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## REFLECTION

Following the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph do what countless generations did before them (and which parents continue to do today): they present their baby to God in a spirit of thanksgiving. There is a longing in the human heart to give our best gifts back to God, and what greater gift in the life of a parent is there than the life of their child? Of course, in Mary and Joseph's case, this is compounded by the fact that the new-born child they bring to the temple is not only the greatest gift of their lives, but also the greatest gift of God to humanity.

While the Holy Family is often considered a unit unto itself, throughout their earthly lives, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus encountered many people and doubtless looked to some for support and guidance. At the temple, Anna and Simeon join Mary and Joseph in rejoicing at the child's birth, and also in anticipating the trajectory of his life and his role within the history of salvation as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, / and glory for your people Israel."

As parts of the Body of Christ, we are also members of the Holy Family of God. At times our role might be to tend the young, the sick, or the elderly in our own biological family units. At other times, we might be privileged to offer support to a young or struggling family. In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul tells us how we are to tend the bonds of love that unite us in Christ, by putting on "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." In this way, we offer our lives to God in thanksgiving and help to build and nurture his Holy Family.

**Living Liturgy 2021**



## FROM OUR PARISH

**THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021** has been finalised and registration forms are available in the church foyer, on the parish website <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/sacraments/sacramental-programme> and at the main office of St. Dominics Primary School. Registration forms can be emailed to [stdomssacprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stdomssacprogram@gmail.com). For further information, please contact Bradley Pinto on 0223629592.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Support the Columban Fathers with their missionary work by purchasing a calendar @ \$12 ea.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** every Sunday at 7:45am before 8:00am Mass.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is closed until 11 January 2021.

**THE ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT TRUST**, which runs a House on Blockhouse Bay Rd, is seeking the following assistance:

- 1) CHILDREN'S CLOTHES - good quality, for boys (aged 4 - 16).
- 2) GARDENING PROJECT - a new project. Seeking help and guidance from anyone with an interest or expertise in gardening to help out at the House. Contact: Frejya Stocker, Client Services Manager, Asylum Seekers Support Trust. Mob 021-0236-4668. Message from Paul Robertson, St Dominic's Social Justice Committee.



## REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH

J P Franklin Roofing Services Ltd will commence essential repairs and maintenance to the church skylight structure, porch roof and guttering the first week of January. This is expected to take 2-3 weeks to complete. Weekday Masses will not be held in the church whilst this work is being carried out. Weekday Masses will be held in the St. Dominic's School Hall. Please park in the school central courtyard and adjoining area only and follow signs for pedestrian access from Bolton St. At this stage we hope to be able to use the church for weekend services. Please comply with all safety warnings and signs and keep clear of the work area. Thank you for your cooperation. St Dominic's Finance Committee.

## FROM OUR DIOCESE

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SHINE TV** – Shine will broadcast Christmas Day Mass starting at **1.50pm**. Shine is on Free-to-air Channel 25 and Sky TV Channel 201. Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Or it can be watched from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/>. Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Mass.

**Christmas blessings and gratitude from the Caring Foundation.** Your support for families and communities in need during 2020 has helped the foundation support over 60 agencies working with the poor and the vulnerable. Thank you for your compassion and care. Please keep the Foundation in your prayers, and if able please support our Christmas Appeal. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

## MORE NEWS

### 150 YEARS OF DOMINICAN SISTERS IN NEW ZEALAND

18 February 2021 will mark 150 years since ten Dominican sisters arrived from Dublin, Ireland, to begin the congregation in New Zealand.

The sisters are taking this opportunity to remember with gratitude all those who have enabled and supported our life in this country: family, friends, women who have shared our life, former pupils, parishioners, benefactors and supporters in prayer and ministry.

A public mass will be held at St Mary's Church, Mosgiel, at 10am on Saturday 20 February, to which all are welcome.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT:** Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr. Merv Duffy SM. It will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch. Places are limited so please contact Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) asap if you are interested in attending.

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### **Please remember the following in prayer:**

**For the Sick:** Margaret Rasch, June Parr, Ofa Brown, Mavis Ulrich, Brenda Tweedale, Christina Woolard, Rosemary McLaughlin, Paulina Unkovich, Margaret Baptista, Theresa Furdas, Helena Podwin, Ineke Merkens, Sr. Dominic OP, Kath Conway.

**Recently Deceased:** Lynette Tuttle, David Mu, Don Matthews, Luming Dorado, Vernon Stowers, Fr. Luke Rawlings OP, Denise McNichol, Sarah Byrne, Ted Murphy, Marie McKenna.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Jasmine Nielson (1st Anniv)

**Please call the office if you need to place a name on this list.**

27th December 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1st Reading:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

**Psalm:** 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**2nd Reading:** Col 3:12-21

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40



**NEXT SUNDAY**  
The Epiphany of the Lord

**1st Reading:** Isa 60:1-6

**Psalm:** 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

**2nd Reading:** Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matt 2:1-12

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

**SATURDAY 6.00pm**

**Altar servers:**

*Commentator*

*1st Reading*

*2nd Reading*

*Ministers of Communion*

*Chief Collector  
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**SUNDAY 9.30am**

**Altar servers:**

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