

AUGUST



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**Holy Family**

MOUNT WAVERLEY



**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give thee my heart and soul.**

# Welcome To Holy Family

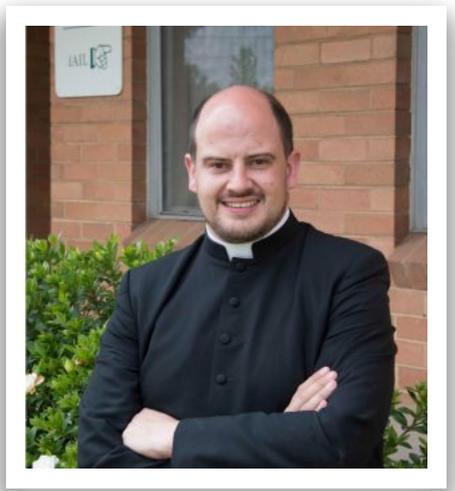
In my recent trip to Rome, I was able to visit many of the holy sites of Rome. The Eternal City is home to so many important sites for our Christian Faith. I was a great blessing to pray with the young pilgrims at the tombs of some of our greatest apostles and saints. Among these was the tomb the of St Philip Neri, who is often referred to as the Second Apostle of Rome. St Philip has always been a source of inspiration for me, and a spiritual patron for my priestly ministry. He was known for his work with the young, for his sense of humour, and for his missionary apostolate of preaching and teaching. St Philip is an excellent example for each one of us to follow, priests and laypeople alike. His love of the Lord, founded on a life of intense prayer, overflowed into a life of missionary zeal. So much was his heart filled with the love of God that on the feast of Pentecost 1544, St Philip received a vision of a ball of fire entering through his mouth and straight into his heart. He was filled with intense divine love and fell to the floor, crying out, "Enough, enough, Lord, I can bear no more!". Following his death, doctors examined his heart only to find, that it had miraculously grown in his chest, and so that it might have sufficient room to beat, two ribs had been miraculously broken and curved in the form of an arch. His skin projected out, in his chest, about the size of a man's fist.

In this month of August, we celebrate with great joy the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Family. Over these next few weeks, the children from our School and Sunday Catechism Program will finish their final preparations for confirmation surrounded by their family and friends. During this time, let us assist them with our prayers, that they may truly be open to the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. In the ancient prayer to the Holy Spirit, we pray "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." May this be our prayer for the Children of our Parish, that through the Sacrament they may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that their hearts be set ablaze with the fire of the love of God. May each one of us too in the month ahead pray that we may grow in love of the Lord and that this love may overflow from our lives into the lives of those around us.

God Bless,



Fr Nicholas Pearce



## Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.





# Sundays This Month

4 AUGUST

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What matters to God is that, through Baptism, we have died to the world and our life is now hidden in Christ. Life's richness consists in seeking the One who is above and claiming the new self offered to us through Him [...] He is all we need.

READINGS:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,  
2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

PSALM:

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:13-21

11 AUGUST

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God comes to us in unexpected ways. [Do not] expect his ways to be like our ways... We must be prepared, for the Lord will come when we do not expect Him: precisely at those moments when we feel furthest from God. Do not be afraid. This is the faith which generates new life.

READINGS:

Wisdom 18:6-9  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

PSALM:

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:32-48

18 AUGUST

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the fire is Christ's own passion of love... Whoever is close to him must be prepared to be burned. This is a fire that makes things bright and pure and free and grand. Being a Christian, then, is daring to entrust oneself to this burning fire."

READINGS:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4

PSALM:

R. Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:49-53

25 AUGUST

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In order to join God's gathering, we must "enter by the narrow door": that is, we must say 'yes' to the relationship that Christ wants to have with us... When we change and conform our lives to our calling to be God's children, then those who are last will be first.

READINGS:

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

PSALM:

R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL:

Luke 13:22-30



# Alpha Encounters

Written by: Kari Quist

**An interview with two participants in Holy Family's very first Alpha.**

*Matthew Gauci is a 24-year-old electrician currently living in Croydon. He is an avid footy fan and is a proud supporter of the Tigers.*

*Kristy Lau is a 24-year-old who recently completed her Master of Dietetics. She is originally from Hong Kong and first moved to Wollongong to study before coming to Melbourne.*

## **1. What was your religious background when you started Alpha?**

**Matt:** "I grew up going to a Catholic primary and secondary school, but I found that, for me, the faith was more a chore than a journey. My family and I would rarely go to Mass; if we did, it was at Christmas and maybe Easter. I remember praying a lot when I was worried as a younger child, but that soon disappeared as I got older and the faith became an 'odd' thing to be involved in. About a year ago, I met a girl who changed my whole perspective on life and challenged me in everything that I did. I fell in love with her and it has been a roller coaster ride with my faith ever since."

