

The Living Word

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C

29 December 2024

First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

(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 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

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 See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

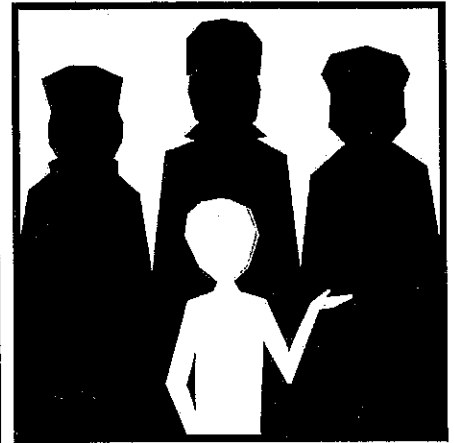
Gospel Lk 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

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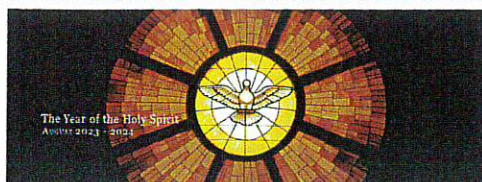
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Mass Sunday Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@corpuschristisouthtuggeran8526/streams>

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Office closed from 24 Dec to 2 Jan.
If urgent, please leave a message on Parish Office phone.

What is happening this week? Fr James Antony CMI leaves and Fr Simon Falk and Fr Mark Ha arrive. Feast of the Holy Family

Thur 26th & Fri 27th	No Mass		
Sat 28th Dec	9:00am	SHC	Mass followed by Rosary
	10:00am	HFC	1st Rite Reconciliation
	5-5:30pm	HFC	1st Rite Reconciliation
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass
Sun 29th Dec	8:00am	HFC	Mass
	10:00am	HFC	Mass (livestreamed)
	5-5:30pm	HFC	1st Rite Reconciliation
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass
Mon 30 Dec	Office closed from Christmas Eve to 2 Jan.		
Tues 31 Dec	5:30pm	HFC	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Wed 1 Jan	9:30am	SHC	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Thurs 2 Jan	7:00am	HFC	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Fri 3rd Jan	5:00pm	HFC	Adoration
	6:00pm	HFC	Mass with Fr Simon Falk and Fr Mark Ha

We wish to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr Simon Falk, into our Parish Community. He will be joined by recently ordained Assistant Priest, Fr Mark Ha. They will concelebrate their first Mass here this Friday at 6pm.

This is Fr Simon's bio.

Simon was born in early 1972 in Harden Murrumburrah New South Wales, and baptised at St Mary's (Mother of Mercy) Murrumburrah in February 1972. He was the sixth birth in a railway family who have lived all around New South Wales, as far east as Wollongong and as far west as Griffith and Broken Hill. His schooling began in Griffith New South Wales with the Marist Brothers and Sisters of Mercy. He would continue to have the Mercies in other primary schools, until in high school encountering the Christian brothers, the Presentation Sisters, and many other teachers besides.

After school Simon worked as a trainee store and clerical assistant (Australian Traineeship Scheme) for the then NSW Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, after which he went full-time at university, completing an arts degree in sociology, comparative religions, and psychology, before beginning seminary studies at St Patrick's College Manly in 1994. Simon and his colleagues were involved with the move of the Manly Seminary to the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush.

After the seminary he spent his pre-diaconate, diaconate, and early years as an assistant priest in then St Francis of Assisi Calwell Parish. Simon was ordained a deacon at Holy Rosary Parish in April 2000 and a priest at St Christopher's Cathedral in November 2000. This was followed by assistant priest in Goulburn, and then stints as administrator or parish priest in Pambula, Harden-Murrumburrah, Bega, the Temora Mission and South Belconnen. In the early years Fr Simon was also part-time youth chaplain which took him to World Youth Day (WYD) Toronto in 2002, Cologne in 2005, Sydney in 2008, and an Evangelisation Congress in Paris (ICNE) in 2004. After some study leave at Catholic Theological College in Melbourne from 2009 - 2010, Fr Simon returned to the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn as director of Clergy Life and Ministry (CLM) until 2021, whilst continuing to work in parishes.

