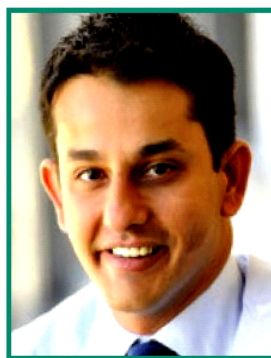


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Secretary: Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)

Office Hours: Wed & Thurs: 9.00am - 3:00pm  
Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm

## VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.



## MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth and the young, new and elderly families into its orbit.

## HOLY MASS

**Weekend:** Saturday (Vigil): 6pm  
Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

**Weekday:** Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am  
(followed by **Benediction & Adoration on First Friday**)  
Tuesday: 7:30pm  
(followed by **Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction**)

(**Rosary:** 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Second Sunday of the month, 11:15am  
(2 months advance notice)

**Baptism Preparation:** Second Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday: 7pm & Saturday: 5.30pm

**Marriage:** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required

**Sacramental Preparation:** Call Parish Office

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## PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS

**Liturgy:** Roger Ratcliffe & Sherman Sta. Maria  
**Baptism Preparation:** Rudy Vail & Maureen Mardy  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Jacinta Joy  
**Home Visits & Holy Com.:** Jan Webster  
**Counseling:** Jan Webster  
**Care & Support Group:** Anne Tilley  
**Liturgy Roster:** Dany Lim  
**Altar Servers:** Sujeev Rajan  
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**Our Lady of Fatima Visit:** Veronica Measki  
**Bible Discussion Group:** George Lucky (Call 0418336697)  
**Parish Choirs:** P. Lisle / M. Dennis / Fons;  
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**Prayer Group:** Yvonne Fenech (Wed 7:30 pm)  
**Mothers Prayers:** Margaret Stolke (Mon 7 pm)  
**Child Safety Officers:** Peter Goggin & Maureen Mardy

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**Piety Stall:** Maryan Lisle  
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**Bingo:** Ann Mackay  
**Parish Website:** Danny Lim & Abel Sujeev  
**Craft Group:** B. Pascoe & M. McKiterick (Thurs 9:30 am)  
**Maintenance:** Peter Goggin  
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# 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*'We aim to be a Safe and Inclusive Parish'*



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

## RESPONSE

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

## ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia! Alleluia!  
LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON YOUR SERVANT,  
AND TEACH ME YOUR LAWS.  
Alleluia!*

## PUT GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES

Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives.

The gospel passage on renouncing our family relationships giving priority to God puzzles a lot of people because in the Middle East, anyone who deliberately cut ties with family and social network would lose the ordinary means of making a living. Further, a person's life and family relationships were a necessity for security and identity, regardless of social position. Why was Jesus, who had been recommending that his followers love everybody – including their enemies—suddenly announcing that no one could be his disciple unless he hated his own family? The word hate, as used in this case, “is Semitic exaggeration and may reflect an idiom which means ‘love less than’ (Oxford Bible Commentary). So, it is clear that Jesus’ “hating” one’s family is a Semitic hyperbole or exaggeration, spoken for effect. The word “hate,” in Hebrew, does not mean “detest” but to “put in second place. Jesus is not calling us to hate father and mother but is instead calling us to a commitment above all other commitments, including commitment to family. When Jesus said, “hate your family,” he was talking about spiritual detachment, the ability to put God first, before other relationships and before self-interest. Without such detachment, one does not have the ability truly to follow Jesus. Jesus cannot just be a part of our life but the center.

Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://frtonyshomilies.com>. Image from <https://www.standrewchurchsagharborny.org>



*"Anyone who does not carry his cross  
and come after me cannot be my disciple"  
~ Jesus*

## THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church. These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The “Protoevangelium of James,” which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. “He called to mind Abraham,” the early Christian writing says, “that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac.”

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves

extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them. As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.”

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley,” he said. The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that “through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.”

Source: Excerpted from an article on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary available at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/the-birth-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-357>

## POPE: A SYNOD IS NOT A PARLIAMENT

Before a synod, bishops must learn what their people want and think and need, not so they can change Church teaching, but so they can preach the Gospel more effectively, Pope Francis said this week.

The Pope discussed synodality with 47 bishops who met with him on Monday during their Synod in Rome. The bishops were from the Ukraine and 10 other nations including Australia, the United States and Canada. Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, told Francis that “every bishop and representative of our local communities has made his journey to Rome carrying with him the sufferings and hopes of the people of God entrusted to our pastoral care.”

