



joy: like the birth of a new child or grandchild, a marriage, a new job, a graduation? Were there times of sadness and struggle: like illness, death, disharmony, financial troubles? Spend some time reflecting on how God has been with you through it all.

But don't just look back; look forward too. How has the past year prepared you for the blessings to come? Maybe God is beginning to unfold something new in your life. How might you embrace it? Does it call you to trust, especially if the

situation seems unclear or uncertain? Looking forward is an invitation for you to be open to God's blessings, to be amazed at how God is at work in your life and to know that even better things are still to come!

Looking back on 2018 we thank our loving God for being with us. Looking forward to the new year, we pray that we will remain close to the One who is always present and faithful to us.

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The pamphlet, *Meditations for Lent* by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, is available from Majellan Publications for \$3.50 (postage included).

We Respond ...

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 83)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

NEXT WEEK (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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Slim Dusty is fondly remembered as Australia's 'King of Country'. During his lifetime, Slim released more than a hundred albums, selling more than seven million records and earning over 70 gold and platinum album certifications.

'Looking forward, Looking Back' is a famous Slim Dusty song. As another year comes to an end and the countdown to 2019 begins, Slim's song title offers some practical wisdom. Today is a timely opportunity for all of us to look forward and look back, to reflect on the past year's blessings and to set our goals for the year ahead.

Imagine the Holy Family of Nazareth doing the same. They, too, had much to look back on and much to anticipate! Mary might have recalled the angel's words about Jesus at the Annunciation, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king ... his kingdom will never end" (Luke 1:32, 33b). Joseph might have recalled

his dream, when the angel told him to name Mary's son Jesus, "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Mary and Joseph might also have reflected again on their experience with Simeon. Holding the infant Jesus, Simeon shared his vision where he saw the fulfillment of all God's promises and the hope for the future salvation of Israel. "For my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light to reveal your will to the gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:30, 32). No wonder Mary and Joseph were amazed!

Remembering and reflecting on these special moments of God's presence and grace must have helped Mary and Joseph to trust in God's faithfulness and to know that whatever the future might hold, they would not be alone.

Think now about your own 'holy family'? How was God present to you this year? Were there times of

WEEK START SUN DEC 30, 2018
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS MARY & JOSEPH



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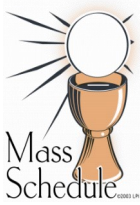
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Mass
Schedule

THIS WEEK'S PARISH MASS TIMES

SUN DEC 30: 6.30AM, 8.30AM
MON DEC 31: 6.30AM,
TUES JAN 1: 8AM
WED JAN 2: 6.30AM
FRI JAN 4: 6.30AM
SAT JAN 5: 8AM, 6PM

Please Note in January 2019:
No Baptism talks or
Children's Church;

For any Baptisms requests
 prior to Feb 10, 2019
 please contact parish office.



Both **Baptism Talks & Children's Church** resume
SUNDAY FEB 3, 2019;

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is celebrated
 at 8.30am Sunday Mass
 (Feb - Dec),

BAPTISM TALKS are 4pm
 on first Sunday of most months.



RECONCILIATION EACH SATURDAY 5.30PM
OR BY PERSONAL ARRANGEMENT



Christmas Raffle from all
 Christmas Day Masses!
 Prize \$100 donated by
 Joe Kelly. Raffle drawing
 was delayed until today
 Good luck to all owners of tickets!!

REGINA CAELI
2018-2019



Please CONTACT PARISH OFFICE
NEXT INFORM MEETING MON FEB 11, '19 @ 7.30PM



Our ongoing **Child Protection** commitment is to ensure we have in place, as a parish, what is Archdiocese deemed necessary, &, what as a parish, we consider, we require to have documented for our own benefit & wellbeing. We hope parishioners fill in a **VOLUNTEER DATA** or a **PARISHIONER DETAIL form**. Place replies on **collection plates** or **give to parish office**. For **parishioners** who are **not volunteers**, a **parishioner sheet** will allow parish maintain a list of emergency contacts, should an unfortunate incident occur. **All forms available in foyer**. Many volunteer ministries require Blue Cards and Police checks. Please contact parish office for more info.



2019 PLANNED GIVING envelopes still available in foyer. Would you like to take a box of envelopes & haven't used them before? Spare boxes are available in foyer. Should preference be other vehicles for donating eg **Direct Debit, Credit Card** please contact parish office. Your support is always appreciated.



Thank you to all parishioners assisting in any way around the parish. At this time of year, please take time to consider if any parishioner **could** be involved within the parish & not doing so at the moment. We are constantly on the lookout for more helpers with **music, singing, gardening, cleaning, flowers, as a Sacristan, Reader, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server**. However you think you could help please let us know.

With many parishioners away over the **holiday season** extra help is needed & appreciated. If anyone is available to help, please volunteer.

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Welcome



Thank you for joining us
in celebrating the birth of Jesus.
We wish you a happy and holy Christmas.

share the story
 shape the future



REGINA CAELI DATE CLAIMERS: FROM DEC 2018

SUN DEC 30: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH
TUES JAN 1: NEW YEARS DAY ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
SUN JAN 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JAN 2019: WYD2019 PANAMA
SAT JAN 26: AUSTRALIA DAY
SUN FEB 3: 'CHILDREN'S CHURCH' RESUMES 'BAPTISM TALKS' RESUME
MON FEB 11: RECONCILIATION ROUND II M'TING
WED MAR 6: ASH WEDNESDAY
SAT/SUN MAR 9/10: RECONCILIATION PREP II, Wk 1
SAT/SUN MAR 16/17: RECONCILIATION PREP II, Wk 2
SAT/SUN MAR 23/24: RECONCILIATION PREP II, Wk 3
MON MAR 25: RECONCILIATION CEREMONY 6.30PM
SUN APRIL 14: PALM SUNDAY
THURS APRIL 18: HOLY THURSDAY
FRI APRIL 19: GOOD FRIDAY
SUN APRIL 21: EASTER SUNDAY
THURS APRIL 25: ANZAC DAY

At Christmastime we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and our friends and families get together, share stories and make plans for the year ahead. In October 2020, the Catholic Church is gathering to make plans and decisions for the future. Your voice is needed to help create the agenda.

What are your experiences of God in your life, your faith and the church?
What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?
What changes do you consider important for the future benefit of the Catholic Church?

I think God is asking us to...

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