

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Parishioners are advised that the Holy Family Church has an EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE, a FIRE BELL and EXIT POINTS. In the case of an alert, parishioners should remain calm and look for the nearest EXIT sign in GREEN. Everyone should move in an orderly fashion to the FIRE ASSEMBLY AREA outside the Church carpark and along Simbai Street.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS are located on the walls throughout the Church. They have been modified due to changes on the school grounds.

Weekly Diary : 29th April 2024—5th May 2024

Tuesday 30th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 1st	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Board Room
Thursday 2nd	: 9.30am	Mass Memorial of St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor followed by Rosary
	10.00am	Catholic Women’s League meeting, thereafter a talk by Madeleine Edgar
Saturday 4th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—6th Sunday of Easter Year B/2
	5.30pm	Mass at Banksia Park Hall, Hope Island
Sunday 5th	: 7.00am	Mass—6th Sunday of Easter Year B/2
	9.00am	Mass—6th Sunday of Easter Year B/2
	10.00am	RCIA Program—Parish Office Board Room

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

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)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sharon Harris, Christine Richards, Fr. Martin Larsen, Josephine Bridget Skinner, Lawrence David Buckley

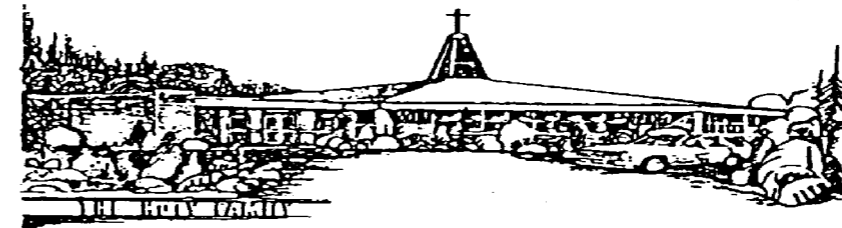
ANNIVERSARIES: Manuel R. Llaguno, Anthony Stephens, Sol Betros, Anthony Aboud, Hanna Norman, Rebecca Betros, Terrence Patrick Burke, Michael Pope, Celia Orozco de Delgado, Estrellita Rush-Delgado

SICK LIST: Robyn Phillips family, Mark Prain, Scott Lutgerink, Mel Delmar, Elaine Jeffrey, Robyn Levy, Beverley Robinson, David Charlton, Elsie Charles, Jacques Charles, Christopher Holley, Sophie Mitchell, Elizabeth Allanson, Ann Woodman, Carter Ford, Val Hutton, Bernard Molina, Mark Devlin, Margaret Cotton, Rico C. Cadayona, Evelyn Tan, Vicky Umythy, Tessa Woodward, Gerry Boerlage, Gay Frazer, Angela Byron, Renee Wood, Gerard Brennan, Jan Dodds, Gabriel Cabral, Keith Murphy, Victoria Scotchford, Michael Murphy, Ryder Forbes, Geoffrey Eaborn, Margaret Cotton, Frank Balinas, Lavinia Azucena, Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Peter O’Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Sasha Whelan, Marie Roberts, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Sonia D’Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Marie Dupois, Abigail O’Donell, Terry Owsnett, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Nancy Kelly, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan

Acknowledgement of Country - This is Kombumerri Country - The Traditional Custodians of this region.

We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First People of this country. We pay our respects to the Kombumerri people, who are the traditional custodians of these sacred lands that we live and work upon. We acknowledge Elders, past and present and emerging, as they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of our Indigenous people.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



5th Sunday of Easter Year B/2

Sunday 28th April 2024

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Hours:
8.30am—3.00pm
Monday—Thursday
(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3.30pm

Baptisms
Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays
after 9am Mass
Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

John 15:1–8

Context Connection

Jesus as the vine and his followers as the branches is a powerful simile. It speaks of the life-giving connectedness between Jesus and his followers. Jesus as the vine is a unique source of life and fruitfulness. As long as his followers maintain their connectedness, they will bear much fruit. The good fruit they bear is the proof of their connectedness, of their discipleship.

There can be a danger that we might take this life-giving bond with Jesus for granted. As followers of Jesus, we must be attentive to our personal relationship with him. We must strive to keep it from withering. When our relationship with Jesus is strong, a mutuality is generated between Jesus and us, his disciples. That is, as we reach out to Jesus, Jesus reaches out to us. And we cannot bear fruit alone but only in relationship with Jesus.

The other interesting image in this passage is that of God the Father as the vine grower or the vinedresser. The task of a vinedresser is to care for the well being of a vine or vineyard. Vinedressing is a process of pruning, of cutting back, the unnecessary overgrowth to help the branch be more fruitful. The wisdom of the experienced vinedresser guides how and which branch to prune in a way that will result in maximum fruitfulness of the whole plant. Looking at this process and listening to the metaphor of God the Father as vinedresser helps us see and understand God the Father’s tender and caring hands that continuously shape who we are throughout our lives.

Tradition Connection

“We are members of [Christ’s] Body which is the Church, branches grafted onto the vine which is [Jesus]”1 (CCC, number 1988). This image of the Church as the Body of Christ speaks to the same kind of connectedness between Jesus and his followers as John presents in his passage about the vine. The Body of Christ is an image frequently used in the documents of the Second Vatican Council to describe the Church and the initial relationship between Jesus and his followers and the relationship of Jesus’s followers to one another.

In 15:4–5, John describes a similar intimate communion between Jesus and his followers as the followers’ abiding in Jesus and as Jesus’s abiding in them. In 6:56, John assists us more in understanding that this connectedness with Jesus happens through the reception of Holy Communion. In that passage, John depicts Jesus’s saying that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood and that those who do so will abide in Jesus and that Jesus will abide in them. For us as Catholic Christians, this participation in the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion is what sustains our fellowship with Christ in a significant way. Saint Augustine said that we become what we eat; therefore, as we receive the body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ (see CCC, number 2837).

As the Body of Christ in the world today, we become Christ’s presence through the things we say and do. Saint Teresa of Ávila is said to have written that Christ has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet, no mouth but our mouths to do Jesus’s work in the world today As the Body of Christ—the followers of Jesus who are connected to Jesus, the source of eternal life, through the Eucharist—we are asked to bear good fruit through the examples of our daily lives.

Text: Youth - Scripture Reflections-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31 **He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3:18-24 **His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.**

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

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GOSPEL Jn 15:1-8 **All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,
you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away

- he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Parish News

Family Mass this Sunday 9am The Presentation of Confirmation candidates and Rite of Enrolment will be held at the family mass this Sunday. The Rite marks the beginning of the formal preparation of the children for the sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Tuesday 11th of June**. We ask all parishioners to keep these children and their families in their prayers. May they open their hearts and minds to the light and love of God as they seek to learn more about the gifts of the Spirit. May our whole Parish family be inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit alive among us, today and always.

At the **next CWL Meeting on May 2nd** at 10.30am, Madeleine Edgar (retired Physio & Feldenkrais Practitioner) will show you easy, safe ways to help you move better as you age & have fun at the same time!! All welcome.

Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 9.30am. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered during the mass to those present that day who are sick and also those in need of spiritual healing.

Archdiocese of Brisbane Mass Count 2024

The annual mass count will be done on the weekends of Sunday 5th May-Sunday 26th May (including Vigils). This will provide valuable insight into the trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level.