



# St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.

**The Word of the Lord** **All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalms 127(128):1-5**

**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.

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### 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.*

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

PARISH SCHEDULE	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>BAPTISM</b>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
<b>CONFESSION</b>	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
<b>WEDDINGS &amp; FUNERALS</b>	
By appointment	
<b>PARISH CONTACTS</b>	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
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<b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
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Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm
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Mass intentions		
Sat	6:30pm	
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9.00am	Will Helnus (25.12.2025)
	10:15am	Giuseppe Filocamo (2 Year Anniv.)
	11:15am	
Readers		
Sat	6:30pm	Kathy Stewart
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	8.00am	John Murry & Gabriel
	9:00am	Elizabeth Denkha
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)
Servers/Acolyte		
Sat	6:30pm	Tessa, Luke, Joseph, Oliver, Pio & Enzo <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	
Sun	9:00am	Thineth, Ahinsa, Luke, Grace, Abigail, Tess, Joseph, Gebriel & Jonathon <i>Eugene &amp; Pedro</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>
Children's Liturgy		
Sun		No Liturgy due to the School Holidays
Hospital		
By appointment		

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Thank you!*

## SERMON FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Holiness is not something that happens elsewhere: in deserts and monasteries, in moments of heroic sacrifice or dramatic conversion. The Feast of the Holy Family quietly dismantles that idea. The Son of God entered history through a family—and not a remarkable one by worldly standards. A carpenter, a young mother, a child who needed feeding, teaching, and protecting. In other words, God chose the ordinary. Nazareth tells a different story. There, salvation was not advanced by sermons preached or miracles worked, but by meals prepared, work completed and trust renewed day after day. The reading from Sirach speaks plainly: *“Whoever Honor’s his father atones for sins... whoever reveres his mother stores up riches.”* This is not poetic exaggeration. It is moral realism. God has so arranged the world that our first lessons in love are learned at home. Before we know how to love humanity, we must learn how to love these particular people—flawed, familiar, sometimes difficult—whom God has given us. Psalm 128 blesses the one who fears the Lord and walks in His ways, and it describes that blessing in domestic terms: fruitful vines, children like olive shoots, a table surrounded by life. Scripture does not point us away from family life to find God; it points directly into it. Saint Paul, writing to the Colossians, takes this even further. Compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness—these are not abstract virtues. They are tested most severely, and learned most deeply, in close quarters. It is easy to be polite at a distance. It is much harder to be patient when tired, forgiving when hurt, gentle when misunderstood. Yet Paul insists that this is precisely where Christian virtue belongs. Love, is not primarily an affectionate feeling, but “a steady wish for the loved person’s good.” Feelings come and go. What remains is the will—choosing to seek the good of another even when it costs us something. That kind of love is not glamorous. It is faithful. The Gospel shows us the Holy Family under pressure. There is danger, fear, displacement, uncertainty. Joseph rises in the night to flee into Egypt. Mary follows without complaint. Jesus enters exile before He can even speak. This is not a peaceful Christmas-card scene. It is obedience lived in the dark, trust exercised without full understanding. The Holy Family simply does what love requires next. They go where God sends them. They return when He calls. They settle into Nazareth, where the Son of God will spend most of His life doing what appears to be very little at all. It is important to be warned against confusing importance with visibility. What matters most, often happens out of sight. Nazareth reminds us that the hidden years are not wasted years. They are formative years. Family is not meant to replace God. It is meant to serve Him. When family becomes an idol—when comfort, loyalty, or preference override truth and charity—it collapses under its own weight. The Holy Family avoids this danger because their love is rightly ordered. God comes first, and because God comes first, their love for one another is purified, strengthened, and sustained. On this feast, then, we are not invited to admire a perfect family from a distance. We are invited to examine our own homes. Are we faithful in small things? Do we practice patience where it is hardest? Do we choose forgiveness before resentment hardens? Do we understand that holiness is usually worked out not in moments of inspiration, but in habits of love? The real test of our Christianity is not how we behave in public, but how we treat the people we see every day. By that measure, Nazareth becomes one of the holiest places on earth. The path to sanctity rarely runs through dramatic gestures. More often, it passes through the kitchen, the workshop, the sickroom, and the family table. There, if we are willing, Christ continues to grow—quietly, faithfully, and powerfully—just as He once did in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

## PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on 0420 936 988 to arrange.



## START THE YEAR WITH THE LORD!

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2026, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you. This past year, we have shared moments of joy, supported one another through challenges, and grown together in faith. Thank you for being such a beautiful part of our parish family. The new year is a gift—a chance for **hope and renewal**. Let us open our hearts to God’s grace and allow His love to refresh our spirits. Whatever lies ahead, we can trust that the Lord walks with us, guiding us with His light and strengthening us with His peace. **“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles.”** (Isaiah 40:31) May this year bring you and your loved one’s abundant blessings, deep joy, and renewed faith. Please know that you are in our prayers every day. Let us continue to journey together, building a parish rooted in love and hope. With warmest wishes and prayers,

