

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: Sylvia C Acala, Alex C Fadul, Violeta C Quiambao

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Ralph, Helen Mary Regan, Margot Dearn, Mary Kelly

SICK LIST: Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Sophia Ding, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Irene Warde, Pam Hopsick, Ron Sincock, Val Mai McErlean, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

Weekly Diary : 23rd December-29th December 2019

Monday 23rd : 8.00 am. Mass followed by Novena
Thursday 26th : No Mass
Saturday 28th : 5.30 pm. : Feast of The Holy Family Year A/2
Sunday 29th : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : Feast of The Holy Family Year A/2



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Division 4

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- council services and activities.

To make an appointment or for enquires
 P 07 5581 6434 or
 Cr Kristyn Boulton - Division 4 Gold Coast




We Can Help.

When you need to find a location and arrange the placement of someone who requires Residential care.

When you need to work out the best way to arrange the finances for care.

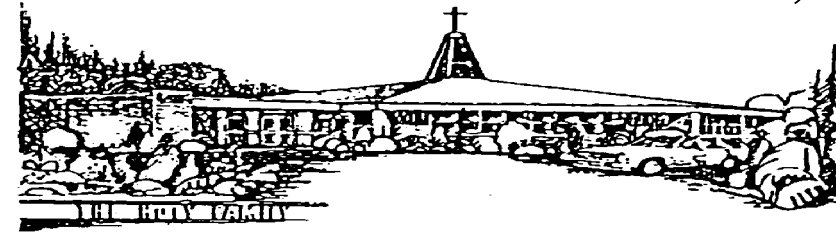
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY

4th Sunday of Advent — Year A/2

Sunday 22nd December 2019

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Hours: 8.30am—3.00pm

Monday—Thursday

(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:

4.50pm on Saturday

Baptisms

Every 2nd & 4th

Saturday & Sunday at 11am.

Please contact the Parish

Office.

St Francis Xavier School:

Principal : Kathy Fuller

Tel: 5537 2633

4th Sunday of Advent Year A/2

22nd December 2019

1st Reading : Is 7:10-14

2nd Reading : Rom 1:1-7

Gospel : Mt 1:18-24

Feast of The Holy Family Year A/2

29th December 2019

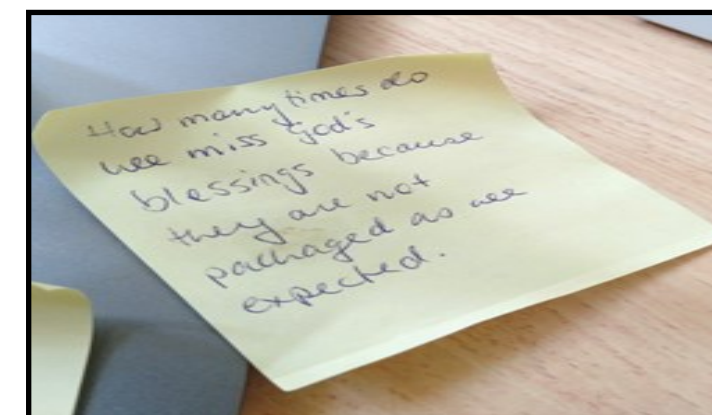
1st Reading : Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading : Col 3:12-21

Gospel : Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

HELLO! From Fr Marty

I have this sticky note on my desk to remind me that our ways are not always God's ways. After a little worrying, we are able to fix the design fault in the roof. I have asked Mike Nicholson to explain it for us (page 2). The storm last week has knocked out the internet for the parish, so it has been a bit of a trying week. However as per the sticky note, there are so many generous people in the parish who help to make the journey a little easier. Despite some of these issues, we need to remember that God has our back! Only 2 days to go before Christmas!!!!!! Hope you have a blessed time!



'How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected.'

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Catholic Leader have changed the day they send the papers. This means we don't receive it on time for the weekend. If you want a copy of the Leader, please let the office know. We will help you to access it. **The Parish is no longer going to order it.** This is in line with other parishes who are moving away from print media.

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| Last weekend's collection 1st Collection : \$1086.55 2nd Collection : \$1782.10 Piety Stall : \$32.50 St. Anthony : \$28.55 Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Next week's counting Team : No. 4(23/12/19) | Your Generosity: If you would like to join our planned giving program or if your circumstances have changed, please contact Audrey Ho at the Parish Office 55374320 x 2 (Weekdays except Fridays). Thank you for your generous support. |
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The roof

In summary, guttering and down pipes have been replaced; new rain heads have been installed. Glass in / around the spire has been replaced and resealed with construction-based water sealant.

