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Prepared...and...Alert

I let myself hear Jesus encouraging me and the Christian community I belong to. So often we dwell on the fact that we are a diminishing group, seemingly putting our security in numbers, so that we end up feeling discouraged and even frightened. The first disciples were even fewer than we are, but they put their trust in the consoling presence of Jesus and his word. **I pray for the gift of hope, for the ability to be sensitive to the signs of the Father's promise in my life.**

Jesus reminds us to be watchful, making sure we are awake when the master comes. I ask for his help not to live a distracted life, so that when Jesus comes into my life, in a way and at a time I do not expect, through events and persons, he finds me ready to welcome him. I look at my day so far, at yesterday, and see how aware I have been of God's coming into my life, in so many ways. I ask for the grace not to be deaf to his call, and always ready to respond to the best of my ability.



Jesus seems to be getting at this kind of mentality, **this kind of heart that stays awake**. It's not something for the clever only: it's for everybody. Alertness and readiness for a new prompting of the Spirit in our lives, for God working some new grace or gift for us.

We are all called to be "faithful and prudent servants" of the abilities and resources that the "master" has entrusted to us and for which he will hold us accountable, not for the breadth and depth of those gifts but for what we have done with those gifts for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Humility is the grace to be grateful for what we have as gifts from God and to realize our responsibility to put those gifts to the service of the whole

"household." Jesus promises that such "faithful and prudent servants" who keep the kingdom of God before them in all of their relationships, who lead and influence others by the example of their own humble service, who place the common good before their own interests, will find places of honour at the master's table at the banquet of heaven.



MINISTRY TEAM**Parish Priest:** Fr Ossie Lewis**Resident Priest:** Fr Greg Carroll**Parish Pastoral Assistants:**

Rose Hart & Tony Pires

Sacristan:

Joseph Muttupulle

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Holy Family Care:

Rose Hart

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HOLY FAMILY DIARY
12 - 18 August 2019**MONDAY 12TH AUGUST**

- No Mass
- 8.30am-4.30pm PCCPE - MtgRm1

TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST

- 8.30am Holy Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 7pm Liturgy Comm. Mtg - MtgRm1

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 9.30am Craft Group - MtgRm1
- 10.30am Regis Como Mass
- 7.30pm ICYO Rehearsal - Hall

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

- 8.30am Rosary
- 9am Mass
- 9.30am - 12.30pm Adoration

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

- 7pm Mass
- 7.30pm Padre Pio Prayer Grp

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

- 11.30am Baptism - Emma Grigor
- 1pm Ukulele Group - Hall
- 2 - 4pm 1st Eucharist Ceremony Rehearsal in the Church
- 5.40am Holy Rosary
- 6pm Mass

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

- 8.10am Holy Rosary - Church
- 8.30am Mass
- 9.40am Holy Rosary - Church
- 10am Mass

PARISHIONER INFORMATION

Please complete our new Parishioner Information Forms to ensure we have your correct contact details on our Parish Database.

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Mark Ferroa 0425 454 763

10/11 August	6pm Mass	8.30am Mass	10am Mass
Acolytes	Hasan Sidi	John Newman	Dimitrio Sidi
Altar Servers MC	Aaron Richards	Kian Sykes	Volunteer Please
C	Keira Bradley	Esther Muttupulle	Shenaya Wijeyekoon
S1	Clara Johnson	Will Shanahan	Donnay Brown
S2	Elizabeth Morris	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
S3	Chelsea Pereira	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Commentators	Amanda Johnson	Judy Priestley	Volunteer Please
Readers	Frank Giannini	Margaret Herrington	Anne Armstrong
	Bianna DiSteffano	Katy Fuderer	Volunteer Please
Extra-Ordinary	Izaak Francis	Paddy Embry	Shiromi Ariyaratne
Ministers	Christina Sidi	Marcus Pearson	Vicki Ha
of the Eucharist	Warren Pavey	Mary McMahon	Alison Purvis
	Helen Mason	Joni Wijaya	Juliana Koh
Children's Liturgy		Jenny Le Febvre	Dinithi Kariyakarawana