From 2011-21 he was one of the Priest Spiritual Companions to a 'Siloam' group of Catholic Primary School Principals of our Archdiocese. He enjoyed a Year of the Priest Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2010, and the Camino Portuguese Pilgrimage Walk to Santiago de Compostela in 2018. Like some other members of his family, he is left-handed, is living with coeliac disease, and has the stature of a leprechaun. He is looking forward to the experience of a new Parish and its people.



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20 January 2025 | Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert | 8pm

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) Orchestra will be performing at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Eden, NSW, on Monday 20 January, 2025, at 8pm. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/CXAQN on sale from 1 December, 2024.

16 February 2024 | St Joseph's Church Candelo 150th Birthday | 10:00AM

St Joseph's Church Candelo 150 year celebration. St Joseph's Church was opened by Reverend Dr. Rodger Bede Vaughan on Sunday 31st January 1875. The Candelo community will have a celebration for the anniversary on Sunday the 16th February 2025 with a mass at 10am followed by a community gathering in the church hall.

22-23 February | ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the Weekends: Feb 22-23, May 17-18, Aug 16-17

19 May 2025 | Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage

St Peter's Parish, Pambula, together with Fr George Ogah invite you to join our Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage. In this dedicated jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints. 19 May-4 June, 2025. Contact pambula@cg.org.au for more information. Flyer attached.

INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE

Two Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) courses are being offered online using Zoom by the Southern Tablelands CPE Centre, a registered Centre with the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education Inc. The short 40-hour course will comprise of six sessions. The course will commence on January 29, 30, February 5, 6 & 12, 13, 2025.

For more information please contact Barbara Hall at barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone: **0418 413 731**

Vocations Discernment Dinners - alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House

Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

Natural Fertility Management

Local health professionals and qualified instructors are available help you understand and manage your fertility in an effective and non-invasive manner. Achieve or avoid pregnancy naturally. Address reproductive health issues holistically.

Fertility Awareness Methods



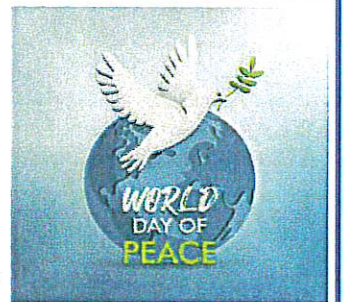
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See Fertility Awareness Methods at www.marriagefamily.org.au

Marian Movement of Priests: invites you and your friends to THE 18TH ANNUAL CANBERRA NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL at Sacred Heart Church, Pearce Tuesday 31st December 2024.

Eucharistic Adoration starts at 8:00pm, with Rosary on the hour (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious). Concludes with Benediction at midnight- we receive two plenary Indulgences as we pray the *Te Deum* and *Veni Creator*.

Hope has been a constant theme in all of Pope Francis' World Day of Peace messages. This is all the more true in his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will be marked on **1 January 2025**, as the Church begins the Jubilee of Hope amid an unprecedented combination of challenges facing the world today.



Part-Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for North Woden. This is a part-time permanent position (Monday 9am to 3.30pm, Wednesday 9am to 4.30pm and Friday 9am to 3.30pm).

Essential Requirements:

- Strong Microsoft Office skills (Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher)
- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone (02-6281 3999) or email wodennorth@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to the Parish Priest, Fr James Antony, james.antony@cg.org.au must be received by Friday 24 January 2025.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Cheryl Hodgson, Rex McRee, Zakie Noja (mother of Richard), Flora Arias (mother of Luz Carlile), William Schofield, Sr Paulinus Croker, Margo Albers, Lurline Knee, Siham Yousif, Yoga Raphael, Shirley Fletcher, Yvonne DeMamiel, Mary Spandler, Dennis Chaston

