



**30TH DECEMBER 2012
THE HOLY FAMILY - YEAR C**



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Reflection

The gospel shows us Jesus at the age of twelve. That was the age that every Jewish boy was expected to make his bar mitzvah and so become a responsible subject of the law. It was a ceremony of legal adulthood. From then on he was required to keep the law and make the annual pilgrimages to Jerusalem like any other Jewish man. One way teenagers celebrate their coming of age is to go out and do those things that the law had hitherto forbidden them to do. You know your boy is growing up when he stops asking where he came from and begins to not tell you where he is going. As we can see, Jesus was no exception. To celebrate his coming of age he attends the Temple Bible class without informing his parents. When his parents catch up with him after two days of searching for him everywhere, all he tells them is, **"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"** (Luke 2:49). Even holy families do have their occasional tensions and misunderstandings.

The most puzzling part of the story, however, is the way it ends: **"Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them"** (v.51). The twelve-year old adult Jesus already knows that his mission is to be in his Father's house and be about his Father's business. From the test-run he did in Jerusalem earlier that day, it was clear that he was already capable of doing it very well, because **"all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers"** (v. 47). The puzzle then is this: If Jesus, already at the age of twelve, was ready to begin his public mission, and was evidently well prepared for it, why would he go down with his parents and spend the next eighteen years in the obscurity of a carpenter's shed only to begin his public ministry at the age of thirty?

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*The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers,
because the shining splendour of that name
causes God's word to be proclaimed and heard.*

Gathering Hymn	GA298 The First Noel
Psalm Response	How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord
Recessional Hymn	GA294 Hark! The herald Angels Sing

MASS TIMES



ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park

Wed 2nd Jan No Mass
Sat 5th Jan 5.15pm Reconciliation
 6.00pm
Sun 6th Jan 7.30am, 9.00am

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74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Tues 1st Jan No Mass (until further notice)
Sun 6th Jan 5.30pm

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Wed 2nd Jan 9.00 am
Thurs 3rd Jan 9.00am
Frid 4th Jan 9.00 am

(Friday only— Hostel Community Hall)

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	Isaiah 60:1-6
John 3:1-2, 21-24	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Luke 2:41-52	Matthew 2:1-12

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shed only to begin his public ministry at the age of thirty? Were those eighteen years wasted years? Certainly not! In a way that is hard for us to understand, Jesus' hidden life in Nazareth was as much a part of his earthly mission as his public life.

We are reminded that it was at this time that "Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour" (v.52). And when we reflect on the fact that for every one year of his public life Jesus spent ten years in family life, then we shall begin to understand the importance and priority he gave to family life.

(by Fr Munachi Ezeogu)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th December

Holy Family
 10.30am Baptisms ~ St Bernardine's Church

Monday 31st December

9.30am Prayer Group ~ St Bernardine's Church

Tuesday 1st January 2013

New Year's Day ~ Parish Office closed
Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 7.00pm Mass ~ St Bernardine's Church

Wednesday 2nd January

Parish Office closed
 7.00pm Flame of Love Prayer Group
 ~ St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany
 10.30am Baptisms ~ St Bernardine's Church

Please note that there will be a 7pm Mass on Tuesday 1st January to celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Reflecting on Mary's relationship with God, Pope Benedict XVI noted that on the day of the Annunciation, Mary was 'deep in thought and yet ready to listen to God. There was no obstacle within her, no barrier, nothing that would separate her from God. This is the meaning of her being without original sin. Her relationship with God is free from even the slightest rift; there is no separation, no shadow of selfishness, but rather perfect harmony. Her little human heart was perfectly "centred" in the great heart of God.'

- Pope Benedict XVI, December 8, 2012

As we come to the end of the year, we reflect on how God has been with us every step of the way.

We thank God for his gentle, loving presence – and pray that in the New Year we will be more alert to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, leading us through Jesus into even deeper union with our loving God.

Caritas Australia Pacific Emergency Appeal



On 13 December, Cyclone Evan hit Samoa. Four people are confirmed dead, 12 are missing, more than 4,500 people are in evacuation centres and 4,000 homes have been destroyed. The Caritas Australia Pacific Emergency Appeal is now open.

If you wish to donate, you may do so through the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au, the toll free number 1800 024 413 or GPO Box 9830 in your capital city.

Alternatively, there are Caritas envelopes at each church this weekend. Donations can be placed on one of the collection plates, and these will be forwarded to Caritas.

Thank You

On behalf of St Bernardine's Parish, I extend a special *Thank You* to everyone who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so meaningful, creative and prayerful.

My deep appreciation goes to all those who have given their support and encouragement in various ways to St Bernardine's Parish throughout the year. I sincerely thank you on behalf of our three parish communities.

May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire us to open our hearts to God's grace.

I wish all of you a blessed, happy and prosperous New Year!

Fr Francis

Men Alive

Friday 1-Sunday 3rd March
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A National Catholic Men's Event.
www.menalive.org.au



The Catholic Leader will not be
printed on the weekends of 30th
December and 6th January.

The Red Wagon

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking at the manger scene, when he noticed that the baby Jesus figure was missing from the manger. He immediately turned and went outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon walking down the street. And in the wagon was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, 'Son, where did you get that little baby Jesus that's in your wagon?'

The little boy replied, 'I got him from the church.' 'Why did you take him?' asked the pastor. The little boy replied, 'Well, about a week before Christmas, I prayed to the little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'

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