

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Year 3)

Lesson 3	Monday 23 July at 6.00pm Tuesday 24 July at 3.30pm
Lesson 4	Monday 30 July at 6.00pm Tuesday 31 July at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 06 August at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 13 August at 6.00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament: Sunday 19th August at 9am Mass presided by Bishop Ken Howell

2018 RCIA PROGRAM has commenced on Wednesday, the 13th June.

The session will be on every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Meeting Room.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR AUSTRALIA are 15 August (Assumption) and 25 December (Christmas).

The importance of a day in the liturgical calendar is determined by its rank (solemnity, feast, memorial).

A **Holy Day** is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

A **retiring collection—St Peter's Pence**—will be taken up after all Masses of this weekend.

Weekly Diary : 02nd —07th July 2018

Monday 02 nd	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 03rd	: 08.00 am. Feast of St Thomas, apostle, followed by Eucharist Adoration. 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Bupa Aged Centre Runaway Bay.
Wednesday 04 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 05 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Friday 06 th	: 09.30 am. Anointing Mass , followed by Rosary
Saturday 07 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 07th	: 5.30 pm. : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 08th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. + 5.30 pm. : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of August will be on the 05th at 5.30 pm. : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Mass Duty Roster : July 7th /8th 2018

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Pierrette & Serra	Monique Labutte Jean Di Benedetto	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Clive Broughton Rachelle Broughton, Monique Labutte, Jean Di Benedetto	Mia Braun
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Christine McDougall John Carter	Rose Hessen, Margaret McNamara, Jackie Cameron Bernadette Swindley, Antona Brown	Brianna & Ashley Heal
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Megan Harth Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Jane Howard, Kathy Fuller Pam Nelson, Ronnie Wilson, Joe Dorego	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (02/07/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1185.10	\$1608.50	\$68.00	\$80.65

If we are generous in our giving, and if all of us are prepared to share the load, then together we can help our Parish to move forward. (Fr. John Khoai)



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time B 01st July 2018—Issue No. 282

Sickness—Death—Sin

Today's readings deal with sickness and death, topics that we Australians would rather avoid. We do our best to avoid talking about them. We have such a hard time with these topics that we have created stories to tone down the reality. When a child, like the little girl in the Gospel dies, we say, "God must have wanted another angel with Him in heaven." This is not true. God doesn't go around killing babies and little children because his angel inventory is low. Parents also make a huge mistake when they tell their children that Grandpa died because God wanted him to be with him in heaven. Often they have to deal with a child who has become angry with God for killing Grandpa.

Most of us cannot understand the very fact of death, so we put it all on God's shoulders. "It's God's will," we say when a person dies. No, it isn't. To say that it is God's will is to say that God does evil things. If God is All Good, and he is, how can he do evil things? So how can we understand why that poor lady in the Gospel was suffering for years from haemorrhages, or why Jairus' daughter should die? How can we understand why good people that we know have become terribly sick or have died? We can't answer these questions, but we certainly are wrong when we pass the blame off to God.

Today's readings begin with this affirmation, "God did not make death. Nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." He made everything wholesome and good. He formed man to be imperishable, made in the image of his own nature. But through the envy of the devil, death entered into the world.

This is something else we don't want to hear. Sickness and death are the result of sin. Most often this is not the result of the sins of the person who gets sick or dies, but it is due to the consequences of sin in the world. Now, it is tempting to just blame Adam and Eve, but that takes us off the picture. We are not all that innocent. Look, would there be wars if pride and avarice and other sins did not exist? But these sins do exist and therefore good people like Edith Stein and Ann Frank and million innocent people who died during the conflicts of the last century, all suffered the results of these sins. Ask yourself, "Would women be enslaved in the sex industry if lust and avarice did not exist, if people never sinned with their bodies?" But these sins do exist, and those held captive by the sex industry or tricked into joining it for the love of money, or forced into it to support a drug habit, all suffer the results of these sins. There is no such thing as a victimless crime. Every click on a porn site enriches pimps somewhere and continues to enslave women. But, we don't want to hear that our own participation in sin results in others suffering sickness and death. So we blame Adam and Eve. Or worse, we blame God. God did not create evil, because "God is light, in him there is no darkness at all." (1 Jn 1)

However there is hope for this world because Christ is in it. We learned today how he healed that lady and how he raised up that child. We know that he alone has power over sickness and death. We are convinced that there are many who have returned to health due to the direct intervention of the Lord of Life. And we also know that there are those who believe in him and die, in fact remain alive with him. We believe in the gift of Christ's Resurrection and in Baptism, for at Baptism we received the spiritual life of the Trinity.

Let's hold on to Jesus Christ with all our might, because he alone makes sense of the confused reality of life. Let's entrust our dead to him seeking his mercy and compassion, asking for his forgiveness for their participation in sin. Let's ask him to help us transform the world from its slavery to sin by giving us the courage to fight sin in our own lives

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 *Through the devil's envy death entered the world.*

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 30:1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b *R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. **R.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. **R.**

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! You have turned my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15 *Your present abundance should cover their needs.*

Now as you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Timothy 1:10 Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through the gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43 *Little girl, get up!*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the synagogue leaders named Jairus came and, when he saw Jesus, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So Jesus went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.



Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." Jesus allowed no one to follow him. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then Jesus put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about for she was twelve years of age. At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 102:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Albert Chandler

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Lawton

SICK LIST: Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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