



HELLO! From Fr Marty



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2020!

Wow, can you believe
we start a new decade!

There is so much
to look forward to for 2020!

Thank you to all those who came to
mass on NEW YEARS Day! It was a
wonderful way to start the new year.

**Since the office is closed, I have to do
the newsletter myself. Hope you
appreciate the effort!**

**WHAT WILL 2020 LOOK
LIKE IN HOLY FAMILY
PARISH?**

There is the daily life of the parish
which is very important. Mass,
reconciliation, administration (which is
actually huge), finance and pastoral
support of you. You as parishioners
are the backbone of the parish and you
need to be listened to and supported.
Yet there are also many other aspects
to the parish which need attending to.

There is the Sacramental program for
the students which takes up a lot of
time. There are nursing homes and the
care of our older residents. There is the
RCIA program where we welcome
new members into the church. There
is formation for the parish, where we
explore issues which help you to
deepen your faith. This is vital for our
faith life and the continued renewal of
the parish.

**OTHER GROUPS WITHIN
THE PARISH**

There is SVDP and the Catholic
Women's League. I am very keen to
work with SVDP to understand the
need to give to people who are in need.

**OUR BEAUTIFUL PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

There is St Francis Xavier School and
the many opportunities to work with
staff and students.

Baptisms are continually happening
and this is vital for the continuation of
people belonging to the church.

ONE area for growth



We need to be allowing couples the
opportunity to get married in our
church. I have done over 50 weddings
and one thing I do know is that if we
market this well, we will get couples.

*We can offer couples a beautiful
wedding experience here in our
church.*

So I am very keen to promote this in
our parish. So if you know any
engaged couples who would like a
Catholic wedding, with a groovy priest
and willing to come to Holy Family,
let me know.

**Do realize though that the wedding
preparation is for six months.**



FYI: These are our parish boundaries as indicated

by the

Arch diocese of Brisbane.



Thought for the week.

This is where I got my idea for the homily for Christmas mass. I just padded it to be a little more Christian in context.

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.

Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends. Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth. Negative has 8, so does Positive. Under has 5, so does above. Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy. Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy. Right has 5 letters, so does wrong. Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal. It means life is like double edged sword... so transform every negative side into an aura of positivity... We should choose the better side of the life.

Keep the positive words alive!

MISSA PRO POPULO (The mass for the people.)

As Parish Priest, one mass on the weekend is to be said solely for the people of the parish. **Today is it the 5.30pm.**

BLESSINGS!!!!

Thank you to all the people who have allowed me to bless your religious items. I am still keen to come and bless houses and cars, anything which is holy for you.

MASS TIMES

Our weekday masses will commence on **6th of January 8am** This is so we can start the parish week off in prayer. *This is important for the spiritual life of the parish!* I know for some of you this is not an ideal time, yet it could always be worse. In Redcliffe it was 7am Monday morning and in Red Hill it is 6.30am Monday morning!

Thursday morning mass is at 9.30am and this continues on **Jan 9**. This is also at this time to accommodate the school community. *Just a gentle reminder Friday is my day off and the parish office is closed.*

OTHER MASS TIMES

There are times during the year where the parish will celebrate other masses. Unless they fall on a THURSDAY all other masses during the week are at **8am**. This is to accommodate people who may work, or who have to teach. This is also to provide a consistent approach.

Have a beautiful 2020. We walk this faith journey together. Let's make it a good one this year!