



**Thur 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.**  
**Mass: 8pm**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan**  
**2016 New Year**  
**Mass: 7:30am.**

**My Dear Friends.**  
Whilst enjoying this  
Annual Festival of Nativity  
of the Lord, I say from  
depths of my heart a  
million times **THANK YOU**  
to all of you for willingly  
giving hands in  
preparation of our  
Community for this  
wonderful Celebration.  
May the True Light dispel  
darkness from our daily  
lives. Blessed Christmas  
and Happy New Year !!!  
Yours in Christ

*Fr Jeray*

**CONGRATULATIONS Natalie & Kristie**  
**for your exceptional HSC results. They are**  
**stepping stones to a new way of life, challenges**  
**and new responsibilities. Thank you for your**  
**hard work and your continued commitment to**  
**our Parish Community.**  
**May God bless you .**

**Praying for + Johanna at the grave side last**  
**Sunday evening.**



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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

### RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

Sun 4:00–4:30pm

### BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER (SAT. &

SUN): 4:00 to 4:25pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by  
contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



**27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 (C)**

## **Feast of the Holy Family**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

How happy they who dwell in your  
house, O Lord.

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Jophn 3:1-2, 21-24

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hears, O  
Lord, to listen to the words of your  
Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Luke 2:41-52

### **To follow on the internet :**

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";  
"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",  
Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim  
Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";  
"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"  
[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)  
Godgossip; American Thinker; tarsus.ie.



## MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 26/12/15 to Fri 1/01/16)

**Sat 9:15am:** for the intention of oneself

**Sun 9:30am:** Pro Populo

**Sat Vigil:** †Keith Cook

**Sun 5pm:** Maribel Java, Jan Lee, Sheila Java

**Sun 8am:** Maria Nekic (sick)

(good health & speedy recovery)

**OUR SICK:** *Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Pat De La Motte, Richard Swords, Barry Dunn and Southern Cross residents...*

### Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to John Spora (3<sup>rd</sup> Jan)

Congratulations and God's blessings on **Kevin Li and Wen Xuan Gao (Alice)** who celebrated their Sacrament of Matrimony in our Parish on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

*As we bid farewell to Fr. Jerzy, let us all convey our grateful thanks and gratitude to him for nearly 17 years of dedicated pastoral care and spiritual guidance of our community. Fr. Jerzy will be greatly missed and we wish him God's blessings in his new ministry at St Joseph's Como-Oyster Bay from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2016. Fr. Jerzy's final Mass will be on Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at 5pm followed by a get-together in the hall.*

*Please bring a plate of savoury dish to share. (A formal farewell party is being planned for end-Feb 2016)*



**The Parish Office will be closed from Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan and will reopen on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016.**



**Foley Gardens Residents' X'mas Lunch.**

### **Christmas Offering envelopes:**

Please use them to help the needs of our priests in the Archdiocese who are sick, in special works, migrant chaplains and undertaking further studies.

**Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.**

<b>This weekend:</b>	<b>Vigil:</b> Volunteer(A)	L Paquin, J Spora (R)	S Kim, S Boen (C)	Thomas W (M)
<b>8:00am:</b>	G Diab, J Hoang (A)	A Burke, A Obiano (R)	P Chen, L Hart (C)	P Low (M)
<b>9:30am:</b>	Anu V, Magdi Z(A)	K Wong, B Wong (R)	M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C)	T Chin (M)
<b>5:00pm:</b>	Volunteer (A)	Volunteer (R),	Volunteers (C)	<b>Counters:</b> G Hage, V Hage

<b>Next weekend:</b>	<b>Vigil:</b> Volunteer (A)	P Low, R Williams (R)	M Alimario, G Hage(C)	Thomas W (M)
<b>8:00am:</b>	G Diab, J Hoang (A)	M Marshiella, T Long (R)	A Burke, G Pulella(C)	P Low (M)
<b>9:30am:</b>	Anu V, Magdi Z (A)	I Lie, J Lie (R)	C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C)	A Burton (M)
<b>5:00pm:</b>	Volunteer (A)	Volunteers (R),	Volunteers (C)	<b>Counter:</b> M Wells

At the time of what it was perceived as a real crisis in European civilization towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that Pope Leo XIII instituted the Feast of the Holy Family, which feast was then extended to the universal Church by Benedict XV. I like to think that Leo was spurred on to establish this feast and to write his Encyclical *Quam Plurimes* that made St. Joseph the patron of the Universal Church by the words of Blessed John Henry Newman in his *Bigletto* speech in Rome when



Leo made him a cardinal. For it was Newman who saw so very clearly the real consequences of a civilization permeated by a relativism that denied truth. And it was St Pope John Paul II who on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leo's encyclical issued his own encyclical on the importance of St. Joseph and the Holy Family, *Redemptoris Custos*, the Guardian of the Redeemer. That same Pope, reading the signs of the times and aware of a crisis within the understanding of the family, brought about in no small part by the sexual revolution of the 1960s, called a Synod on the Family and issued an Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, at the end of the Synod to explain and deepen the Church's understanding of and commitment to the family. And in this context we read: The family—based on marriage (between a man and a woman)—is the first and fundamental unit of society and is a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. Together families form communities, communities a state and together all across the world each human is part of the human family. How these communities organize themselves politically, economically and socially is thus of the highest importance. Each institution must be judged by how much it enhances, or is a detriment to, the life and dignity of human persons. The attack on the family from an increasingly secularized and antichristian society has certainly reached new points of crisis that Leo and John Paul could not have imagined—and this in a relatively short period of time. So Pope Francis has called for a Synod on the Family, whose Extraordinary session was held last October. The proceedings of the Extraordinary Synod were at once controversial and disturbing. But the Synod did reveal for all to see that there is indeed a crisis in the understanding of the family, but this crisis was not brought about merely by forces outside the Church but within the Church herself... Today, after the Mass, go to the crib, look and ponder what this birth means, what this family means. And there offer your prayers to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, that your own family,



with its imperfections, its problems, its sufferings, may be joined to the love of God that is at the heart of the Holy Family. And do not forget to offer a prayer for all fathers, mothers and children in this world who struggle to love each other in a world that each day deepens its falsification of love in the name of a false understanding of personal freedom.