Fr Wilson Donizzetti



# LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

## PRIMA LETTURA

Sir 3,3-7.14-17

Il Signore ha glorificato il padre al di sopra dei figli e ha stabilito il diritto della madre sulla prole. Chi onora il padre espia i peccati e li eviterà e la sua preghiera quotidiana sarà esaudita. Chi onora sua madre è come chi accumula tesori. Chi onora il padre avrà gioia dai propri figli e sarà esaudito nel giorno della sua preghiera. Chi glorifica il padre vivrà a lungo, chi obbedisce al Signore darà consolazione alla madre. Figlio, soccorri tuo padre nella vecchiaia, non contristarlo durante la sua vita. Sii indulgente, anche se perde il senno, e non disprezzarlo, mentre tu sei nel pieno vigore. L'opera buona verso il padre non sarà dimenticata, otterrà il perdono dei peccati, rinnoverà la tua casa.

Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

## SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 127

*Beato chi teme il Signore e cammina nelle sue vie.*

Beato chi teme il Signore e cammina nelle Sue vie. Della fatica delle tue mani ti nutrirai, sarai felice e avrai ogni bene. **R.**

La tua sposa come vite feconda nell'intimità della tua casa; i tuoi figli come virgulti d'ulivo intorno alla tua mensa. **R.**

Ecco com'è Benedetto l'uomo che teme il Signore. Ti benedica il Signore da Sion. Possa tu vedere il bene di Gerusalemme tutti i giorni della tua vita! **R.**

## SECONDA LETTURA

Col 3, 12-21

Fratelli, scelti da Dio, santi e amati, rivestitevi di sentimenti di tenerezza, di bontà, di umiltà, di mansuetudine, di magnanimità, sopportandovi a vicenda e perdonandovi gli uni gli altri, se qualcuno avesse di che lamentarsi nei riguardi di un altro. Come il Signore vi ha perdonato, così fate anche voi. Ma sopra tutte queste cose rivestitevi della carità, che le unisce in modo perfetto. E la pace di Cristo regni nei vostri cuori, perché ad essa siete stati chiamati in un solo corpo. E rendete grazie! La parola di Cristo

abiti tra voi nella sua ricchezza. Con ogni sapienza istruitevi e ammonitevi a vicenda con salmi, inni e canti ispirati, con gratitudine, cantando a Dio nei vostri cuori. E qualunque cosa facciate, in parole e in opere, tutto avvenga nel nome del Signore Gesù, rendendo per mezzo di lui grazie a Dio Padre. Voi, mogli, state sottomesse ai mariti, come conviene nel Signore. Voi, mariti, amate le vostre mogli e non trattatele con durezza. Voi, figli, obbedite ai genitori in tutto; ciò è gradito al Signore. Voi, padri, non esasperate i vostri figli, perché non si scoraggino.

Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

## CANTO AL VANGELO

*Alleluia, Alleluia La pace di Cristo regni nei vostri cuori; la parola di Cristo abiti tra voi nella Sua ricchezza. Alleluia!*

## VANGELO

Mt 2,13-15.19-23

I Magi erano appena partiti, quando un angelo del Signore apparve in sogno a Giuseppe e gli disse: «Alzati, prendi con te il bambino e sua madre, fuggi in Egitto e resta là finché non ti avvertirò: Erode infatti vuole cercare il bambino per ucciderlo». Egli si alzò, nella notte, prese il bambino e sua madre e si rifugiò in Egitto, dove rimase fino alla morte di Erode, perché si compisse ciò che era stato detto dal Signore per mezzo del profeta: «Dall'Egitto ho chiamato mio figlio». nMorto Erode, ecco, un angelo del Signore apparve in sogno a Giuseppe in Egitto e gli disse: «Alzati, prendi con te il bambino e sua madre e va' nella terra d'Israele; sono morti infatti quelli che cercavano di uccidere il bambino». Egli si alzò, prese il bambino e sua madre ed entrò nella terra d'Israele. Ma, quando venne a sapere che nella Giudea regnava Archelao al posto di suo padre Erode, ebbe paura di andarvi. Avvertito poi in sogno, si ritirò nella regione della Galilea e andò ad abitare in una città chiamata Nàzaret, perché si compisse ciò che era stato detto per mezzo dei profeti: «Sarà chiamato Nazareno».

Parola del Signore

**A: Lode a Te, o Cristo.**