

# South Brisbane and West End Parish Newsletter



## Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt

As Catholics we have maintained that good families are the building blocks for a good society. If we want to make an impact on the lives of those around us, it starts in the home and it begins with our children, siblings, parents, partners, cousins and grandparents.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph. Our Gospel today invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Since we're in the Christmas season we keep in mind the role of Mary as mother nursing a child. We also keep in mind the Eternal Son's humility in being born to a lowly human reality.

We all experience the difficulties that come with family life, when one person makes a decision that impacts everyone else. When another chooses the path of destruction and is caught in bouts of violence or addiction. When a family member does wrong and doesn't seek reconciliation. These can all be moments that break a family and separate its members.

Part of our Feast Day celebration is the implicit call for unity within the home. It is certainly something that we desire wholeheartedly for all Christians, but now more than ever.

With increase of the use of the device, it's become easier to separate from our neighbour on a face-to-face basis. This is becoming true for all people even within the home. Our regular points of contact have been influenced by a thing that makes us more lonely and more depressed.

Maybe there might be an opportunity to reclaim some family time during the week and fight for the connection and meaningful bonds that we so desperately need as individuals and a society.

On this Feast, we seek the intercession of the Holy Family for all our families in the parish. May God bless our families as the new year begins. May we be reconciled in love and peace where necessary and seek each other out in love. May our new year be filled with family moments to remember and cherish for the rest of our lives.

*Father William*

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

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### Welcome to new Parishioners

We welcome any new Parishioners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

St Mary's, South Brisbane,  
St Francis of Assisi, West End  
St Ita's, Dutton Park  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

# Readings at Mass

## 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

## Psalm 127(128):1-5

**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 will be 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

## 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.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Col 3:15a, 16a

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

## Gospel

## 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.'



## Next Sunday Readings:

Is 60: 1-6,  
Ps 71(72): 1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephes 3: 2-3, 5-6  
Mt 2: 1-12

