

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Year 3)

Lesson 2	Monday 16 July at 6.00pm Tuesday 17 July at 3.30pm
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.

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

The priest is the only Minister of the Eucharist. Lay people who assist with the distribution of holy communion are therefore always called **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, never Eucharistic Ministers.**

Weekly Diary : 09th —14th July 2018

Monday 09 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 10 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharist Adoration. 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Aged Centre Hope Island.
Wednesday 11 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 12 th	: No Mass
Friday 13 th	: No Mass
Saturday 14 th	: No Mass
} Fr. John to attend Proclaim 2018 in Brisbane	
Saturday 14 th	: 5.30 pm. : 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 15 th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 15 th 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 : 14th /15th 2018

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Joelle Braun Monique Labutte	June Molloy, Helen Topham, Julie Dakin Rino Serra, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Mia Braun
7.00am Michael Nicholson	John Carter Danielle Carter	Antona Brown, Jackie Cameron, Margaret McNamara Michael Nicholson, Rose Hessen	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Rose Lopez Pam Nelson	Denise Moar, John Lynch, Marie Roberts Pam Nelson, Kathy Fuller, Joe Dorego	Jamili Maatouk

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 2 (9/7/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1123.05	\$1642.15	\$10.00	\$92.00

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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time B 08th July 2018—Issue No. 283

Rebellion and Pride

In the first Reading, the prophet Ezekiel is commissioned to preach God's message to an Israel that has become a nation of rebels. He is warned that the people will not heed him, so entrenched are they in their rebellious attitude, because they claim that God's ways are unjust. This renders God's authority null and void and legitimates the establishment of an alternative system on their terms. It is a serious attempt of today's people, that is an inordinate desire to take control and have things on their terms. They dethrone God as the author (authority) of their lives and mount the throne in God's place.

What is striking about God's response is that rebellion is to be countered by the preaching of the truth. This places Ezekiel in a very vulnerable and powerless position against those who claim authority and therefore power. But from a faith perspective, it is only fidelity to the truth that can overcome falsehood and evil. The faithful prophet is assured that the people will in due course know that a prophet has been in their midst. This indicates that God rejects the rebel's warped view of reality but does not reject the rebels themselves: they are God's chosen people and God will always be loyal to them.

In the Gospel reading, Mark notes that Jesus was unable to work miracles in the midst of the people of his native place. Although they hear his wisdom and see his power, their inability or unwillingness to surrender their authority and control of their world renders them blind and deaf. They were unwilling to change for fear that accepting Jesus as a prophet would lessen their status and power. So they reject the very one who has come to empower them.

"A thorn in the flesh" that Paul prayed to God to remove so that he could preach more effectively—so he thought, may be understood as his own rebellious side while dealing with such a rejection. But the Lord wanted him to come to see that the power of Christ was most manifest in his weakness rather than what he thought were his strong points. *"My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness."* Paul had to come to rejoice in his weakness, and in this way he not only became a more effective messenger of the Gospel but became more fully the Paul whom we celebrate as an apostle.

Fr. John Khoai

Reflection on "More than Conquerors"

If you killed an enemy, you are a conqueror; if you turn your enemy into a friend, you are more than a conqueror!

If you pull the weeds out of your backyard, you are a conqueror; when you replace the weeds with fruit trees, you are more than a conqueror!

When you fight to overcome a hurt and do not strike back in anger at the one who hurt you, you are a conqueror; when you become so strong that troubles do not upset and defeat you, you are a conqueror; when you turn these troubles into productive and fruitful actions, you are more than a conqueror!

When we cooperate with God, we can *"overcome evil with good"* (Romans 12) and turn our troubles into triumphs. That always wins a "More Than Conqueror" trophy.

Cooperate with God. Here are the three ways you can turn your troubles into triumphs:

Give God **thanks**—when you face a problem.

Give God **time**—to turn your problem into a triumph.

Give God **trust**—every waiting moment!

(Robert Schuller, *365 Positive Thoughts—Hope for Today and Tomorrow*, May 7)

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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 Ezekiel 2:2-5 *They are a rebellious house. They shall know there has been a prophet among them.*

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. When the voice spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard one speaking to me: "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; the descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 123:1-4 R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes—you who are enthroned in the heavens—as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master. **R.**

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us. **R.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 *I gladly will boast of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

Considering the exceptional character of the revelations, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 4:18 Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6 *Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown.*

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And Jesus could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And Jesus was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 33:9 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Billie Roberts, Albert Chandler

ANNIVERSARIES: Kate Topham, Patrick Lawton

SICK LIST: Cheryl Carter, 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, 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)

We are seeking donations of rosary beads and small bottles suitable for holy water. These will be made available to our team of Extraordinary Ministers to the sick in Nursing or private homes as some residents may not have access to them. Please leave your donations at the Parish Office or if you require further information, please contact the Parish Secretary. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

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