While synod members must discuss matters and offer their opinions, the Pope said that the purpose is not “to come to an agreement like in politics: ‘I’ll give you this, you give me that.’” Bishops must know what their lay faithful, priests and religious think, Francis said, but it’s not a survey or a vote on what should change.

“If the Holy Spirit is not present, there is no synod,” he said. “If the Holy Spirit is not present, there is no synodality. In fact, there is no Church.” The vocation of the Church is to evangelise, he said, and the Holy Spirit should help bishops gathered in a synod to do that better. Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

## POPE: IT'S AN HONOUR THAT AMERICANS ATTACK ME

Pope Francis said he is “honoured” by the fact that a group of conservative Catholics from the United States attack him. The Pope was speaking aboard a papal flight to Mozambique, when he was presented a new book on conservative opposition to the papacy written by a French reporter. After the Pope's comments, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni told journalists that “in an informal context the Pope wanted to say that he always considers criticisms an honour, particularly when it comes from important thinkers and, in this case, of an important nation.” Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

## WORKING BEE

We would like to thank everyone who have participated in our working bee earlier. You've done a good job in maintaining our Church and its surroundings. We hope that more parishioners will participate in our next working bee which is scheduled on 14 December in preparation for Christmas.



## CLERGY CONFERENCE 16 - 19 SEPTEMBER

Fr Sebastian will be attending the conference, hence there will be no morning Mass on these days but communion service is available.

## ADULT BAPTISM

Our parish will schedule an adult baptism preparation session. If you know anyone interested to receive the sacrament, please contact the parish office immediately.

## WORKSHOP FOR EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER AFTER THE 10AM MASS

This workshop is to those about 18 years of age and leading an exemplary life could be a part of this parish ministry. All existing members are also invited to attend. Sign-in sheet is available in the Narthex.

## WEST AUSTRALIANS PROTESTORS URGE 'CARE NOT KILLING'

Hundreds of West Australians rallied on the steps of Parliament House in Perth yesterday to urge the McGowan Government to drop its controversial euthanasia legislation. As line-by-line scrutiny of the legislation resumed in WA's Lower House, protesters demanded an increase to specialist palliative care.

Former Federal Court judge John Gilmour QC said the euthanasia legislation would change our culture as well as the law if it was passed. “It changes the way we think about suffering and our approach to suffering,” he said.

Rally spokesman and vice-president of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Life Darryl Budge said the under-resourcing of palliative care was the true end-of-life problem that the government was failing to resolve. “In a state that already grapples with elder abuse, mental health and youth suicide, the WA government must fix palliative care, especially as regional and rural WA are being denied equal access to specialists,” he said. Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PAINTING SPARKS OUTRAGE

An obscene painting of the Virgin Mary by Artist Juan Davila is on public display at Griffith University Art Museum in Queensland. It has sparked outrage from religious groups and leaders, who want it removed. The Holy Family artwork is crudely based on Michelangelo's sculpture The Pieta.

Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said that it was “disappointing” the piece was included in an exhibition at one of Queensland's biggest universities, which received almost \$300 million in government grants and funding last year. Australian Christian Lobby Queensland director Wendy Francis said: “No one denies that we all have different views of what is acceptable or not in art. It can be explicit and challenging, but an image such as this, which humiliates and defiles one of the most famous women in history, does not belong in a public university.” Griffith University Art Museum director Angela Goddard defended the work saying “the role of art is to challenge and push boundaries, with the freedom of artistic expression.”

Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

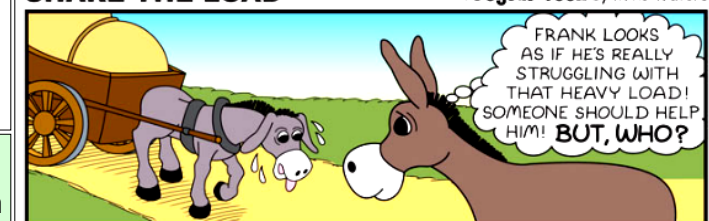
## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- St John Chrysostom
- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## SHARE THE LOAD

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- GALATIANS 6:2 NIV

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** OLOL Parish Family expresses our thoughts and prayers to Bob and his family for the passing away of his twin brother, Yaro Slav.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Godwin Silveira, Vernon Lamb, Moira Hudson, James Dalton, Adelina Anne Byrne, Philip Zaneli, Jean Kilmartin, Carmel Ruys.

**SICK:** Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Pam Burke, Nigel Goggin, Matthew MacDonald, Wendy Markby, Angelita Augustine, Fiona Scudds, Josephine Fenech, Amanda Kenny.

