



Catholic Diocese of Bunbury • Oblates of Saint Joseph  
**HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

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**Mary, Mother of God, Year A**  
**Sunday 1st January 2023**

*A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.*



**Mary, Mother of God**  
**1 January 2023**

First Reading:  
**Numbers 6:22-27**

Responsorial Psalm:  
**May God bless us in His mercy.**

Second Reading:  
**Galatians 4:4-7**

Gospel Acclamation:  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**In the past God spoke to our**  
**ancestors through the prophets;**  
**now he speaks to us through his**  
**Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel:  
**Luke 2:16-21**

Communion Antiphon:  
**Jesus Christ is the same**  
**yesterday, today and for ever.**

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**Start 2023 with Mary**

Happy New Year dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Family Parish. It is a brand-new start for this new year 2023. Let us fill our hearts with hope and let us continue to pray that the Lord will continue to bless us and our family.

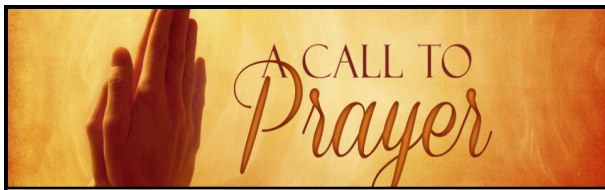
January 1<sup>st</sup> is always a day dedicated to our Blessed Mother as the Mother of God. In Greek it is called *Theotokos* which means “God-bearer.” To call Mary as *Theotokos* is to celebrate the unique and Singular Grace given to her by the Father to be the Mother of God. This title has been the cause of so many discussions in the Catholic Church but finally everything has been settled by the Council of Ephesus in 431. This definition must be read against the Council’s declaration that in Christ there are two natures, one divine and one human, but only one person. Thus, Mary cannot be called the “Mother of Jesus, the Man but not the Mother of Jesus, the God.” Furthermore, according to the Council of Chalcedon in 451, there is a complete unity, without mixture, change, division, or separation in the two natures of Jesus. He is 100% Human and 100% Divine. Indeed, without a doubt, Mary is the Mother of God.

If we are to begin this New Year with Mary, it would be a privilege and such a blessing for all of us. Remember when Jesus Christ was hanging on the cross, we have been entrusted to her maternal love when Jesus said, “Woman, this is your Son; Son, this is your Mother.” Those words may have been uttered to Mary and to the beloved disciple, but John was the representative of all the apostles, who are the foundations of the Catholic Church. Mary as the Mother of God, is also the Mother and Queen of the Universal Church.

As we always say, “mothers know best.” No matter how naughty we are as children of our mothers, we would still be the best children to them. Mothers can see the inner goodness in their children which others couldn’t see. So, it is with Mary. We can never go wrong with Mother Mary by side. We can never get lost with Mary as our guide. She will find us and will cry for us if we remain hard hearted. She will always pray and bring us to the right path going to Jesus. She is our Mother, who will certainly be patient and will fight for us until we see clearly the pathway of salvation in Jesus Christ, her Son.

**PRAYER:** Mother Mary, star of the sea, guide us as we begin our journey for this new year 2023. Amen.

*Reflection by Fr Joel Villanueva, OSJ*



## Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders,

that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make.

### We pray for the special intentions:

Corinne Carrington, Wendy Stephens, Lillian Pauley, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Victor Cruz, Luba Greay, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Vicky Southworth, Craig Holmes, Bill Stevens, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard, Garry Higgins, Jerry Lambie, Brian Lloyd, Lucille Villalobos, Fr Johnny, Grace Stockenstrom, Tony Capetanakis, John Dawson, Peter Jeffs, Joseph Higgins, Sharon Mortimore.

**Anniversary of Death:** Larissa Golden - Happy birthday in Heaven (1st January 2023)

**Recent Death:** Julian Letter, Harry Easton, Nadine Busher, Ah Ha Soh

*If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.*

**ROSARY STATUES:** *Pilgrim Statue*  
St Joseph's Church

*Filipino Statue*  
Cirila Adams

## PARISH OFFICE Opening Hours

Our Parish Office is temporarily closed until **Tuesday, 10th January 2023**.  
In cases of emergency, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: **(08) 9841 1129**

Email: **albacath@iinet.net.au**

## PARISH FINANCE

*Your donation helps in continuing the mission of the Church here in Albany and in surrounding areas.*

**OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms** are available from the parish office.

### OPTION 2:

#### ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish  
BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771  
Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

## Last Weekend's Collections

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

<b>1st Collection:</b>	<b>\$2266.00</b>
<b>2nd Collection:</b>	<b>\$1580.00</b>
<b>Direct Debit / EFT</b>	<b>\$862.00</b>

*Please be advised that there are 2 collections at all 4 Sunday Masses, every weekend.*

## INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 8 JANUARY 2023

### EPIPHANY of the LORD

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

## ROSTERS

**Saturday 6.00pm Mass: Holy Family Church**

Deacon / Acolyte: Manuel Navalta

Readers: Jan Fisher, Hazel Galang

**Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church**

Deacon / Acolyte: Stan Bemben

Readers: Andrew Landells, Anne Letter

**Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church**

Deacon / Acolyte: James Opoku

Readers: Colleen Purdon, Ruth Coffey

EMHC: Anne Smith, Anne Wiseman

**Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church**

Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb

Readers: Ana Pauley, Julie Sutcliffe

## Rest in Peace

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for the soul of Julian Letter on **Monday, 2nd January at 6.00pm** in **St Joseph's Church**.