Last Tuesday the faulty structure of the “spire” was discussed with the project team.

A way forward was robustly debated – and a new structural solution was determined.

To ensure the waterproof integrity of the spire, it is planned that the roof be replaced first followed by an external “curtain” (made of construction-based material) installed around the spire. New flashings (top, sides and bottom) will ensure that all water is carried onto the roof not under the roof.

The scaffold will be removed before Christmas; reconstruction activities will commence on 6th January 2020.

The additional structural requirement is covered within the project contingency funds.

Thought for the week

**FAITH IT
TILL YOU
MAKE IT**

MISSA PRO POPULO
(The mass for the people.)

As Parish Priest, one mass on the weekend is to be said solely for the people of the parish. **This mass will be the 7am.**

**FUN FACT FOR
SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

As you know there is golf on at Royal Pines this weekend. The first golf tournament was held in 1860 in Scotland on this day. I am not a golfer, yet some say this is the best sport in the world. Appreciate today that the grass can look greener on the other side- and that's OK.

Acknowledgement to Fr Morgan Batt in his book, “Up the Beaten Track”, Copyright 2003

| Mass Duty Roster : December 28th /December 29th 2019 | | | |
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| Mass Co-ordinator 5.30pm Julie Dakin | Lectors Joelle Braun Julius de Luna | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Helen Topham, Joelle Braun, Dott Baker Monique Labutte, Chantal Jacquier, Julie Dakin | Servers Mia & Tyler |
| 7.00am Michael Nicholson | Bernadette Swindley Gloria Butt | Michael Nicholson, Rose Hessen, Antona Brown Danielle Carter, Celine Lobb, Bernadette Swindley | Brianna & Ashley |
| 9.00am Michael Laidler | Rose Lopez Jennifer Craig | Pam Nelson, Rose Lopez, Chona Lopez Ramon Lopez, Jennifer Craig, Michael Laidler | Amber, Naomi & Jamili |

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? If you've recently joined the Parish, WELCOME! We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a “NEW PARISHIONERS FORM” which is placed on the table at the back of the Church. You may wish to hand in the form at the Parish Office or place it on the collection plate.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! There are many ministries which need to be filled in 2020. Don't hesitate to enquire at the Parish Office.

How to live the Gospel out this weekend

In the eighth century BCE (Before the Common Era) Jerusalem which was a part of Judah was led by King Ahaz. King Ahaz lived in a time of great war. Assyria (modern day Iraq) was the superpower in the region. Assyria was at war with both Syria and Israel. King Ahaz was worried that his Kingdom was not able to defend themselves against Assyria if he aligned with Syria and Israel. So, since he was an astute leader, chose to side with Assyria, so that at least his kingdom would not be obliterated. *Enter the Prophet Isaiah.* What advice does Isaiah give to King Ahaz. He says, ‘don't join with Assyria. Trust in God and everything will work out.’ How do you think King Ahaz is going to respond to that? He thinks it's a crazy idea. So the prophet Isaiah then says to Ahaz, ‘if you don't believe me, ask God for a sign.’ Ahaz refuses to do this, for if he is shown a sign from God, he will be acting directly against the will of God. There is a bit of King Ahaz in all of us. Ahaz was afraid to take a risk and to trust God. Ahaz is so determined to follow his own path, he shuts out all dissenting voices, even the voice of God. Ahaz fails to understand one of life's fundamental lessons; every great journey of discovery involves risk and the journey of faith demands surrender and a willingness to make a leap into the unknown.

TASK:
What plans do you have for 2020, and what risks are you willing to embrace as you look to achieve your goals?

Parish Office over Christmas

The office will be **CLOSED** from **Boxing Day 26th December 2019 to January the 7th 2020.**

OPEN WEDNESDAY 8TH OF JANUARY.

HEADS UP FOR MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS

Christmas Vigil December 24th
4.30pm St Francis Xavier Quad (Children's Mass)
8pm Holy Family Catholic Parish

Christmas Day 25th December
9am Holy Family Catholic Parish

OTHER MASSES OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Boxing Day Thursday 26th of December
NO MASS

Monday 30th of December
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 1ST January 2020
NEW YEARS DAY 8AM MASS

THURSDAY 2ND January, NO MASS

NORMAL MASSES TO RESUME

MONDAY 6th of January 8AM MASS

THURSDAY 9th of January 9.30AM MASS