**Kristy:** Kristy went to a Catholic school as a child in Hong Kong but her family did not have any religious beliefs.

Religion was never a major part of her life but certain events in her life led her to seek something more and she became particularly interested in the Catholic faith.

## **2. Why did you decide to participate in Alpha?**

**Matt:** "I decided to do Alpha because, to be honest, my girlfriend recommended that I do it. We were at a Sunday Mass at Holy Family when it was announced that Alpha was running and it sounded like a great opportunity."

I also came to the conclusion that if I was to ever have a personal relationship with God, I needed to take the initiative in learning about it myself, and Alpha seemed like the perfect starting block."

**Kristy:** Kristy decided to attend Alpha because "Fr Pearce said to" and because she "believed it would be a great opportunity to learn more about the faith and to meet people who are at different stages of their faith."

## **3. What was your first impression of Alpha?**

**Matt:** "I had no idea what I was walking into when I went to my first Alpha session. I rocked up in footy shorts and a beanie, thinking it was just going to be someone talking at me. But to my surprise, I entered a very welcoming social event. Alpha put on a great spread of food to kick things off"

and we sat down in our groups and started to get to know each other. Then we watched the first video, led by Nicky Gumbel, and I was taken aback by how easy it was to relate to. Questions started popping into my head that I had never even considered and then we got to sit in our groups and discuss the video. I was stoked at how the night went and I was extremely excited to come back the following week."

**Kristy:** Kristy described her first encounter with Alpha as "really welcoming." She thought that the discussion was open and honest and people were able to be authentic with their questions and thoughts about Christianity. She also mentioned that she did not feel any pressure to keep attending Alpha but came back because she was interested.

#### **4. What have been the highlights of Alpha?**

**Matt:** "The weekend session was the highlight of the course so far. Everyone had gotten to know each other by that stage and there was a great calmness about the day. It was a great escape from the everyday grind. It was also the closest I have felt to God in my life. Emotions ran through me and it really began my own spiritual journey; I left the weekend hungry for more."

**Kristy:** Kristy had quite a few highlights including "good food" and "excellent videos that [she] really loved." Kristy believed that the facilitators were non-judgemental and good listeners. She appreciated the community that is formed through Alpha and was grateful for the chance to "share and connect with others." Kristy thinks that Alpha has helped her learn more about God and has felt that the information shared was entertaining and easy to understand.

#### **5. What have been the challenges of Alpha?**

**Matt:** "I think the biggest challenge of Alpha, and my faith journey in general, has been the moments when the voice in the back of my head asks me "what if all this isn't real?" I am nowhere near the perfect Catholic man yet, there have been many challenges so far and I expect there will be many more. However, I think Alpha has been the most positive experience that I have had in a very long time. The whole point of Alpha is to challenge yourself to be the best person you can be."

**Kristy:** For Kristy, the main challenge was that Alpha can "stir up unresolved issues because it touch[es] the heart deeply." This can be something that is difficult and troubling to face however, Kristy described that she was able to use Alpha as a safe place to recognise and start dealing with some of the issues that had been troubling her.

#### **6. Have you experienced any personal changes through Alpha?**

**Matt:** "Yes, definitely. Every decision I make now, whether it be in the moment or after the fact, I think, what would God want me to do? That has been the biggest and best thing for me so far. I have attained a hunger to learn more and I've now started to read the Bible, which has been great. It's really put everything into perspective about what is important. Again, I still have a very long way to go, but Alpha has been an important stepping stone in my faith journey."

**Kristy:** Kristy stated that Alpha helped her in "being more curious about faith and wanting to learn more about it" and that "the questions in the videos really resonated with [her] own questions." She believed that Alpha helped her "refocus and reconnect with important life goals." Kristy also emphasised that she was able to learn a lot from the other Alpha participants.

#### **7. What would you say to someone who is considering Alpha?**

**Matt:** "I would say, what have you got to lose? If you have ever had questions about life, never understood what Christians are all about, or felt like something is missing from your life, then Alpha is for you. It has been a very rewarding experience and I think that everyone should give it a go, no matter where you are in your faith journey. In my opinion, only positive things will come out of your time at Alpha, including making a bunch of great new mates."

**Kristy:** Kristy thinks that people should "give it a try, just for one week and see how it goes, everyone's life is different but you only need to devote two hours to try." Kristy explained that newcomers would get to enjoy free food and that there was no pressure to keep coming. She also mentioned that it was helpful to know that there was no pressure to talk in small groups: "you can share as much or as little as you want." Kristy's main advice is to "come and see."

