

Parish News

2019 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Year 4 & 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Rehearsal 1 Monday 18 March at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2 Monday 25 March at 6.00pm

Celebration of Sacrament Thursday 04 April at 6.00pm

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the Season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *“Turn away from sin and believe the good news.”* It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbours and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in Easter Triduum with newness hearts. The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Weekly Diary : 18th — 23rd March 2019

Monday 18th : 08.00 am. Solemnity of St Patrick, bishop, followed by Novena.
: 6.00 pm. Compulsory Rehearsal of 1st Confession Celebration
Tuesday 19th : 08.00 am. Solemnity of St Joseph, followed by Eucharist Adoration
: 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Tricare, Bayview
Wednesday 20th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary
Thursday 21st : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Friday 22nd : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
: 5.30 pm. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23rd : No Mass in the morning. Fr. John to attend Episcopal Forum
Saturday 23rd : 5.30 pm. : 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C
Sunday 24th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of April will be on the 07th at 5.30 pm. : 5th Sunday of Lent C

Mass Duty Roster : March 23rd/24th 2019

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Monique Labutte Pierrette Serra	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Jean Di Benedetto June Molloy, Rachele Broughton, Monique Labutte	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	John Carter Michael Nicholson	Bernadette Swindley, Rose Hessen, Antona Brown Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Mia Braun Joelle Braun	Kathy Fuller, Pam Nelson, Averil Dorego Joe Dorego, Ronnie Wilson	Jamili

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (18/03/2019)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$964.90	\$1495.60	\$55.60	\$97.00

God is more moved by the offering of our heart, than by the gifts we bring to the altar.
Let's give with happiness and we will receive more in joy.



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



2nd Sunday of Lent Year C 17th March 2019—Issue No. 321

GOD HAS A HUMAN FACE

Today's Gospel tells us the great truth that our God is not someone far away, way up in the sky. In the transfigured face of Jesus, we can see the face of God. And in his eyes, we can see the mystery of God's love for each one of us.

He was the new Moses, God's new law-giver. He was the new Elijah, the final prophet, the one who is the very Word of God made flesh. He is the presence of God among us – Emmanuel. In the Transfiguration we meet God. The Gospel tells us that the voice of God speaks from heaven to you and to me, to every man and woman in every time and place: “This is my chosen Son, listen to him.”

We need to reflect on this beautiful reality of our faith which is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity who has shown us the human face of God. And then, the challenge for us is how to relate to him. How to become friends with him.

The Transfiguration took place when Jesus and his disciples were up on the mountain praying. As he prayed, Jesus' inner glory shone through on his face. He was setting an example for us. He prayed all the time. He began his days with prayer and ended his days with prayer. Sometimes we hear that he was praying deep into the night. He prayed before making decisions and before doing his works of mercy and healing.

In our Christian lives, there is nothing more important than prayer which is our beautiful privilege. We can talk to God as friends, and hear his voice in our hearts, and he is listening to us. We can speak to God as Abraham talking with God normally. Just talking, having a conversation. Abraham asking God questions and God responding with beautiful promises.

And that's the secret to grow in friendship with Jesus Christ, to get to know him and to find a way, with the grace of God, to try to imitate him. So, to pray means to have the confidence, the courage to talk to God and to ask him for light and guidance. It means having faith, trusting in God's promises, his plan for our lives, as Abraham did.

Let's try to make a new effort to especially intensify our prayer life during this season of Lent. Just like the disciples in the Gospel, we need to keep following Jesus *“up the mountain”* to pray. But prayer is not just being with God. The disciples were so happy that they wanted to stay there to be in the presence of God forever. But Jesus says they need to follow him back down the mountain and continue their encounter with God in the world, in their daily lives. The transfigured Jesus teaches us to see his face in the people we meet in the world. We need to put our prayer into action through works of mercy and works of peace and love for our neighbours who are suffering injustice or sickness or poverty.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us try to pray more, to get closer to Jesus — talking to him, listening to him — then to share with others the beauty in the merciful face of God.

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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 WORD

FIRST READING **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18** *The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, his righteous servant.*

The Lord brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then the Lord said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then the Lord said to Abram, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But Abram said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" The Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought the Lord all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 27:1, 7-8, 9, 13-14** *R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. **R.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! **R.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:17-4:1** *Christ will transform our humble bodies, conforming them to his glorious body.*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Lk 9:35** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL **Lk 9:28b-36** *While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as Moses and Elijah were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter did not know what he was saying. While Peter was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON **Mt 17:5** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



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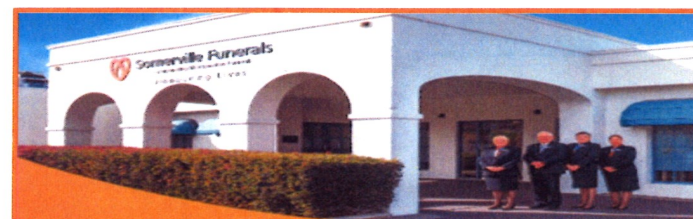
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Frichot, Lily Wee

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Ann Hunter, Brian Smith, Michael Allan Penridge

SICK LIST: Irene Warde, Pam Hopsick, Manuel R Llaguno, Ron Sincok, Ralph D'Agostino, Joy Gronow, Jevon Gronow, Val Mai McErlean, Theresa Pinto, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Courtney Blount, 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, 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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