

## Parish News

### 2017 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Year 4 Sacrament of the Eucharist

Session 1 commences next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.00 pm OR Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.30pm. Please check the parish website for further sessions and rehearsal dates. Celebration of Sacrament will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9am Mass (with Bishop Brian Finnigan).

Let us pray for the children preparing their First Communion at this time: may they be drawn to an abiding love of the Eucharist.

2017 RCIA Program will commence on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 6 pm in the Meeting Room. We place our Program under the Protection of Our Lady, Help of Christians.

Special Session on Extraordinary Ministry of Communion on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6 pm. in the church. All ministers are invited.

Don't forget to pick up your new Planned Giving envelopes which are placed on the back table.

St. Francis Xavier and Holy Family Parish Long Lunch on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. This is a really important event for parish members to be involved in. Parishioners pay a discounted price of \$50 per head. To buy tickets, please call the school office at 55372633 or go and see the girls in the office and they will discuss payment options.

### Weekly Diary : 22<sup>nd</sup> —27<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena.  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.  
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Regency, Sanctuary Cove  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Solemnity of our Lady, Help of Christians, followed by Rosary  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Christ Catholic Community Prayer.  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Memorial of St Philip Neri, priest, followed by Rosary.  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> : 5.30 pm. : Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord A  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord A

The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of June will be on the 04<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. : Pentecost Sunday A.

### Mass Duty Roster : 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

| Mass Co-ordinator         | Lectors                          | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion   | Servers               |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 5.30pm<br>Lorraine Knight | Debbie Vivian<br>Monique Labutte | Helen Topham, Dot Baker, Julie Dakin<br>Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton          | Mia Braun             |
| 7.00am<br>Trudy Andrews   | Kristian Braeuer<br>Asha Cameron | Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Margaret McNamara<br>Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter | Brianna & Ashley      |
| 9.00am<br>Michael Laidler | Marie Roberts<br>Maureen Laidler | John Lynch, Pam Nelson<br>Jane Howard, Marie Roberts                                 | John & Matthew Healey |

### Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

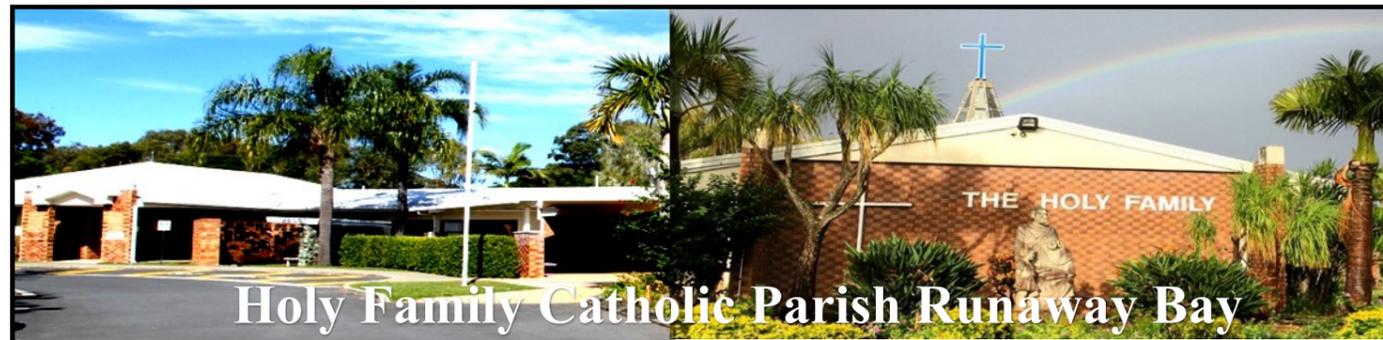
Next Week's Counting Team: No. 5 (29/5/17)

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| <u>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</u> | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</u> | <u>Piety Shop</u> | <u>St Anthony's</u> |
| \$1283.80                        | \$1622.10                        | \$88.20           | \$123.50            |

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017—Issue No. 221

## THE HOLY SPIRIT PREPARES, ANOINTS, SENDS

Today's Gospel invites us to meditate on the Holy Spirit and on all that he has brought about in Christ and in us. The Holy Spirit carries out three actions – he *prepares*, he *anoints* and he *sends*.

At the baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus to *prepare* him for his mission of salvation, the mission of one who is a Servant, humble and meek, ready to share and give himself completely.

The Holy Spirit has been at work in Jesus from the moment of his conception in the virginal womb of Mary of Nazareth. He came upon her, and brought about the wondrous event of the Incarnation. (cf. Lk 1:35) The Holy Spirit has then acted in Simeon and Anna on the day of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple (cf. Lk 2:22) so that they gave prophetic expression to the joy of encountering the Redeemer and, in a certain sense, served as a *preparation* for the encounter between the Messiah and the people.

The mission of the Holy Spirit, in fact, is to *beget harmony* and to *create peace* in different situations and between different people. Diversity of ideas and persons should not trigger rejection or prove an obstacle, for variety always enriches. So today, with fervent hearts, we invoke the Holy Spirit and ask him to *prepare* the path to peace and unity.

The Holy Spirit *anointed Jesus inwardly, and he anoints us*, so that we can have the mind of Christ, fully become ever more conformed to Christ, and thus be disposed to live lives of peace and communion. Through the anointing of the Spirit, our human nature is sealed with the holiness of Jesus Christ and we are enabled to love our brothers and sisters with the same love which God has for us.

Thus, by putting aside our grievances and divisions, we can show fraternal love for one another. This is what Jesus asks of us in the Gospel: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete, to be with you for ever" (Jn 14:15-16).

Lastly, the Holy Spirit *sends*. Jesus is the one who is sent forth, filled with the Spirit of the Father. Anointed by the same Spirit, we also are *sent* as messengers and witnesses of peace. The world has much need of us as messengers of peace, witnesses of peace! The world needs this. The world asks us to bring peace and to be a sign of peace! Peace is a gift to be sought patiently and to be "crafted" through the actions, great and small, of our everyday lives.

Let us ask the Spirit to *prepare* our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to *anoint* our whole being with the oil of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to *send* us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month.

## LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

**FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8, 14-17** *Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

A severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; or as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20** *R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" **R.**

"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever. **R.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. **R.**

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:15-18** *Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.*

In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 14:15-21** *I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 14:15-16** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cecelia Joyce McCormack, Merle Ash, Denzil Edward Godfrey, Janice M. Therese Bultitude.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Lawton, John Lawton, Maurice Vincent D'Agostina, Maurice & Mary Lawson, May & Tony Stephens, Fred Betros, Sol Betros

**SICK LIST:** Marg Watson, Pat Dehnert, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nicole Ashdown, Babara Paton, Tony Collett, Scott Kuhnemann, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Edda Pronard, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler, David Shiners.

**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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