

Parish News

2019 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Year 4 & 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Enrolment night	Monday 18 February at 6.00pm
Lessons 1 & 2	Monday 04 March at 6.00pm or Tuesday 05 March at 3.30pm
Lessons 3 & 4	Monday 11 March at 6.00pm or Tuesday 12 March at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 18 March at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 25 March at 6.00pm
Celebration of Sacrament	Thursday 28 March at 6.00pm

Year 4 Sacrament of the Eucharist

Enrolment night	Monday 13 May at 6.00pm
Lessons 1 & 2	Monday 27 May at 6.00pm or Tuesday 28 May at 3.30pm
Lessons 3 & 4	Monday 03 June at 6.00pm or Tuesday 04 June at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 10 June at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 17 June at 6.00pm
Celebration of Sacrament	Sunday 23 June at 9am Mass

2018 RCIA PROGRAM is on every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Meeting Room.

We welcome everybody who feel interested in learning more about Jesus' ways.

Weekly Diary : 08th - 13th October 2018

No Mass. Fr. John will be on his annual retreat.

Saturday 13th : 5.30 pm. : 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 14th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of November will be on the 04th at 5.30 pm. : 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Mass Duty Roster : October 13th /14th 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm To be confirmed	Jean Di Benedetto Rachelle Broughton	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Rachelle Broughton June Molloy, Jean Di Benedetto, Clive Broughton	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Christine McDougall Jackie Cameron	Michael Nicholson, Bernadette Swindley Jackie Cameron, Antona Brown	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Rose Lopez Kathy Fuller	John Lynch, Pam Nelson, Rose Lopez Chona Lopez, Kathy Fuller, Michael Laidler	John & Matthew

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 2 (8/10/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1008.00	\$1792.45	\$105.40	\$40.90

**There is no greater way to express our thanks than to actually give something to God.
This gift is a tangible expression of our faith in him, and our thanksgiving for what he does for us.**



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time B 07 October 2018—Issue No. 296

Marriage is a “Path Towards Sanctification.”

We hear people say about the Church's teaching on the family and marriage, “The Church must modernize itself. The Church must keep up with society.” Today there are movements in many different countries to redefine the family. In 1979, having foreseen that marriage would be threatened in the years ahead, Pope John Paul II said: *“It is true that the stability and sanctity of marriage are being threatened by new ideas and by the aspirations of some. Divorce for whatever reason it is introduced, inevitably becomes easier and easier to obtain and it gradually comes to be accepted as a normal part of life.”*

In these times it is easy to lower our sights as happened in Moses' times. Long before the time of Jesus the Jews had “modernized” their understanding of marriage and the family and, they had brought themselves up to date. They had introduced divorce.

The Pharisees asked Jesus “Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext whatever?” Jesus told them that divorce is not in God's plan. He reminded them of God's plan for marriage from the book of Genesis at the beginning of the Bible, *“This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and the two become one flesh. What God has united, man must not divide.”*

So at the time of Jesus the Jews had drifted away from God's plan for marriage and the family, and Jesus reminded them again of God's plan for the family. Could we say the same about ourselves now?

The mission of the Church is not to keep up with society. Even if 10% or 20% or 90% of people wander away from God's plan, the Church cannot be unfaithful to God's plan simply to be popular. The mission of the Church is to do like Jesus, to remind people of God's plan for marriage. In these times when marriage is under attack let us hold high God's plan for marriage as Jesus did to the Pharisees in our Gospel.

In his latest Apostolic Letter *“The Lord Jesus, Clement Judge”* given on 15 August, 2015, Pope Francis said clearly: *“Those who think of a Catholic divorce are mistaken, because “Catholic divorce doesn't exist.”*

On Feb 12th 1966 Pope Paul VI said, *“Marriage and the Christian family call for a moral commitment. They are not an easy way of Christian life... Rather, marriage is a long path toward sanctification.”* When we consider some of the advice the Bible gives us about living the Christian life we can understand how marriage can indeed be a path to sanctification. Jesus said that to follow him we must be servants, and marriage is a life of service to one's spouse and children. St. Paul said there are three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love. Marriage is a commitment to love one's spouse until death. No wonder that Pope Paul VI said marriage and the Christian family call for a lifelong moral commitment.

I conclude now with what Pope John Paul II said about marriage, “Hold high the esteem for the wonderful dignity and grace of the sacrament of marriage. Prepare earnestly for it. Believe in the spiritual power which this sacrament of Jesus Christ gives to strengthen the marriage union, and to overcome all the crises and problems of life together. Married people must believe in the power of the sacrament to make them holy; they must believe in their vocation to witness through their marriage to the power of Christ's love. True love and the grace of God can never let marriage become a self-centred relationship of two individuals, living side by side for their own interests.” (Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979)

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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 Genesis 2:7ab,8b,18-24 The two become one flesh.

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Happy is the one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. **R.**

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

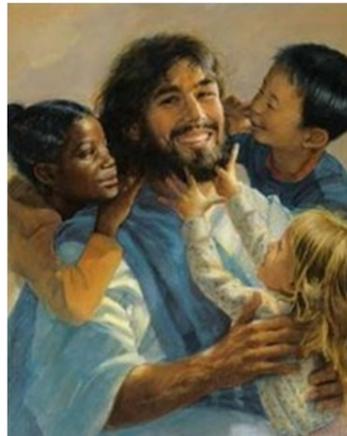
We do indeed see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 John 4:12 Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16 What God has joined together, let no one separate.



Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'



So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lam 3:25 The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sylvia Wesley, George Peter Carr

ANNIVERSARIES: Bruce Gilbert, Dolly Donaldson, Mary Aileen Stephens, William Francis Stephens

SICK LIST: Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Courtney Blount, 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, 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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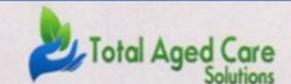
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**POPE FRANCIS INVITES ALL THE FAITHFUL
TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY**

(29.09.2018)

The Holy Father invites all the faithful of all the world to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

The Holy Father asks the faithful of all the world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle: to preserve her from the attacks by the devil, and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail.

Only prayer can defeat the Great Accuser who “*goes around the world seeking to accuse.*” The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God pronouncing the invocation “*Sub tuum praesidium*” which is recited as follows:

We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

The Holy Father also asks that the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of October conclude with the prayer written by Leo XIII:

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.