17/18 August	6pm Mass	8.30am Mass	10am Mass
Acolytes	Mark Amin	Michael Taylor	Joseph Muttupulle
Altar Servers MC	K Don Shenehan	David Ho	Cameron Richards
C	Jocelyn Singihh	David Ho	Rita Johnson
S1	Raegan Tanuwidjaja	Leo Newman	Mike Muttupulle
S2	K Don Shanel	Nicholas Bell	Preston Pereira
S3	Elisha Seow	Volunteer Please	Chelsea Pereira
Commentators	Dimitrio Sidi	Ralph Newton	Tony Pires
Readers	Emily Hwee	Alex Wu	Judy Jayasekera
	Amabel Wijaya	Suzannah Robinson	Carmel Shugg
Extra-Ordinary	Linda Hernawati	Catherine Ah-Nien	Felicia Tedjokssumo
Ministers	Graeme Johnson	Br Terry Casey	Judy Jayasekera
of the Eucharist	Sonia Tay	Daine Burnett	Randolph Francis
	Amabel Wijaya	Shajy Vadukoot	James Chong
Children's Liturgy		Annette Newman	Vicki Ha

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES AUGUST 2019**

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:

Betty & Des **Leggett**
Amelia & Jared **Graves**
Patricia & David **Cowley**
Grazyna & Marek **Toczykowski**
Julie & Dominic **Palumbo**
Megan & Jim **Phillips**
Catherine & Francois **Rousset**
God bless you on your special day.

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www.holyfamilycomo.com.au

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Patrick Wates, John Brennan, John Gentili, Blaine Watt, Parmida, Daniel, Marilyn, Dariush, Marisa, Mike G, Elham Kiamehr, Adelene Bird, Anita Sullivan, Daisy Givens, Wayne, Errol, Edward, Dolores Black, David, Anita, Cathy, Norah Langshaw, Mary & Family, Zandyr Turner, Eva Magyar, Bill W, Terry F, Jessica, Maureen H, Fr S. Cooney, Sam Z, Anne, David, Jill McGimpsey-Evans

If you know someone who has asked for prayers please add their name to the list in the church foyer, which will be placed in the bulletin & Prayers of the Faithful at Mass

Message from Fr Ossie

Dear fellow parishioners,

As we begin a new Planned Giving Year, I would like to thank you for your generous financial support of the parish and me. In this edition of our Home News Letter I would like to share with you the important roles Community, Worship and Finance play in our spiritual life.

In the Code of Canon Law, Canons 515 - 530 speak about the parish as a "**Community** of believers that seeks and provide **Spiritual Development** under the guidance of a parish priest and his assistant priests" Thus, the one and only aim and purpose of a parish is to enable its members to develop their **spiritual life** in a wholesome way. This **Spiritual Development** of a human person is achieved through **Community-building, Worship (Liturgy) and Almsgiving (Finance)**.

If we want to be effective in worship and welfare, community involvement is vital. The maxim, "United we stand, divided we fall", is very applicable to worship and welfare. It is when we consolidate our actions that we become a force and a voice. We need a strong community to effect public worship, which is Liturgy.

Community building and good liturgy do not happen automatically. Places of worship that cater for proper communal worship have to be designed and built, proper understanding of the liturgy requires education and seminars, services provided to the needy of the community, needs funds. Contributing funds towards the above requirements needs proper organizing. Methods of raising, administering and budgeting funds are very necessary towards realizing the building of community, proper liturgy & worship and ultimately towards our SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

To also ensure SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT in our community of believers, we must:

Build Community: make use of and create religious and social gatherings to help people know one another better.

Effect Proper Workshop, good liturgy, active participation, on going education on Scripture, liturgy and rituals, communal dimension of worship and cultivate love and joy in our services.

