

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Each of the readings provides a reflection on how family life is lived so as to lead us into holiness.
- ❖ Subordinate – *under* – reflects the customs of early Roman times. Christians were keen to live by their family code to show Roman authorities that they were not a threat to the Government. What ‘order’ do you have in the family? Home? How is bitterness resolved? What arguments arise over children's behaviour and obedience? What attitudes or behaviours provoke and/or discourage your children? Does the Word of God dwell richly in your home? Is there any singing and praying, and showing gratitude to God?
- ❖ Around the age of 12, a young boy would leave the company his mother and the women, and mix with and be led by the men. Perhaps this transition is reflected in the scene of Jesus getting lost. Joseph may have thought the boy had gone back to Mum. Mum had pondered the boy was now more the responsibility of Joseph and he had things under control! Strikingly, Jesus is shown as obedient to the will of the Father, and sits in the Temple, in the midst of teachers of the Law, to discover what this ‘will’ involves. Holiness is marked by doing the will of God. What desire or call of love, justice, truth, integrity, self-gift, is in your heart? What commitment are you called to be faithful to as an expression of the will of God?
- ❖ Consider how challenging it was for Mary to say ‘yes’. What challenges did Joseph face in saying ‘yes’? How do Mary and Joseph cope with Jesus identifying his own individual call in choosing the Father’s House? Do you see the Holy Family as exceptional and perfect or can you glimpse the normal family struggles of your own family life in them?



Schedule for New Year 2025

Sunday, 29th December 2024 (The opening of the Jubilee Year)

5.30 pm. Thai Mass

Tuesday, 31st December 2024 (New Year’s Eve)

9:30 pm. Eucharistic Adoration

10.00 pm. Thai Mass

Wednesday, 1st January 2025 (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

9:00 am. Thai Mass

10.30 am. ENGLISH MASS

Holy Door Opened to begin Jubilee 2025 — *Pilgrims of Hope*

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis officially opened this Holy Year with the rite of Opening the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica, at the beginning of the celebration of Mass on the night of the Lord’s Birth. Today, at evening Mass here, our Bishop will open the Holy Door of this cathedral, as a sign of beginning the Holy Year in the Archdiocese. This same ceremony will happen this Sunday, in every Diocese of the world, as the way to formally and tangibly begin, universally, the Holy Year — a year of confirming hope in our world.

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors. And there are churches designated in every Diocese around the world as having a Holy Door for Pilgrims of Hope; our cathedral being one.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John’s Gospel: “*I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.*” Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behaviour and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim — the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.

In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the Apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the Universal Church. The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are located in Rome; they were martyred here. Together with the catacombs, these sacred sites are places of continuous spiritual inspiration.

But we don’t have to go to Rome to go on pilgrimage this Holy Year. Let us acknowledge we are all pilgrims on our shared journey of life and faith, where we are. May we be sure to pass through our chosen holy door this Holy Year — a door of faith, hope and love.

John P. Murray osa

CALENDAR

MONDAY

December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

TUESDAY

December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

WEDNESDAY

January 1
Mary, Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

THURSDAY

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

FRIDAY

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

SATURDAY

January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42

SUNDAY

January 5
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat, Sun : Closed
& public holidays

Dear Padre

December 29, 2024

If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6—7).

Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to "Catholic Church" is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means "universal." "The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868). ●

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DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (No. 446)

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY (No. 445)

**FINAL: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (No. 428) PLEASE STAND
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas!
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!
Good tidings to you, wherever you are.
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!
We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas!
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!
Good tidings we bring, to you and your kin.
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year!
We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas!
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!
We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas!
And a happy, happy New Year!
a happy New Year!
a happy New Year!

POSTLUDE: IN DULCI JUBILO BWV 729 by J.S. Bach

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sunday, 29 December 2024

**PRELUDE: THE HOLY BOY by John Ireland; and
THE COVENTRY CAROL by W.S. Lloyd-Webber**

ENTRANCE: ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (No. 438) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first Book of Samuel:

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this

child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 84: BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE



R. [Bless - ed are they,] bless - ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (R)
2. Happy they who dwell in your house! Continually they praise you.
Happy the men whose strength you are! Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage. (R)
3. LORD of hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob!
O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first Letter Saint John:

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

GOSPEL: Lk 2:41-52

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were

astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

"Gracious God, hear our prayer."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: NATIVITY CAROL (No. 432)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.