

St. Anne Newsletter 26/12/10

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“Our First Priority”

We can be critical of the old family structure reflected in the command for wives to be submissive to their husbands, but we must admit that the old structure worked in many ways. Families were stable social units, contributing much to the right ordering of society. We no longer feel comfortable with wives being submissive to husbands, and just the reading of this passage in today’s liturgy offends some people. Perhaps we ought to accept this reading as a challenge to find a new family structure that works. The alternative to the old family structure should not be an absence of structure resulting in the breakdown of the family; rather, it should be a new family structure built around mutual love and equal partnership.

The celebration of the Holy Family should serve as a reminder to us that the family is holy; that there is a reflection of our Trinitarian God in the father, mother and child of the family; and that there will be no order in society if there is not stability in family life. “As a nation, we need to make children and families our first priority, to invest in their future; to combat the forces—cultural, economic and moral—which hurt children and destroy families; to manage our economy, shape our government, and direct our institutions to support and not undermine our families.”

Mass Times

Sunday	10.00am	
Monday	10.00 am	
Tuesday	10.00 am	
Wednesday	9.30am	
Thursday	9.30am	
Friday	9.30am	
NEW YEARS DAY	11.00am	
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday:	10.00am	

Visit Crib: We hope all parents will bring their children to the crib to join the Shepherds in their prayer of praise, and in return receive the blessing of the Infant Jesus

Congratulations to John and Elizabeth Lombard who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary today. Ad Multos Annos!

Christmas Catholic Returning Home: Do you know someone who left active membership in the Church? Most of us don’t need to look far to find non practicing Catholic, among our family and friends. You can make a tremendous difference in their lives by telling them that we miss them and inviting them back to Jesus especially on Christmas. “Mary welcomed Jesus with faith and gave him to the world with love. This is also our vocation and our mission, the vocation and mission of the Church: to welcome Christ into our lives and give him to the world, so that the world might be saved through him.” Pope Benedict XVI

Prayer of the New Year: *Lord Jesus, at this time we can look back to the old year, and forward to the new. We give thanks for the blessings of the past year, and we place into your hands the mistakes we have made. As you are “the Light of the world”, take away the darkness in our lives. As you are “the Way”, lead us in the year ahead. As you are “the gate of the sheepfold”, protect us from danger. We entrust the past in your mercy, Lord, the present to your love, and the future to your providence. Amen*



Wishing you and your family all the Blessings and Peace throughout the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Bliain úr faoi shéan is faoi mise duit, Bliadhna mhath ur, Nayya Saal Mubarak, Felice Anno Nuovo! Feliz ano novo! Bonne année! iniyá puthandu naVazhthukkal, Chúc Mừng Năm Mới, szczęśliwego nowego roku, sena gvida mimlija risq