Administer Finance Wisely: ways of raising funds, proper accounting and planning for immediate needs and long term needs and using funds wisely with a conscientious accountability.

In conclusion I sincerely thank our parishioners who have given their time and money to communal activities, liturgical celebrations and fundraisings.

God bless, **Fr Ossie Lewis PP**



PARISH MORNING TEAS

Held *every fortnight* in the Parish Centre after 8.30am & 10am Masses.

Everyone - including children - are always welcome. While the snacks served are varied and delicious, these gatherings are not about the food but the people you worship with, getting to know them, seeing beyond the



differences, talking about issues that concern you, sharing stories, listening to others, expanding perspectives, hearing peoples' pain and joy.

Some would say *'we already have too many people in our lives, there is no room for others'*. While we all need to care for our personal mental health there is no doubt that our loving God is always calling us to reach out in love; and to build bonds that will help us become a more caring community.

Maybe we can endeavor to simply speak to one other person we don't know at each morning tea. Our thanks to the many groups that prepare delightful morsels for us to share on these mornings – all very much appreciated.

If you would like to form a team to join the roster please contact Rose Hart.



"Come along after Mass today and join us for morning tea"

The Pastoral Assistant for Holy Family

ROSE
HART

The role of the Parish Pastoral Assistant is to provide support to the Parish Priest working in collaboration with Parish groups; supporting Identity and Community, Worship and Prayer, Formation and Education, Mission and Outreach.

A primary role of the Pastoral Assistant is to be an enabler, seeking out volunteers, encouraging participation, calling forth gifts, and providing needed support and encouragement.

The PPA will work in cooperation with the Parish Priest and report to him. As well, the individual will work closely with the Parish Council and committees in order to fulfil the mission of the Parish and, in the process, promote discipleship among parishioners as they share their time and their talents.

Rose would like to begin by thanking Fr. Ossie for trusting me with the position of Parish Pastoral Assistant. It is a great and humbling privilege to be able to serve my community in this way.

When I spoke to Bishop Don Sproxtton earlier this year, he commented on what a vibrant and active parish Holy Family is. I was very pleased that he confirmed what I already knew! Our committees and groups include the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, the Liturgy Committee, the gardening group, choirs, children's liturgy and sacramental program catechists, the cleaning group, the morning tea volunteers, the Pilgrim Statue team, special ministers (including those who provide home and residential care communion), the altar and flower arrangers, the readers and the altar servers. Without all of the parishioners who volunteer for these roles, Holy Family would not be the vibrant community that it is. On a personal level, my work is greatly assisted by the many volunteers who offer their help in so many different ways.



I am excited to see the development of a new group of special ministers and sacramental program catechists.

Our Pastoral Council Chair, Marie Tiley, does an enormous amount of work behind the scenes, and I am very grateful for all of the assistance and guidance she provides to me.

I have a special thank you for our office assistant, Joanne Zappia, who is a quiet, patient and industrious member of the parish team. She is an enormous help to both Fr. Ossie and I, and a pleasure to work with.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the "quiet heroes" of the parish, whose contribution is made behind the scenes. Your good work does not go unnoticed and I greatly appreciate it.

I hope to continue in this ministry, and to continue being as enriched by my role as I am at present.

Rose Hart
Parish Pastoral Assistant

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

MARK
FERROA

On Saturday, 22 June 2019, ten children who had been attending our parish First Reconciliation program since March received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at a service conducted by Fr Ossie.



We congratulate Tayah Brennan, Marilyn Ghasemi, Joshua Killigrew, Hanna Kool, Isabella Murolo, Georgia O'Brien, Daniel Riachi, Chantal-Marie Sceresini, Gabriel Sceresini and Angel Sara Siby.

We also thank catechists Ellen Miller and Clare Burke for preparing the children for this Sacrament.

The children in our First Eucharist class are now in the final stages of preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. They will be preparing for their ceremony in the coming weeks and will make their first holy communion at the 10.00 am mass on Sunday 25 August.

