

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th Jul 2026



'This image helps us to see things realistically: in human history, as in each of our lives, there is a mixture of light and shadows, love and selfishness. Good and evil are even intertwined to the point of seeming inseparable. This realistic approach helps us to view history without ideologies, without sterile optimism or poisonous pessimism. Christians, motivated by the hope of God, are not pessimists; nor do they naïvely live in a fairy tale, pretending not to see evil and saying that "all is well". No, Christians are realists: they know that there are wheat and weeds in the world. Looking at their own lives, they recognize that evil does not only come from "outside", that it is not always the fault of others, that there is no need to "invent" enemies to fight against in order to avoid looking within themselves. They realize that evil comes from within, in the inner struggle that we all experience.

Parish Priest:
Fr. Joby George VC

Priest-In Residence:
Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC

Parish secretary:
Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:
Gerard Antony

Principal:
Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:
Florida Nugara

Catechist:
Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil …. 6.30pm
Sunday…..... 9.15am
…… 11.00am
Healing Mass …. 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:
Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Saturday 9.15am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:
Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:
Saturday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:
Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:
Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls Hire:
Contact Parish Office

How beautiful is this vision of God, his way of teaching us about mercy. This invites us to be patient with others, and – in our families, in the Church and in society – to welcome weakness, delay and limitations, not in order to let ourselves grow accustomed to them or excuse them, but to learn to act with respect, caring for the good wheat gently and patiently. We must also remember that the purification of the heart and the definitive victory over evil are essentially God's work. And we, overcoming the temptation to divide the wheat from the weeds, are called to understand the best ways and times for action.'

(Pope Francis in his homily on 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on 23 July 2023)

Catholic tradition reads the parable as a call to:

- **Be realistic about evil** ("they know that there are wheat and weeds in the world")
- **Refuse ideologies that deny the mix** and refusals that exaggerate it into despair,
- **Avoid aggressive purification that harms good people**,
- **Practice discernment that leaves room for repentance**,
- **Trust the final judgment to God**, who will send angels at the harvest.

(From ***Catena aurea*** *(Latin, "**Golden Chain**") is a famous work by **St. Thomas Aquinas** that gathers **short excerpts (passages) from many Church Fathers and early Christian commentators** and strings them together as a continuous commentary on the **Gospels**, especially **Matthew**.)*

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY
Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

MONDAY
Micah 6:1-4,6-8
Psalm 50:5-6,8-9,16-17,21,23
Matthew 12:38-42

TUESDAY
Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Psalm 85:2-8
Matthew 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY
Saint Mary Magdalen
Song of Songs 3:1-4
Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
John 20:1-2,11-18

THURSDAY
Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Psalm 36:6-11
Matthew 13:10-17

FRIDAY
Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jeremiah 31:10-13
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY
Saint James, Apostle
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1-6
Matthew 20:20-28







POSITIONS VACANT

Please check Archdiocese website at:
(https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies)

St. Mary Magdalene

Disciple of the Lord

"Apostle of the Apostles"
according to St. Thomas Aquinas



HER STORY

Devoted Disciple
A close friend and devoted follower of Jesus during His ministry.

Loyalty at the Cross
One of the few faithful who remained with Him during His agony on the Cross.

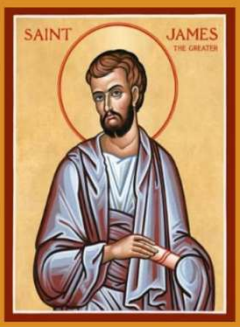
Messenger of the Resurrection
The first person to see the risen Christ and announce the Resurrection to the Apostles on Easter morning.

FEAST DAY
22nd July
Elevated to the status of a Festivity by Pope Francis in 2016 to honor her faithful discipleship.

PATRONAGE

- Repentant Sinners
- Hairdressers
- Perfumeries
- Contemplative Life

St. James the Greater



A Model of Faith:
St. James serves as an example of generous devotion to Christ, demonstrating a promptness to leave human securities behind, an enthusiasm for following God's path, and a courageous readiness to witness to his faith.

First to Martyrdom:
Despite his initial, ambitious request to hold a place of high honor in Christ's Kingdom, he became the first of the Apostles to experience martyrdom and share in the passion of Jesus.

The Christian Pilgrimage:
His physical and spiritual journey—spanning from the glory of the Transfiguration to the suffering of the Agony—symbolizes the broader Christian life. It serves as a reminder that navigating a mix of worldly trials and divine consolations ensures believers remain on the right path.

FEAST DAY
25th July

PATRONAGE

Spain, Galicia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Seattle

- veterinarians
- pharmacists

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

Praying with all who seek an employment

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

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