

**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 : 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024—12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Board Room</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am</b>	<b>Mass followed by Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 3.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass—Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord Year B/2</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass at Banksia Park Hall, Hope Island</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am</b>	<b>Mass—Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord Year B/2</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass—Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord Year B/2</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>RCIA Program—Parish Office Board Room</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Baptism</b>

***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 :

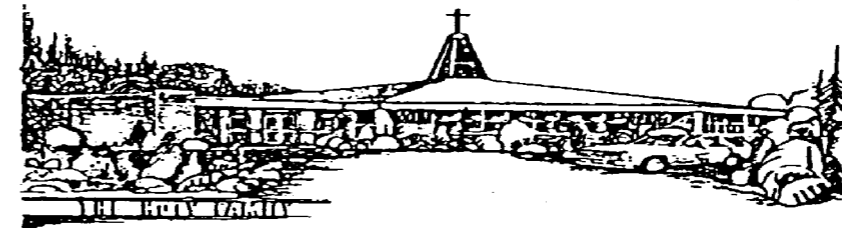
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mahama Dou Sylla, Sharon Harris, Christine Richards, Fr. Martin Larsen, Josephine Bridget Skinner, Lawrence David Buckley

**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****6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B/2****Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024****PARISH PRIEST**

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**Hours:**

8.30am—3.00pm

**Monday—Thursday****(closed FRIDAY)****Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 3.30pm

**Baptisms**Every 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

after 9am Mass

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B***John 15:9-17***Context Connection**

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he loved them. How does Jesus love the disciples? His love is the greatest kind of love, a self-giving love that includes the ultimate sacrifice of his life for a friend. In Greek, the word used to express this kind of love is *agape* (ä-gä-pA). This is the kind of love that the Father has for his Son, Jesus, and the love Jesus has for his disciples. It is a love that puts another's welfare ahead of one's own.

Today, Jesus asks us, his modern-day disciples, to love one another in the same way. We are able and know how to do this because God first loved us and showed us how to love. John says it was God who chose us and not us who chose God (see verse 16). God has shown us, through Jesus, that we are lovable and deserving of God's love. Because we are loved and we know we are lovable, it is possible for us to love others in the same way. Jesus's love has established a new relationship between God and humankind. Jesus, in giving his life for his friends (you and me), changed the relationship dynamic from that of master to servant to that of friend to friend. This is a very significant development in understanding our relationship with God.

Saint Paul gives us further insight into the understanding of this kind of love in 1 Corinthians, chapter 13. You may be very familiar with the passage that begins, "Love is patient; love is kind" (verse 4). It is often used as a reading at weddings. In it, Paul describes in detail the characteristics of Christian love. The overarching idea, however, is that the way of love is other-centered and not me-centered.

**Tradition Connection**

An expression made popular by Jesse Mannibusan, a national speaker and musician at youth rallies across the United States, is that God is good all the time; all the time God is good. Jesse will say to all the gathered youth, "God is good," and they respond, "All the time," and then Jesse will say, "All the time," and the youth will shout back, "God is good!" If you have ever attended a youth rally where Jesse spoke, you will remember this interaction between him and the audience.

In the Gospel this Sunday, John shares with us a profound insight into the essence of God: love. I would like to believe that if Saint John were speaking at a gathering of youth today, his quotable line would be: "God is love, all the time. All the time, God is love!"

John wants us to remember, if we remember anything from his Gospel, this teaching that God is love. In the *Catechism*, paragraphs 218–221, you will find a discussion about this characteristic of God. These paragraphs discuss God's single motive throughout all of history; his motive was, is, and will be, to love unconditionally and without ceasing. God's love is everlasting; it is a steadfast love. John tells us that God's essence, God's very being, is love. We believe that our God, as a Triune God, lives in a community of love—the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The economy (work) of the Trinity is love. This model of perfect love among the Father, Son, and Spirit is the fundamental foundation of the Church that Jesus established on earth. The early Christians were recognized most distinctively by the way they loved one another.

*Text: Youth - Scripture Reflections-6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 **The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**RESPONSORIAL R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Jn4;7-10 **God is love.**

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Jn 15:1-8 **No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. Jesus said to his disciples:**

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

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I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'

#### Parish News

**An Anointing Mass** will be held next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. After mass, join us for Morning Tea in the Marian room.

#### Holy Family Parish Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation candidates had their first session last weekend.

An essential part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is the preparation of the child at Sunday Mass. Therefore, the children are required to attend Sunday Mass with a parent during the program.

Please see upcoming dates :

Sunday Sessions x 3

Sundays : 19<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Last session with cuppa & practise

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Confirmation Celebration**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**

Family Mass & invite newly confirmed

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June