On Saturday, 29 June, eleven children completed our **Pre Confirmation program**, which is a prerequisite for children preparing for Confirmation. Of these eleven children, four will join our Confirmation program this year, while the remaining 7 children will make their Confirmation in 2020. We thank Joni Wijaya for conducting this program.

This year's Confirmation preparation program commenced on Saturday, 27 July. Classes will be conducted on Saturdays from 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm. The Confirmation ceremony will be held on Saturday, 26 October at 6.00 pm.

1st Reconciliation Ceremony

Congratulations to:
Tayah Brennan,
Marilyn Ghasemi,
Joshua Killigrew,
Hanna Kool,
Isabella Murolo,
Georgia O'Brien,
Daniel Riachi,
Chantal-Marie Sceresini,
Gabriel Sceresini and
Angel Sara Siby.



ADULT FAITH SESSIONS

TONY
PIRES

“Know your Faith” Sessions:

Lego Masters are now building on our TV screens; Some of their creations are amazing.

We Christians are called to create a deeper faith life that will build our love for God and help others on their spiritual journey. I am hoping to consider sessions on ‘The Bible’ and ‘Married Life’ in the next few months. There will be some input and then opportunities to ask questions and talk about the topic. You will hear peoples’ thoughts - and are welcome to contribute or simply come and listen.

Check the Bulletin for dates for these ‘Faith-building’ sessions, coming soon to the Parish Centre.

Any questions, or suggestions for future topics, ring Tony 0418 900 046



The Homeless and those in need - our response:

Any of us who spend time walking around our city centre notice the number of homeless people on our streets. I often analyze the situation by asking “Why are they here? Surely, they receive Government assistance. Is it the result of drug-addiction or are there mental health issues?” Maybe the answer is as varied as the individuals themselves. Whether we are encouraged to help the individual or not, we have an obligation as Jesus followers to address the issue. Many of us support the Vinnies who provide ongoing and appropriate assistance; and/or we give to other Agencies like ‘The Shopfront’ who also assist in varied ways.

There is a leaflet in the Church foyer called, ‘Where to go’ which gives names, phone numbers, addresses and the help/meals on offer to people in need. Please take a copy and be informed; and consider assisting these agencies in some form or another. We have **a very active Vinnies Group at Holy Family** who assist many families each week; they would welcome more volunteers to share the load. **Contact Mike Cosson on 0419938959**



VINNIES COMO CONFERENCE

MIKE
COSSON

The Como Conference of St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) provides emergency assistance for needy people in South Perth, Como, Kensington, Manning and Karawara. The most common request for assistance is for food. However, we are also asked to assist with petrol and clothing vouchers; furniture; and to contribute to the payment of bills, such as electricity and rent. We also refer people experiencing severe financial difficulty to Vinnies' full time Financial Counsellors. Here is a brief report summarising activities undertaken by our Conference since the beginning of this year.



So far this year we have received 292 calls for assistance and provided 442 emergency relief services to 135 families in our area of which 19 were new ie visited for the first time in 2019.

The 442 emergency relief services, included 272 for food vouchers, 30 for fuel vouchers, 24 for clothing vouchers (for use at Vinnies shops); 46 for bedding & furniture vouchers (from Vinnie's furniture depot); 27 for assistance with utility bills and 4 for rental assistance. The total value of the assistance provided is just over \$25,000.

The visits are undertaken by Conference members with 5 teams of 2 operating since the beginning of February. This enables us to visit clients 5 days per week. We currently have 20 members in Como Conference. 16 of our members belong to Holy Family Parish.

Before I finish I'd like to reiterate our very sincere thanks to Fr Ossie and to the Parish Pastoral Council for the great support you provide to Vinnies throughout the year, both moral and financial. The Holy Thursday, Winter and Christmas hamper appeals are very well supported and we are most grateful. We are also very grateful of your great day-to-day relationship with Fr Ossie and the PPC.

