

# The Feast of the Holy Family

## 31 December 2017



*THEME: Family Life is a mixture of Joys and Sorrows*

“IN GENTLENESS AND PEACE HE COMES”

**MASS TIMES:**

As usual, EXCEPT:

- **MONDAY 1 January 2018 is New Year's Day The Solemnity of Mary, Mass is at 12 noon**
- **FRIDAY 5 January 2018 at 11:00 is the Requiem Mass for Jim Gallagher**

Thank you Tricia and David for the Beautiful flowers, the Church looks fantastic!

The final Christmas Message.

“Happiness is being LOVED”, Billy, Aged 8

Yes, we all THRIVE on Love.

I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name. You are PRECIOUS in my EYES.

It is all summed up in the Carol, “O, Holy Night”, “In all trials BORN TO BE OUR FRIEND”

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

- To Marie Woodcock and Mike Davies who were wed last Thursday.
- To Father Joseph who celebrated 21 years ordained on Friday 29 Dec

Thank you, Thank You, Thank you. For your generosity to our Five Christmas Charities!!!

***My end of year litany of St Luke's Saints!***

Rosary Prayers, Dust-duster Ladies, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Young and Old, Sunday Readers, Apparitors, Repository Helpers, SVP, UCM, Christmas/Summer Fair Helpers, Bulletin Secretaries, Altar Servers, both Choirs, Jim McCormick, Patricia, Frances and Bar Staff in Centre, Mum's and Toddlers, Pre-School Playgroup, Senior Parishioners Party Organisers, School Teachers and Governors, Kevin Lyons, Dennis Miles, Jim Martin and Allwyn.

♥ 🕊️ ☆ **THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR PARISH** ☆ 🕊️ ♥

**NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN:**

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**A Few “Home” Truths!**

The reason parents no longer lead their children in the right direction is because parents aren't heading that way themselves!

Children have more need of models than of critics! Our children need more of our presence, than our presents!

Children have never been good at listening to their elders but have never failed to imitate them!!

**And the one I Love! A Chinese Proverb:**

“Nobody's family can hang a sign, ‘Nothing the matter here’.”

**And finally, the FUNNIES to end the Year:**

The one thing children wear our faster than shoes is parents. Children are very adept at comprehending modern statistics. When they say, ‘everyone is allowed to..’ it is usually based on a survey of one.

A lady got on a bus with seven children. The conductor asked, “are these all yours lady, or is it a picnic?” “They are all mine” she replied, “and it's no picnic”!!

It's only the thought that one day they'll grow up, get married and leave home that keeps me going!!

I'd divorce him tomorrow, but I might get custody of the children!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
EVERYBODY

Fr. John  
Fr Joseph