A Requiem Mass will be offered for Julian the following day on **Tuesday, 3rd January at 9.30am** in **Holy Family Church**.

**Burial at Allambie Park.**

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All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary for the soul of Harry Easton on **Thursday, 5th January at 7.00pm** in **St Joseph's Church**.

A Requiem Mass will be offered for Harry the following day on **Friday 6th January at 1.30pm** in **St Joseph's Church**.

## Acolytes & Readers Required

A wonderful opportunity to become an Acolyte or Reader is available, and is a great way to be of service to our parish.

If anyone is interested in becoming an Acolyte or would like to learn more about the role, please contact Fr Vince.

Readers are required for Sunday Masses at 7.30am and 5.00pm in St Joseph's Church.

If you think this might interest you, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

## 9.30am Mass Morning Tea

Please note that morning tea is currently on **break** and will **resume again on January 22**.

## St Joseph's Lodge Defibrillator

is a Defibrillator outside the St Joseph's Lodge office door which is for the use of the parish and general community.

We encourage parishioners to download the St John First Responders App which saves time in an emergency.

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office is currently closed for the Christmas Holidays and will **reopen on Tuesday, 10th January 2023**.

If you require assistance or need to speak to a priest, please call 9841 1129.

## 35 Years Sto. Niño Celebration

A very warm invitation is extended to all Holy Family parishioners to attend the Sto. Niño Celebration.

Please join us for a Rosary, Novena and Mass in **Holy Family Church**.

**Friday, 6th January: 5.00pm**

**Saturday, 7th January: 5.00pm**

**Sunday, 8th January: 8.45am (Mass at 9.30am)**

**9th - 13th January: 5.00pm**

**Saturday, 14th January: 9.00am**

## Fiesta Celebration

**Sunday, 15th January**

Assemble for procession at St Joseph's College Gym at 9.15am.

**Mass in Holy Family Church at 9.30am**, followed by lunch at the Gym.

Please bring a plate to share and enjoy the Fiesta. Let's be God's one happy spiritual family.

**Hermanas: Sto. Niño Choir**

*Yours in Christ,*

Santo Niño Choir and Manuel & Fe  
9841 7475



## Summer School 2023 with Fr Tony Chiera

Pope Francis has invited us to spend some time over the next two years in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. 2023 is dedicated to a renewed look at Vatican II and 2024 will focus on prayer.

The Diocesan Summer School will explore the event of Vatican II and some of its core teachings. These teachings are the basis for the ongoing life and mission of the Church into the future.

The Diocesan Summer School in Albany will commence in **New Camfield on Wednesday, 18 January at 5.30pm**, and will **end at around 8.30pm**.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9841 1129. Please note that the Office will be closed from the 27 December until the 10 January.

## PARISH COMMUNITY

### Catholic Women's League

Meet: Monthly, Every Third Tuesday  
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Place: New Camfield  
Contact: Jenny Dul  
Mobile: 0438 241 100

### Knights of the Southern Cross

Meet: Monthly, Every First Wednesday  
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Place: New Camfield  
Contact: Steve Amato  
Mobile: 0409 370 414  
Contact: Mike Matusiak  
Mobile: 0457 064 154

### Legion of Mary

Meet: Weekly, Every Thursday  
Time: 1.00pm - 2.00pm  
Place: New Camfield  
Contact: Anne Letter  
Mobile: 0447 258 232

### Men's Fellowship Group

Meet: Monthly, Every Second Saturday  
Time: 8.00am - 10.00am  
Place: New Camfield  
Contact: Michael Collins  
Mobile: 0428 746 734

### Sewing & Craft Group

Meet: Bi-Monthly,  
Every Second & Fourth Monday  
Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Place: New Camfield  
Contact: Helen Anderson  
Mobile: 0427 108 810

### Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea

Place: Stella Maris Centre  
Princess Royal Drive, Albany  
Contact: Marilou Lomas  
Mobile: 0423 866 932

### St Vincent de Paul

Meet: Bi-Monthly  
Every Second & Fourth Friday  
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm  
Place: 17 Chevalier Street, Albany  
Contact: Anne Smith  
Mobile: 0478 616 137

Holy Family Parish is  
committed to the fundamental belief  
that **all children, young people  
and vulnerable individuals**  
have the right to feel safe at all times.

### Safeguarding Officers:

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## PARISH TIMETABLE

### DAILY MASSES

**In St Joseph's Church ONLY**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:**  
8.00am Mass

**Friday:** 12.00noon Mass

**First Friday of the month:** Healing Mass

**Saturday:** 9.00am Mass

### DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Mon, Wed and Thurs:** 7.30am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

**Tuesday:** 7.30am ROSARY

**Friday:** 10.00am Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament;  
Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass

**Saturday:** 9.45am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**First Thursday of the month:** 6.00pm Holy Hour

**Third Sunday of the month:** 3.00pm Benediction & Rosary

**St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and  
devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.**

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Holy Family Church

**Saturday 6:00pm**

**Sunday 9:30am**

#### St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 7:30am**

**Sunday 5:00pm**

#### STATION MASSES

##### **Gnowangerup**

2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:30am

##### **Bremer Bay**

3rd Sunday: 9:30am

##### **Ongerup**

2nd Sunday: 11:30am