Finally I'd like to acknowledge the late Bill Woodruff who passed away recently. Bill had been a wonderful contributor to Vinnies for more than 20 years.

Hopefully you will find this report to be of interest.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The role of the Parish Pastoral Council is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love, values and teachings of Christ in our world. The Council shares the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.' (Constitution for Parish Pastoral Councils, Archdiocese of Perth)

We asked our council members what it meant to them to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at Holy family Parish?

Marie Tiley

For me I had a call when I least expected it to be part of the Pastoral Council at Holy Family Parish. I thought about it for a short while before accepting, as I knew I was being called to fill a role to serve my faith community. This role has become the Chairperson of the PPC. To work with Fr Ossie and my fellow council members is a privilege. The Council is committed to nourish and support their faith as we work together to strive to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. There are challenges to be met as members give generously of their time and navigate the free advice as to how you should be doing your job and the overall role of the Parish Council. Each member has special gifts to share in carrying out their mission. There is a strength that moves within the Council and I can only say it is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Mark Ferroa

For the past five years as a Parish Councillor, I have had the privilege of working closely with the other members of the council, all of whom dedicate much of their time responding to God's prompting to be of service to others. In doing so, I have developed a deeper insight into the needs of the members of our parish community and I am learning to use the experience I have gained in life to make a better contribution to meet some of these needs. While I have been aware of some of the gifts that God has given me, I now realise that I may have other gift I have yet to recognise, let alone develop, and that it is my duty to learn to use them the best I can. To this end, I am grateful for the fellowship I share with the other councillors, which gives me strength and encouragement as I continue in my role as a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Marianne Taylor

For me, being a Parish Councillor means being able to help "behind the scenes" with Holy Family. Until I began, I did not realise how much work goes on to make everything run as smoothly as it does! As a parent, it has also been important to me to work on ways of welcoming and meeting the needs of children and parents within the parish. An unexpected side effect of my role as secretary was

making me refine a whole new skill set that I never knew I had! The other enjoyable aspect about Parish Council is the friends I have made during my time there.

Marina Pavey

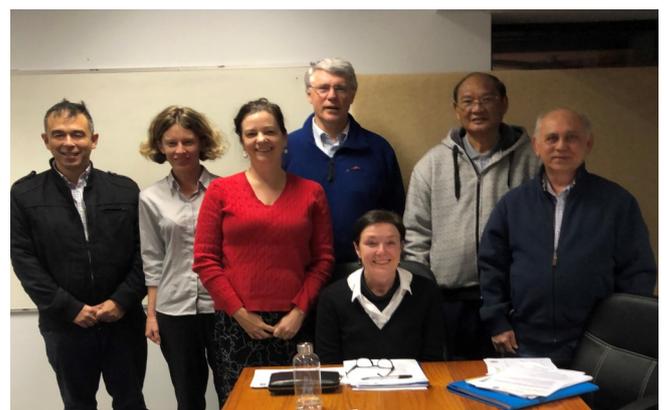
Being on the Council is a way that I can give something to the community. I believe that time is more valuable than anything else that we can offer. It gives me the opportunity to be involved in the parish, contribute to its future direction and to assist where I can. What I get back from being a council member is the knowledge that I have made a difference no matter how small, and giving gives a sense of worth. The support of the other members also encourages me to be an even better catholic.

Tony Pires

Being a member of the Pastoral Council gives me the opportunity to contribute to the building of the Parish Community. I enjoy the sharing of ideas and the discussion that is focused on how we best work together to create a life-giving faith community. There is prayer, an agenda (that we normally stick to!), work to implement the decisions taken, humour and, above all, a team of faith-filled people, to work with. We actively support and, at times, challenge Fr Ossie, and are challenged by him; as we share the Ministry of serving God in this Community.

