

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASSES** and other Liturgical Celebrations:

Daily morning Masses: **9.00am Monday to Saturday**

Saturday Vigil Mass: **6.00pm**

Sunday Masses: **8.30am - St. John of the Cross**

**9.30am - Holy Family**

**Community Masses:**

Samoan Community – **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11.00am**

Cook Islands – **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11.00am**

Myanmar Community – **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11.00am**

Tokelau – **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11am at St. John of the Cross**

Multicultural Mass – **Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9.30am**

Sunday Adoration – **Every Sunday at 5.00pm**

Reconciliation – **8.00am – 8.45am Monday – Saturday**

Baptism – **By appointment**

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Dear Parishioners: Kia orana, Greetings, Talofa lava, Malo ni, Mingalaba, Mauri, Ola, Namaste, Malo Lelei & Nibula.

### PARISH NOTICES AND UPDATES

- Sunday Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Sunday at 5.00pm.
- Confession:**  
Fr Isaac and Fr Nicholas will be available for Confession from 8.00 am – 8.45am Monday to Saturday.
- Parish Pastoral Council:**  
Meeting on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February; 6pm at the Presbytery.
- Community Masses** will resume in March.

‘With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear, without giving in to disappointment when one catches nothing, and without giving up and saying “there is nothing more that can be done”. Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over — the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because he opens up new possibilities’.

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 6 Feb 2022

### PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Holy Family is committed to the person of Jesus in his teaching. Therefore, we are called to live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8) so that we might become effective witnesses of the Gospel.

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We will dedicate ourselves to live and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by words and actions. In following Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their love for each other, the example of their family life, we will come to true holiness. We will strive to imitate the Holy Family by:

- Being a loving, welcoming and forgiving community, fully alive in the spirit of Holy Family.
- Teaching our children, the Gospel way of life and encouraging them always to share fully in the life of our Parish.
- Celebrating the Eucharist as a joyful remembrance of our Lord’s sacrifice for us.
- Being a community of prayer that reaches out and open to other faith communities.
- Being an “Oasis” of hope, love and mercy to God’s children.
- Being witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus, strengthened by our cultural diversity.

## SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR C

### 9 Feb. FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1<sup>st</sup> R: Isaiah 6: 1 - 8
- Responsorial Psalm: 138
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11
- Gospel Luke 5: 1 - 11

### 16 Feb. SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

- 1<sup>st</sup> R: Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8
- Responsorial Psalm: 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R: 1 Corinthians 15: 12. 16 – 20
- Gospel Luke 6: 17. 20 - 26

### PARISH COLLECTIONS from SUNDAY, 29/12/2024 – 02/02/2025

Date	Building Fund	Parish Collection
29-12-2024	\$ 546.00	\$2,440.40
01-01-2025	\$1,525.70	\$ 480.00 NY envelopes
05-01-2025	\$ 648.80	\$2,124.00
12-01-2025	\$ 575.60	\$1,909.60
19-01-2025	\$ 835.20	\$2,440.50
26-01-2025	\$ 639.20	\$2,113.30
02-02-2025	\$ 626.80	\$2,350.50

Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.  
May God bless you always.

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to discern God's call to each one of us to become His disciple with a mission. They also teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be His disciples, ministers, and prophets. Presenting the special calls, or vocations, of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal calls by God and our fidelity and commitment to our discipleship.

Isaiah, in the first reading, and Peter, in today's Gospel, express their unworthiness to be in the presence of God's great Holiness, and both immediately receive reassurance and their Divine calls. Today's second reading described the call of another great apostle Paul, who judged himself to be unworthy of the name or the call, as he was a former persecutor of the Christians and the last apostle selected by the Risen Lord. Today's Psalm offers a prayer of gratitude for such a calling. For, it was by giving these three men a strong conviction of their unworthiness, and of their need for total dependence on His grace, that God prepared them for their missions. It was the miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' command, described in today's Gospel, which enabled Peter to find God in Jesus and prompted him to surrender his life completely to Jesus' service as a full-time disciple. The Second Vatican Council teaches that we are *all* called to Christ's ministry by virtue of our Baptism into Jesus Christ.

We need to pray that our encounters with the Holiness of God may lead us to recognize our sinfulness and accept His call. God, Who calls us and commissions us for His service, wants us to realize His presence everywhere and in everyone, to repent of our sins, and to remain in readiness to speak and act for Him in our life circumstances, as He shall direct us through His grace and His Holy Spirit. It was their strong awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord in each early Christian, which prompted them to greet each other with the prayer, "*Maranatha*"["*Come, Our Lord.*"]. We need to teach and practice expressions of reverence for God through appropriate bodily gestures. For example, when we come into

Church, we need to show reverence for Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle by making a deep bow or by genuflecting and blessing ourselves with sign of the cross. Then we need to honour Him by listening to the word of God and by actively participating in the Liturgy's prayers and singing. This same reverence can be expressed by keeping God's living word to us, the Holy Bible, in a prominent place in our homes and by kissing it each time we read from it. True reverence for God naturally leads us to reverent, respectful love of our neighbours, as God dwells in them. We need to remember that each of us has a unique mission in the Church, and so receives a different mission call from God. Because of our uniqueness, no one can fulfil another's call. We accomplish our personal missions as parents, priests, religious, and lay persons only by depending on God, obeying Him joyfully, radiating the love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus and participating in the various ministries of our parish.

### RANDOM THOUGHTS AS WE BEGIN ANEW

Father Isaac has now completed one year as our Parish Priest. We thank him for his whole-hearted pastoral care of our parish, for his constant recognition of the many gifts of our Parishioners and for his God-centred and enthusiastic attitude to life. May integrity of soul and love of the God he serves continue to be his first ideal and the source that will guide and bless his work. May he be richly blessed, and may the light of the Eucharist be a sure shelter around his future as we all work to make this Parish a true Holy Family.

This year of 2025 is a special year in the life of the Church because it is a Jubilee Year. Jubilee years go back to the ancient Jewish tradition of a Jubilee year every 50 years. This was intended to be a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with creation. A Jubilee year involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of stolen land and a time of rest for the fields. We now have Jubilee years in the Church every 25 years. This Jubilee Year of 2025 is also known as the Year of Hope. Pope Francis invites us all to live this year as Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee aims to foster a greater sense of world brotherhood, solidarity with the poor and care for the environment - all greatly needed in our world today. It will be a very full year and I'll give more information about it as the year progresses.

We have been praying for Peter Setefano that he will quickly be restored to health. It is a good time to remind ourselves of the work Peter does to help our Parish become the wonderful community that it is. Peter readily shares his time, his musical gifts and his beautiful voice with us; he is a great MC at parish gatherings; a very good Parish Chairman and holds an important position at Viard College which contributes to the Viard - Holy Family relationship. We wish him a full and speedy recovery and continue to pray for this.

A few days ago, I received a phone-call from an ex-student who had been talking to her family about her schooling at Viard College in the late 1970's and so she phoned me and listed her teachers for each year from Form 1 through to Form 5. From each year she told me the main thing she had learned in that year - and she was very grateful. It reminded me of our beloved Sr Cyprian who will be 100 in June. She said that if she has trouble sleeping, she just brings to mind all her blessings including the people who have contributed to the good in her life. May we all have this wonderful, positive attitude of thanksgiving.

*By Sr Anne Phibbs*