SICK: *We pray for...* Francis Cheong, Maurice and Vivienne Muscat, Annie Chamberlain, Doug Rankin, Perry Hardman, Jenny Keen, Bishop Pat Power, Wendy Roberts, Patrick Roberts, Harry Parvizi, Margaret Holberton, Gavin O'Brien, Flora Martone, June Lever, Hannah Thomas, Karen Nguyen, Delia Alexander, Jessica Bernadette Elena, Doug Rankin, Joan Brumby, Howard Murray, Diane Savage, Barbara Savage, Zenilda Gama, Ayla Haragli Judith & Werner Kley, Melvyn & Cheryl Nerva, Merle Shep, Dot Pestana, Margaret Latham, and all our sick family members, friends and parishioners.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: *During December we remember* Lynnette Russell, Robert Pereira, Betty Kennedy, Eileen O'Keeffe, Jessica Harris, Jim Sharman, Manuela Lopera, Ronald Buckley, Santo (Tony) Dattilo, John Berry, Edgar Casas, John Hudson, Desmond Pereira, Josepha Koster, Alma Armstrong, Valda Ryan, Ernie Wickson, Abraham Arulandandam, Fr Albert Havas, Michael Lennon, Maria D'Ambrosio, Lucia Pallamoutagne, James Kropp, Linda Casey, Jeffrey Hudson, Joan Enghari, Joan Willemsen, Annunziata Muscat, Eileen Bale, Leo Hioly Chang, Margaret Harrison, Maria Tran, Carlos Carrin, Maurice Beale, Kevin Gallagher, Judith Owen, Pierina Benassi, Rinaldo Iarossi, Elenita Pesigan, Keith Holberton, Agnes Savage and all of our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Wishing you and your families a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed year in 2025.



Roster 27 & 28 Dec, 2024—5th Sunday of the Month

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am	Sunday 10am	Sunday 6pm
Acolyte/ Senior Server	Raul	Val		Tom
Altar Servers	Hunter	Chloe M Samuel M Jacob M	Chloe W Holly W Jakob K	Brayden W Harrison W Katalina R
Readers	Ann R Lynn B	Judy B Alwyn D	Catherine D Maritess V	Christine W Beth L
Music/DPO	Pete S Michael B	Lorna 8am Choir	Jeremiah W DPO Samuel	Gerard Brigita
Offertory Procession	volunteers needed	Lau Family	Walker Family	volunteers needed
Eucharistic Ministers	Lyz A Esther O	Trudy D Veronica M	Peter D	Claudia M Meg T
Children's Liturgy	Does not run during the school holidays however worksheets are available in Children's Liturgy room.			
Cuppas	No Cuppas after mass this weekend			
Collector bags & clear boxes		Jason L Alice L	Gayle M	Paul W
	vacant	vacant	vacant	vacant

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal -

Christmas Mass Collection for 2024 Archbishops Christmas Appeal Support is Needed!
 Help life saving assistance to displaced people whether from war or climate change in Asia, the Middle East or Africa as well as student assistance in the Middle East. Communities in India, Africa and Papua New Guinea along with local works by The Farm in Galong and The Home in Queanbeyan will also be assisted. Donations can also be sent to: Archbishop's Christmas Appeal, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601.
 A cash collection will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses or you can donate via Qkr! or using the envelopes in the foyer.

Contributions to our Parish can be transferred to:

Name: Corpus Christi Parish
 BSB: 062 786
 Account Number: 22193
 Reference—Use your name and reason for the transfer.
 Or to donate via **Credit Card**, go to our website
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/corpuschristiparish>
We are very grateful for your donation.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal peoples, Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who are the traditional custodians and first peoples of this land. We pay respect to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our city and of this region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment: Corpus Christi Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. For more information, visit the Canberra Archdiocesan website on <https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/>.

Communicating Concerns: Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr James or the Parish Office. Alternately, please phone the Parish Office to organise a time to talk with Fr James. Specific **safeguarding issues** can also be emailed to the Parish Safeguarding Officers (see directory). Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) by emailing ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 9806.