

WELCOME TO THE
CATHEDRAL PARISH OF
SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH

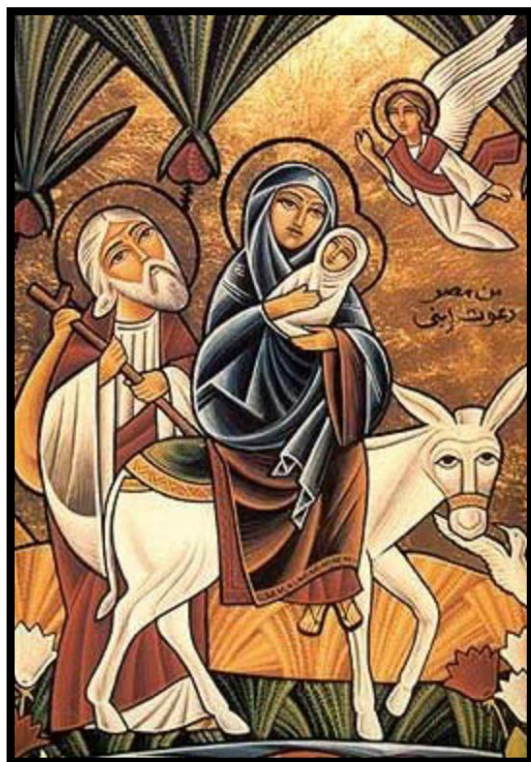
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- Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles
- Faithful to Prayer
- Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread
- Alive in the Community of the Spirit
- Sharing what we have with those in need
Acts 2:42-46

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH
(C/2)

Sunday 27th December 2015



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Lk 2: 16
The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bar 3: 38
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Making Church matter

THE LITURGY FOR THE OCTAVE
OF CHRISTMAS

SAT: VIGIL MASS 6PM
SUN: 8AM; 10AM; 5.30PM
MON: The Holy Innocents
12.30PM Cathedral
TUE: 7AM; 9.15AM Cathedral
WED: 9.15AM; 12.30PM Cathedral
THU: 7AM; 9.15AM Cathedral
FRI:

New Year's Day
Solemnity of MARY,
the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
9.15AM; 12.30PM Cathedral
No evening Mass & No First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration

SAT: 9.15AM & 6PM VIGIL MASS for
EPIPHANY Cathedral

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
SAT: 11.30AM-12NOON; 4.30-5.30PM

Seeking Out those who Belong.....

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS FOR MARRIED COUPLES IN THE
JUBILEE OF MERCY....27 December – The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

In this week's Gospel, Mary and Joseph, without realising it leave the boy Jesus "behind in Jerusalem." When they realise they have lost him they go back "looking for him everywhere." It's not uncommon for married couples, at times, to lose things that are precious to them in the busyness of life. Often, without meaning too. It can be small moments of connection that used to bring them joy. This week find something that's been lost in your marriage and talk about how it might be found. (A Reflection by Karen and Derek Boylen)

Pope Francis speaks on Families

"There is no perfect family. We have no perfect parents, we are not perfect, do not get married to a perfect person, neither do we have perfect children.

We have complaints about each other. We are disappointed by one another. Therefore, there is no healthy marriage or healthy family without the exercise of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is vital to our emotional health and spiritual survival.

Without forgiveness the family becomes a theatre of conflict and a bastion of grievances. Without forgiveness the family becomes sick.

Forgiveness is the sterilization of the soul, cleansing the mind and the liberation of the heart.

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Anyone who does not forgive has no peace of soul and communion with God. Pain is a poison that intoxicates and kills. Maintaining a wound of the heart is a self-destructive action. It is an autophagy.

He who does not forgive sickens physically, emotionally and spiritually. That is why the family must be a place of life and not of death; an enclave of cure not of disease; a stage of forgiveness and not of guilt.

Forgiveness brings joy where sorrow produced pain; and healing, where pain caused disease."

Across the Generations.....

New Priests on loan to the Diocese...

Fr Christopher Onuekwusi & Fr Thaddeus Ike will be arriving from the Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria on 18th January. They will spend a week in Armidale before moving on to their appointed positions.

Clergy Appointments...Fr Joseph Armah has been

appointed as Assistant Priest to St Nicholas' Parish Tamworth as of 1st February. Fr Christopher Onuekwusi & Fr Thaddeus Ike will be appointed to Moree and Gunnedah as Assistant Priests.

Five First Saturdays Devotion to Our Lady.

Next Saturday, 2nd January, prior to the 9.15am Mass in the Cathedral, parishioners are invited to gather before Our Lady's statue to recite five decades of the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes upon the mysteries.

SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH:

1ST COLLECTION (supports the clergy):

BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001023527

2ND COLLECTION (supports the Cathedral and parish):

BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001006225

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The journey to manhood should not be taken alone!



...get
reconnected!

Growing Good Men weekend, Lake Keepit, 1-3 April 2016 facilitated by menALIVE. Contact droff@oconnor.nsw.edu.au Father/son weekend next year. The weekend is a diocesan event and has been endorsed by the Bishop. All father/sons (Grades 8-11) welcome.

[\(http://www.menalive.org.au/events/growing-good-men/\)](http://www.menalive.org.au/events/growing-good-men/)

Awakening the Faithful.....

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nikki O'Donnell, Juanita (Nita) Clair, Paul Johnstone, Regina Newberry, Margaret Gross, Tony Parramore, Irena Kalinowski

ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline O'Connor, Patricia Martin, Violet Evans

SICK: Ghodsi Amini, Mark Norman, Geraldine Giannikas, Susan Maye, Michael Zhu, Michael Moloney, Aeron Ryan, Helen Hesketh, John Fleming, Laurie Fahy, Blake Ross, Gemma Milliken, Joseph O'Brien, Lorraine Gray, Deacon Peter Harrison, Frederic Koelmeyer, Natasha Scully, Kay Robertson, Sandra Devine, Maureen Veitch, Maria Selvey, Russell Wicks, Eleanor Pankhurst, Kay Goodwin, Michael Hartmann

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND 27TH DECEMBER

WELCOMERS: 6pm Vigil: J Fitzgerald **8am:** T Zagami
10am: Allen Family **5.30pm:** P Stier **READERS: 6pm Vigil:**
N Brennan, I Clark, S Clark **8am:** J Cugley, A Rogers, B Swan
10am: C Madubuko, H Madubuko, G Sinnott **5.30pm:** J Roff,
P Turley, H Wicks **EM's: 6pm Vigil:** C Stephen **8am:** V
Turner **10am:** C Allen **5.30pm:** L Turley **COUNTERS:**
Volunteers **CLEANERS:** No Cleaning

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND 3RD JANUARY 2016

WELCOMERS: 6pm Vigil: K McMahon **8am:** D Miron **10am:**
McGrath Family **5.30pm:** D Steller **READERS: 6pm Vigil:** R
Clark, W Clark, C Doherty **8am:** L Stephen, G Stephen, G
Burton **10am:** M Allen, M Edgley, A Herden **5.30pm:** A Wicks,
T Hanrahan, S Hansen **EM's: 6pm Vigil:** E Lankester **8am:** K
Barrett **10am:** C West **5.30pm:** D Steller **COUNTERS:** G
Stephen, L Stephen, W Nano **CLEANERS:** L Allen Team