Our next round of Alpha is beginning on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you are curious, 'come and see' - there is no pressure to continue attending if Alpha isn't for you. If you would like to support Alpha, we have a variety of roles in prayer and hospitality, for which we could use support, and rosters can be found in the parish foyer. To find out more, please visit <https://australia.alpha.org/> or email [mountwaverley.evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:mountwaverley.evangelisation@cam.org.au). To register please fill out the form at <https://holyfamily.melbourne/connect/alpha>.

Registration closes on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

# What's on at Holy Family



## Sunday Sessions

SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST, 9:00AM

Delve deeper into the Catholic Faith with the Symbolon Series. This informal study group is open to both parishioners and those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



## Alpha - Round II

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 7:00PM &  
WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 7:00PM &  
WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 7:00PM &  
WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 7:00PM

7:00PM: START  
9:10PM: END  
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY SMALL HALL

Explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. The evenings will involve dinner, an informative video and group discussion.



## Confirmation Mass

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST, 6:30PM

6:30PM: CONFIRMATION

Monsignor Anthony Ireland will visit to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Children from Holy Family Parish. All Welcome.



## New Parishioners' Evening

SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST, 7:00PM

7:00PM: START  
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY SMALL HALL

We warmly invite all new parishioners of Holy Family to an evening of wine & cheese while you learn about the groups & events in your parish community.



## Parishioners' Luncheon

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 11:30AM

11:30AM: MASS  
12:00PM: LUNCH  
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY SMALL HALL

Save the date! We will be having a representative from RACV come to speak to us about issues that are relevant to our daily living.



## Ordination to the Priesthood

SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 10:00AM

10:00AM: ORDINATION MASS  
WHERE: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Join Deacon Andrew Choi and his family as he is ordained to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne by Archbishop Peter Comensoli.



## Mass of Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 10:30AM

Join the newly Ordained Fr Andrew Choi as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Family Church followed by lunch in Parish Hall.

GRAND FINAL EVE

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

THE HOLY FAMILY HALL

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Start getting your table together now and join us for a great night of footy, fun and trivia as we support the Young People of our Parish in making their pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

## “An Afternoon with Our Lady”

Sunday 13th October at Holy Family Parish

Join us for an afternoon of formation, prayer and inspiration as we welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the Parish.

4pm - 5pm Holy Hour with Benediction

5pm Holy Mass

6pm Holy Rosary

6:30pm “Behold your Mother” Tim Staples

7:30pm Supper

Tim Staples is Director of Apologetics and Evangelisation at Catholic Answers. Raised a Southern Baptist, he fell away from faith in Christ before coming back during his late teen years. After joining the Marine Corps, he was challenged to study Catholicism. His research drove him to conversion, and even try out the priesthood. He has been working in Catholic apologetics and evangelisation ever since.





# Around the Mount



YEARS 7 - 9

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays  
of the month at **6:30pm - 9pm.**

Years 7 - 9



Holy Family Hall

# SUMMIT

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays  
of the month at **6pm - 8pm.**

Years 10 - 12



Holy Family Library

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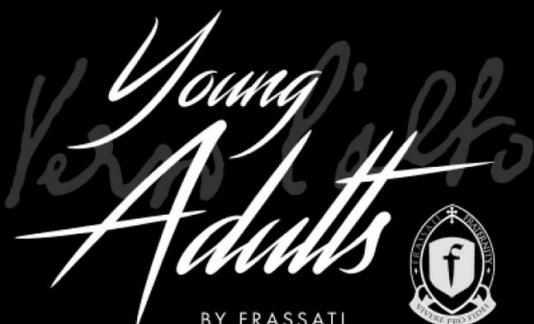
# SINGERS

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays  
of the month at **3:30pm**

Years 9 - 12



Holy Family Church



BY FRASSATI



Mass at **6:30pm** followed by dinner  
and discussion afterwards.

Every Monday except the first of the month.



# Confirmation and The Call to Evangelisation

Written by: Kari Quist

A group of our Year Six students are now preparing for Confirmation. Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation; through Confirmation, these students will become full members of the Church. The sacrament will complete the graces that the children first received through Baptism. "Through the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptised] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (CCC 1285).

