

Our Lady Help of Christian Parish

28th/29th December 2019

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Focus on the Scriptures

Today's liturgy celebrates the feast of the Holy Family; recognising the important role Joseph and Mary played in the life of Jesus and also celebrating the role of family in all of our lives. However, the gospel reading is the conclusion of the infancy narrative – the 'what happened next' part of the story of the birth of Jesus. Apart from the involvement of the holy family, the passage doesn't appear to have a lot of connection with the celebration of the feast of the Holy Family. This isn't really surprising as the gospels are accounts of the life of Jesus – predominantly his active ministry – and don't give many details at all of his childhood and family life. However, what we can see in the passage is that Joseph quickly adopted a role of protector of his wife and child and did all he could to keep them from harm. His family was vitally important to Joseph and he took the extreme measure of fleeing his homeland to protect them.

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Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia

With the Final Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Learmonth on Sunday 12th January please note the change in Mass Times for that Sunday only as follows:

Wendouree 9:00 am.

Learmonth 10:30 am

Recently deceased: We commend to God: Jean McMahon

Anniversaries: We remember: Allan Spratling

We pray: Those in need of our prayers especially Saskiah Gallagher, the sick, the homeless and those who are seeking employment, for the Plenary Council process in Australia (Listening and Discernment Phase) and our RCIA candidates

Baptism: We welcome Lenny James Fleming son of Sarah and Matthew

Mass this Week: Wednesday: 1st Jan 9.00 am Friday: 10.00 am

4th/5th January	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Veronica Stott	Vin Dillon
MINISTER of the WORD	John Bourke	Darryl Clark
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Mavis McNulty, Joyce Jackson, Pat Dillon + 2 volunteers	Helen Rienets, Peter Briody, Maxine Rousch + 2 volunteers
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Geoff & Marg McLean
COUNTERS	Brendan Curran, Geoff & Trish Doery	
Rural Communities 8:30 am	<u>This Week:</u> Lexton—29th Dec	<u>Next Week:</u> Waubra—5th Jan
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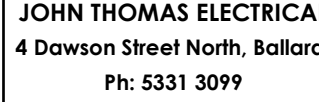
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