David Pereira

I was a 'travelling' Catholic. By that, I mean that I did not belong to any one particular parish but rather travelled to different parishes each weekend. My family felt very much welcomed at the Holy Family parish that it soon it became our regular parish. Whilst I appreciated all the time that the Office staff and volunteers were giving to run the Parish, I always felt that there was a calling for me to do more. Hence, when the opportunity arose to join the Parish Council, I didn't have to think for too long. I firmly believe that we all have been God given gifts, and we must use it to better serve the community, and in this case, supporting the Holy Family community in our common faith journey.



SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

TONY PIRES

A Modern Trend: There is an idea that is becoming prevalent today: That if I can't identify with something then it's not worth listening to or reading or thinking about.

On Social Media, have you blocked and un-followed people whose opinion and world view you don't approve of?

Are we becoming a people who shut ourselves off from those we disagree with? Is there a growing tendency to create our own 'bubble' where we feel 'safe'?

Our Small Christian Communities meet regularly in a home in the Parish and spend approximately 2 hours sharing each other's company. Our time consists of : Prayer / Silent reflection on the gospel for the coming Sunday / sharing & discussion that results from this / speaking of other issues that impact our lives - current or ongoing / enjoying a cup of tea and snacks / chatting casually.

We discuss, plan and share other events - like meals, movies, retreat, support for the needy, parish gatherings, etc. It is a valuable opportunity to share something of our lives with people who are committed to their faith and Church: That doesn't mean there are no arguments about these matters!

We respect each other and the different views we have; all of us have grown through this open discussion. Our Faith has been strengthened and our empathy broadened. We have supported, and been supported, over the years within the group; and, I believe, have become stronger Christians.

All are welcome to join and/or begin your own Small Faith Community.

Contact Fr Ossie or Tony Pires



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SOCIAL EVENTS

MARIE TILEY

The first half of this is year to June has seen a very busy social calendar for Holy Family. We enjoyed Movie Nights in February and helped celebrate Easter when we drew our lovely Easter raffle prizes.

Our major fundraiser this year has been the Mother's Day Bazaar. The support for this event was outstanding. Many groups within the parish planned and worked together to ensure the success of this event.

We have recently held our annual Quiz Night which is always a popular evening for those who like to test their knowledge.

Behind the scenes there is a lot of work and planning that goes into these events.

Please be generous with your support of these events and also your time in helping to make them happen.

Quiz Night Photos



Mothers Day Photos



DON'T FORGET
CRAFT GROUP
SALE TODAY

Come along and support the Wednesday craft ladies & purchase some beautiful home-made gifts.



Dates to remember

- ◆ **September 1st** - Fathers Day Morning Tea after 10am Mass. Entertainment by the Ukulele Group.
- ◆ **October 20th** - International Lunch 11am

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.. a 'Messy' Church & Parish ..

Worshipping with our younger parish members, as Father Ossie mentioned a few weeks ago, is an area we need to be responding well to. While the Church is ideally to be a place of quiet and tranquility, this is not always achievable.

As we all know, we live in a different world to the one we adults grew up in. Children today are encouraged to express themselves in ways we were never encouraged to; they seek to make themselves 'at home' in Church as elsewhere. Parents want their children to be with them in Church and to feel they belong there. I know they seek to keep them as quiet and as occupied as possible and sometimes they don't succeed as well as they would like.

I believe **we all want a Church that will grow and develop** and bring more and more to understand the love, forgiveness and community that God offers in our Catholic Church; and surely that is the desire of our Loving God as well. I note also that our image as a loving community has taken a beating recently with the shocking child-abuse Royal Commission Findings.

We want to build a Church that is **welcoming and alive and active – and full of children**, who are our future. If there are issues you have with children and their behaviour please speak to Fr Ossie, Rose Hart or Tony Pires. We all belong to this Parish Family and have a right to be heard and to continue attending Masses and other events here at Holy Family. Hopefully we can resolve these important differences as mature Christians and continue to rejoice in and build our beautiful, varied Parish.



