

The Holy Family Fellowship

The Holy Family Fellowship is a new Parish community group launched in November 2020. We meet every Tuesday afternoon at St John's Church. The emphasis is on fellowship and faith, and the aim is for us all to be enabled to communicate the love of the Holy Family to everyone we meet; to be brothers and sisters in Christ and to see Christ in everyone. Our founding prayer is "Unite us all dear Lord in one heart and one mind, the heart and mind of Jesus and may the love that exists between us closely resemble the love that exists in the Holy Family".

We welcome anyone who would like to spend a part of their afternoon with us, whether it be for the full session or just to drop in for a cup of tea. We run from 12:30pm in the Church for the Rosary and then move into the foyer or the hall for a half hour cup of tea, cakes, and fellowship at 1pm. Our faith time starts around 1:30pm, continuing in the hall if it is free or in the Lady Chapel. This usually includes some praise and worship, time of reading and discussing the Word, some quiet contemplation and a time of prayer and intercessions. No previous experience necessary! Some leave after this, at around 2:30pm, and those who can stay on complete the afternoon with the Divine Mercy at around 3 pm.

The prayer group is led by the leadership team, Kathy Ellery, Jo Wilson and me, Helen Kehoe. To date we have hosted two 93rd birthday parties, a 60th Wedding Anniversary party, a Christmas party, and a hot cross bun party at Easter. We always extend the invite for these parties to all Parishioners, no regular attendance required. During the summer holidays we were able to offer a children's program which allowed some young Mums to join in some adult fellowship. In February we ran a 33-day journey of Consecration to St Joseph culminating in a Consecration Mass on 19/3/21 which was attended by 73 people, including a few from other Parishes, followed by supper in the Hall. We were also blessed to be asked to represent the Parish at the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer in March, hosted by the HBC Presbyterian Church, centering on the people of Vanuatu. We have been very blessed to have the full support of our new Priest Fr. Raphael from the word go! We are planning more events so that we can reach out to as many in our Parish as possible and have just joined the morning tea roster at St Johns with this in mind.

Please feel free to ask for more information, or just drop in on any Tuesday, details always in the Parish Newsletter.