



THE SAVING WORD

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / C

29 DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v. 5

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, / give 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

A reading from the first letter of St John.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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REFLECTION: The Holy Family.

Who is your Father? Who would not have been impressed or inspired by the response given by Emeritus Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby to the public revelation of his true parentage. He boldly yet gently put the whole issue in perspective. His identity he said is “in Christ” and that was that! How accurately Archbishop Welby speaks for us all and how well we would do to take it on board. It doesn't matter if you had the best of parents or the worst of parents. It does not really matter if we don't even know our biological family or otherwise who you belong to. In this day and age when the begetting of life seems something to be so cheap, when it seems to be a simple matter of whim the eventual adult now will sooner or later ask “Who am I? Who do I belong to? Where do I fit? Where is my heritage?” Further we can sell off and treat people as though they do not belong to us or to anyone

either. Think of the thoughts that sometimes pass through our head when we see certain types of people in the street. I remember some years ago doing a shift on night patrol, that service that goes about the streets of our city distributing sandwiches, hot drinks to the homeless. One night we got a call to pick up a young man from the hospital and take him to the shelter. Let's call him Jack. He had been taken there a little bit worse for ware for being beaten up by someone. But also, he was totally under the influence of alcohol and who knows what else. He was very tall, and I remember I had to bend his back to get him into the bus. He slumped onto the seat and closing his eyes he did not make a move. I looked at him and I surmised that he was about twenty-five and I thought “Isn't there someone, somewhere who is worried about you tonight? Don't you have a mother who is waiting for you, wondering where and how you are? Isn't there someone I could ring?”

Seemingly he had no one. If there was anyone had they seen him they would have written him off anyway. And yet disfigured as his identity was, Jack's real identity was in Christ. It was God who I needed to ring. It was the Father who was waiting for him. It was the Father who sent the van to get him. The Father knows his own just as He knows you and I. Thank you Archbishop Welby for reminding us that we are all beloved children like Christ who carry the image and likeness of our true Father, God Himself. Go look for your brothers and sisters this week. We are members of the Holy Family, members of God's family.

COVID: Parishioners, please be aware that Covid Virus has struck our worshipping community. Please exercise the given precautions if you are unwell, please remain at home until you recover. We are all called to be caring of each other. Thank you. Fr Michael.



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 Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm &
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**HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC
 PRAYER GROUP:** HTPG Prayer
 group is in recess until Monday 3
 February 2025.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our
 God has appeared on the earth
 and lived among us.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus
 you are the Good Shepherd who
 is always mindful of your
 Church. Watch over those who
 are Baptised in your name and

grant peace and harmony to all
 families. We ask you to choose
 from the families of our Parish
 many priests, deacons, sisters
 and brothers who will gladly
 spend their lives making you
 known and loved.

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MASS INTENTIONS
**Saturday 28 December 2024 to
 Friday 3 January 2025**
Saturday 28 December
NO 9am Mass
6pm Mass: Intention of Donor
Sunday 29 December
7.30am Mass: For the People
9am Mass: Angelo and Nina
 Bertone (RIP) Family and Deceased
 Family Members, Jose Da Silva
 (RIP), Tony Babin (RIP)
Tuesday 31 December
NO 9am Mass
**Wednesday 1 January – New
 Year’s Day**
9am Mass: For the People
Thursday 2 January
9am Mass: Ray Adams (RIP)
Friday 3 January
9am Mass: Ivan & Lucija Resic (RIP)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

LOST AND FOUND

We know Jesus to be truly human and truly divine. This is the heart of our faith. Sometimes, though, we make Jesus to be more divine than human. Today's Gospel offers us the balance. This passage comes towards the end of the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel that are focused on Jesus' birth. His family has come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Feast of Passover. Mary, Joseph and Jesus are Jewish. They celebrate the feast which commemorates God's liberation of the Israelites from slavery remembered in the *Book of Exodus*. They come, too, to the Holy city which will feature at the beginning and end of Luke's Gospel, and in the opening chapters of Luke's second volume, the *Acts of the Apostles*.

Jesus, the one who will be God's revealed liberator and redeemer, comes to the Holy City, to Israel's key worship centre with its religious leaders, to remind the people, even as a child, that God is acting in their midst. His parents, worried that they had lost him in their caravan journey, find him later in the temple, in the sacred place of God's holy city. He returns with them to Nazareth to grow in wisdom and learning. This bearer of God's Spirit is like any other Jewish child who needs to be nourished.

The story also reflects powerfully on family life: it's about members being lost and found, seeking holiness and liberation amidst life's struggles, and growing in wisdom.

Fr Michael Trainor