Remember, **no Parish has it all together**. Like the parish Communities that St Paul wrote to in those early days, Parishes are messy, often get things wrong, are divided about what the Church should be like and full of small hurts and jealousies. There is a clear gap between ideals and performance. And there are blessings - strained relationships eased, hurts apologised for, failures acknowledged and forgiven. People joined together as fellow workers in the following of Jesus. In all relationships within the Church the Holy Spirit is at work, reconciling us to God, ourselves and one another. So, the sign that the Holy Spirit is at work is a messy and argumentative energy through which we are drawn more deeply into Jesus' way and out into the world God loves.




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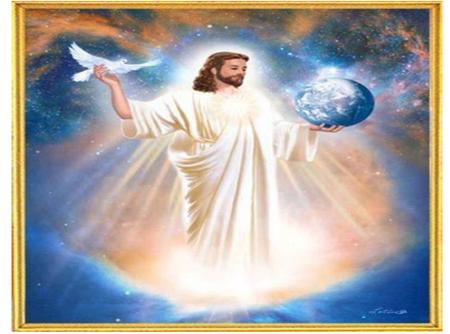
For our children...

19TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

Have you ever trusted someone to do something and then been disappointed to find that it has not been done? Jesus trusted his disciples to carry on his work when he had gone.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit to each one of us so that we can carry on the work that you have trusted to us.



2019 Child Protection Week Competition

To be in the draw to win a **\$500 gift voucher** and other great prizes, **Pick up a competition form in the Church foyer.**

Age Groups - (Kindy-Year 3) (Year 4-6) (Secondary School Age)

The winner of each age group will receive a prize & the overall winner (judged & awarded by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe) will win a **\$500 gift voucher** presented at the Child Protection Week Breakfast, Thursday 5th September.

Entries must be submitted to the parish (in the box in the foyer) or Safeguarding Office by Wednesday 31st August.



COLOUR THIS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF MARY'S ASSUMPTION



Mary's Assumption

Music at Mass



**KERRY
HARDWICK**

Sacred music contributes to the active participation of the people in the Mass and makes our prayer more pleasing to God. **St Augustine wrote "One who sings well prays twice".**

It is a big commitment for the leaders of our music groups. Firstly to select songs that fit with the liturgical season or the readings of the Mass; that the group likes and can perform. Then importantly to make sure that the songs projected on the screen comply with copyright law!

Copyright law exists to protect the intellectual property of composers and publishers who are entitled to royalty payments for the use of their works. People often ask, **"Why do we have to pay to use church music, surely they write it to praise God?"** Composers and publishers need to make a living just like everyone else! It is fair and just that we as church purchase published copies of music, pay our licences and acknowledge use of copyrighted songs. There are many composers who have written beautiful worship songs. I have met some of them at conferences: David Haas, Marty Haugen, Michael Mangan and others.

Our parish, at significant cost each year, has 2 copyright licences to cover the selection from the many thousands of songs for projection at Mass, One Licence and CCLI. Each song used has to be reported so that royalties can be distributed. There can be significant fines if a Parish, Diocese or school is found to use songs not covered by a copyright licence!

We have been blessed with many fine musicians and singers at holy Family. We need more pianists/ keyboard player/ singers to cover the 3 weekend Masses. I remember being asked to play the organ over 40 years ago and I was so nervous my knees were jumping up and down! Please come forward and we can help you get started!



We also have volunteers who enter the parts of the Mass on the computer and upload the songs for each group. There is a requirement to enter the copyright notice to acknowledge the composer and publisher of each song. Each music group needs someone to operate the computer at Mass and make sure it is set up and put away carefully. Some knowledge of Powerpoint is useful but if you can contribute in this way training can be provided.

Music liturgy is a team effort and a major contributor to our parish community. Please join in! It is great to hear a whole congregation singing. Perhaps we need to run a survey to list favourite hymns and songs.

Kerry Hardwick

Current Holy Family Choirs

- 8.30am Holy Family Choir
- 10am D'Cantor Choir
- 6pm Youth Choir
- 10am ICYO
- 6pm Sagrada Familia
- 10am Children's Choir
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