Through Confirmation, these children will receive the call to evangelise and to bear the light of Christ in their day-to-day lives. The call to mission will present a challenge to these kids, just as it does to all Catholics. We live in a world that often rejects, and can be openly hostile, to the teachings of Christ. People can experience alienation, mockery, rejection, and much worse for sharing their faith. Despite that, we are extremely blessed to live in a country in which we are unlikely to face imprisonment, violence, and death for voicing our Christian faith. How can we embolden our youth to take up Christ's call to "go and make disciples of all nations," especially when we often struggle to do so ourselves?

1. Lead by example: We should be challenging ourselves to find ways to spread the Good News in our workplaces, with families and friends, when we are grocery shopping, etc. and we should discuss the challenges and triumphs of doing so with our children.

2. Daily practices of prayer and self-reflection: Prayer is essential to developing a close relationship with God and only through drawing closer to Him can we begin to recognise our sinfulness but also receive the hope and courage to make changes.

3. Receive strengthening through Mass and the sacraments: Weekly Mass attendance, regular reception of the Eucharist, and confession are essential to living out our missionary calling. Our children should be able to witness the transformative power of the sacraments in our own lives, which should increase their desire to receive them too.

4. Call on the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counsellor, and Strengthener. If we ask for His guidance and assistance, He will give it. If we allow Him to work in our lives, the Holy Spirit will give us the courage to evangelise and the wisdom to know what to say and when to say it.

5. Pick your battles: We are instructed to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matt 10:16). We should help our youth identify the best and worst opportunities for evangelisation. After all, being responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit doesn't mean abandoning prudence, quite the opposite, Counsel is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We must all find ways to respond to Christ's call to evangelisation. It is more than a suggestion, it's a command that He gives all of His followers. If you feel a call to take a more active role in evangelisation, please contact the parish office and we can discuss some opportunities with you.

# Holy Family Noticeboard

## Alight Family Fiesta Bus

Those interested in attending the Alight Family Fiesta may register their interest with the Parish Office in reserving a spot on a bus that we will organise for the trip there and back.

PARISH OFFICE  
9807 9494

## ACYF

We are excited to announce that Holy Family Parish, in collaboration with Avila College, will be taking a group of 20 youths in years 9-12 to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth during December 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> this year! If you are interested, please contact:

KARI QUIST  
[mountwaverley.evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:mountwaverley.evangelisation@cam.org.au)

## The Poppy Project

The Poppy Project is a Remembrance Day initiative by Avila student, Maddie Taylor, to create a school display with a total of 2,000 crochet, felt or fabric poppies to commemorate this day. Maddie is asking for some assistance with this, in order to reach her goal of 2,000 poppies by 8th November. If you are able to help, please find the brochures with further information and instruction available in the foyer of the church.

## Mothers' Prayer Group

Are you a mum, looking for some time out to pray and an opportunity to meet other mothers? Join us on a monthly basis at the Mothers' Prayer Group.

**1st Saturday of the Month**  
**4:00pm - 5:30pm - Parish Library**  
**All Welcome**

## Holy Family Play Group

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays during the school term.**  
**9:00am-10:30am - Holy Family Hall**

All pre-schoolers and their parents/carers welcome to come along. Morning tea provided.

## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said on:

**1st Saturday of each month**  
**9:00am - Holy Family Church**

## St Vincent De Paul Members

The next meeting of The St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on:

**Monday 5th August**  
**7:30pm - Parish Library**

## Food for the Soul

Available from the Piety Stall after all Masses.

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL

# ALIGHT

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## HALL BOOKINGS

Small and Large Hall is  
available for family and  
group bookings.

Parishioners' rates available.  
Please contact the Parish Office  
for more information.

## COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plots are now available for  
reservation for Parishioners  
and Families.

Please contact the Parish Office  
for more information.

## Regular Mass Times \*

### MONDAY

6:30pm  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Mondays of  
the Month

### TUESDAY

7:00am

### WEDNESDAY

9:15am  
Followed by morning tea

### THURSDAY

7:00am  
7:30pm **KOREAN**

### FRIDAY

9:15am

### SATURDAY

6:00pm

### SUNDAY

8:30am  
10:30am  
1:30pm **KOREAN**  
5:00pm

\* Weekly Mass Schedule may  
change from time to time. Please  
check the Parish website for the  
most up-to-date information.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### TUESDAY

7:00pm - 8:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

### FRIDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

## Confession Times

### SATURDAY

5:15pm - 5:45pm

### SUNDAY

9:45am - 10:15am

## Baptisms

Sundays following 10:30am Mass.  
Please ring the Parish Office for  
preparation and scheduling of  
Baptism.

## Weddings

By appointment with the Parish  
Priest.



**P** 1300 845 526



**P** 0413 100 685 - Francis (Kim)

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