



# *Morphett Vale*

## *Catholic Parish Bulletin*

Our Parish Vision:

*“The people of Mary Help of Christians Parish will seek to know and love God, and serve God by nurturing and sustaining our whole community.”*

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year B**

**31st December 2023**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Christopher Matala - 0430 122 001 - *Emergency only*

**Parish Office:** 3 Venning Street, Morphett Vale SA 5162

**Office Hours:** Closed and will re-open on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

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**Mary Help of Christians Church:** Corner Bains and Main South Roads, Morphett Vale

**Cana Chapel:** Hay Street, Happy Valley **Mary MacKillop Chapel:** Todd Street, Woodcroft

**Antonio School:** Bains Road Morphett Vale Phone 8325 4500

**Emmaus School:** Todd Street, Woodcroft Phone 8322 7211

**Annie's Op Shop** is closed and will re-open on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

**Weekend Masses 30th/31st December**

**Weekday Masses**

**1st - 6th January 2024**

Saturday MHC 6.00pm Vigil  
Sunday MHC 8.00am  
Sunday MHC 9.30am  
Sunday MHC 11.00am - Polish

Monday 9.00am MHC  
10.30am MHC - Polish  
Tuesday 9.15am MHC  
Wednesday 10.00am MHC - Polish  
6.00pm MHC  
Thursday 9.15am MHC  
Friday 9.15am MHC  
Saturday 9.00am MHC

**Reconciliation:** Following Saturday 9.00am Mass or by appointment

**Rosary:-** After each 9.15am weekday Mass - MHC

**Devotion to the Sacred Heart:** 1st Friday of month - 9.15am Mass - MHC

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to 12Noon.

**Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary:** 1st Saturday of month - 9.00am Mass - MHC

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** 1st Sunday of the month - 3.00pm - MHC

**Baptism:** All enquiries through the Parish Office

**Marriage:** Six months notice requested. Phone the Parish Office for appointment

## **READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR B**

	<b>The Holy Family 31st December 2023</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024</b>
First Reading	Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3	Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40	Matthew 2:1-12

**PSALM RESPONSE:** The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

**GOSPEL ACCL:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through His Son. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man name Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus to do for Him what the Law required, he took Him into his arms and blessed God: and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as You promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of Your people Israel.'

As the Child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about Him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His Mother, 'You see this Child: He is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just as that moment and began to praise God: and she spoke of the Child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the Child grew to maturity, and He was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with Him.

## **FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK!**

Monday 1st January      **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - SOLEMNITY**  
Tuesday 2nd January      Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,  
   *Bishops & Doctors of the Church - Memorial*



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-**

### **ROSARY**

Monday night Rosary cancelled at this time and will resume on 1st January!

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**Friday 5th January - Mass at 9.15am** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at 12Noon.

### **FIRST SATURDAY MASS IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**Saturday 6th January - Mass at 9.00am** followed by Rosary & Confessions

### **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

**Sunday 7th January at 3.00pm** in MHC



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**SICK:** Andrew Lyon, David & Beryl Kerrigan

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Moussa, Adam & George Adam; Paul, Luke & Norman Zadey; Members of the Adam, Zadey, Saba & Khoury Families; Hannah; Youseff

*If you wish the names of your family members to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries please contact the Parish Office.*

## **READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS**

Formation meetings for new Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in 2024. Dates yet to be organised!

## **DONATIONS / COLLECTIONS OPTIONS**

First Collection Priests of the Adelaide Archdiocese

2nd Collection Running of parish and it's pastoral and charitable works

### **Bank Transfer**

A/c Name: Morphett Vale Catholic Parish  
BSB: 085 005    Account: 17000 5867  
Reference Surname *(if you wish)*

Planned Giving - forms in Church foyer

Tap n Go (credit cards / mobile phone)  
located in Church foyer

Good Giving App QR Code  
(computer or mobile) - >

