting will take place following a never-before-seen and multi-centric format. While Rome will in fact remain the main designated location, each diocese will be able to be the centre of a local meeting for families and communities, thus allowing everyone to feel like protagonists.

For more information please check our website for the documents and links if you are interested to participate.

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## First Reading

*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.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5*

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
gave ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

## Second Reading

*1 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.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Acts 16:14*

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

## Gospel

*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.

### Next Sunday Readings

**2nd January 2022**

**The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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