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FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

Rosary Church  
Broadcast

Good morning, from Rosary Church Kowloon, this last Sunday of 1991. In a moment or two, the Mass for today will begin; and today, being the Sunday after Christmas Day, is kept as the Feast of the Holy Family. For you listening in because you're ill today or can't join with your fellow-Christians in community celebration this morning, we hope that being able to join in spirit with the people here now will be a help to you and a consolation. Whatever your faith, or none, at this ending of the year here's an invitation to think over the year that's just ending in your life, with gratitude to God.

The readings of scripture this morning came from the O.T. Book of Ben Sirach, from the N.T. <sup>1st Ltr</sup> letter of <sup>St Paul</sup> St Paul to the Colossians and from St Luke's gospel [--- there's a common theme of Family Life and the growing together of a community of faith, hope and love.] But before we hear the scriptures, there's an introductory rite of prayer, repentance and praise of God in which the message of Christmas also is recalled. The priest and the assistants now enter the church sanctuary, to begin. And this morning, the church choir here will be singing a Latin setting of Mass chants.

Intro: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The Assembly Prayer, for today's celebration and Festival. Now all sit down to listen to the first, O.T. scripture reading; and this is followed by a meditation prayer from Ps 128.

**CREED** After listening to the word of God in scripture, and the homily given by Fr Sean O'Ceirbhallain, celebrant of this Mass, all now stand to recite together a profession of faith in God, the Nicene creed.

**OFFERT.** The Prayers of general intercession, family prayers of the Church, conclude the first part of the Mass. Now at the altar the priest begins the preparation for the second part of the Mass, the Eucharist, with the Offertory rite. The gifts, of bread and wine and water are presented by members of the parish; the priest takes them to the altar, with a prayer and blessing over them.

**PREFACE** The formal Prayer over the gifts, ending the Offertory rite. Now begins the action and prayer of the Eucharist, introduced by a special Christmastime preface-prayer.

**PER IPSUM:** That offering of prayer, worship and praise ends the Prayer of the Eucharist; and now we begin preparing for the sacrament of the Eucharist, reciting the Lord's Prayer together.

**COMMUNION:** At the altar the priest receives the sacrament of the Eucharist, taking the Body and Blood of Christ in the sacred host and drinking from the chalice. After a few moments he'll go to the altar-rail, with other priests of the parish, to give Holy Communion to those of the congregation here who wish to receive and are now filing up to the front of the church. During the giving of Holy Communion, which will take some minutes, there is time for personal prayer and reflection; and you may like to join in spirit with the people here returning to their places with gratitude for the gift of God's love

OVER....

**END:** After the Blessing and Dismissal, the priest makes a reverence towards the altar, and then leaves the sanctuary to return to the sacristy. As the people begin to leave, a recessional hymn is sung. And here too we leave this broadcast of Mass for today, the Festival Day of the Holy Family, which you've been listening to direct from the Holy Rosary parish church, in Chatham Road, Kowloon.