

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: Susan Ann Randell, Terrence Burke

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Lewis, Molly Lawton, Molly Kate Topham, James Leslie Collett, Sol Betros, Rebecca Betto, Anthony Abood, Lily Wee

SICK LIST: Colleen Waddell, Jake Bartley, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, 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, 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

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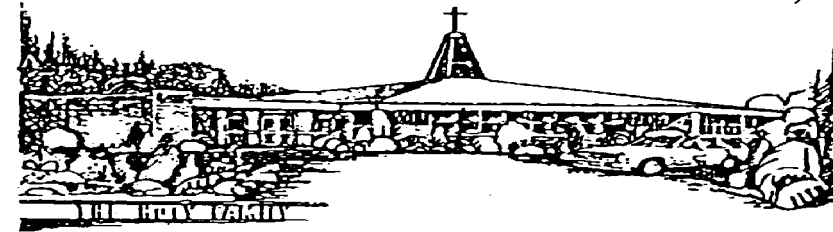
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19th April 2020

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Hours:
8.30am—3.00pm
Monday—Tuesday
8.30am-1.00pm
Wednesday-Thursday
(closed FRIDAY)
Reconciliation:
4.50pm on Saturday

Baptisms
Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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**2nd Sunday of Easter
19th April 2020**

1st Reading : Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading : 1 Petl:3-9

Gospel : Jn20:19-31

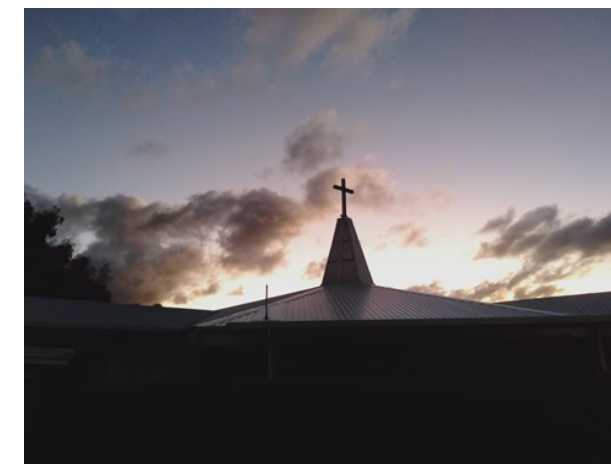
**3rd Sunday of Easter
26th April 2020**

1st Reading : Acts 2:14,22-33

2nd Reading : 1 Petl:17-21

Gospel : Lk24:13-35

HELLO! From Fr Marty



*He is risen from the dead,
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

What a beautiful word; Alleluia. It comes from the Hebrew word 'Halleluya' which means 'Praise to God'. For the early Christians, this word continued to allow them to see Jesus' Resurrection as a great triumph. So keep that in mind every time you hear it in this Easter Season. It really does allow us to express our joy in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It allows us to see the horizon of Hope and to be an Easter people!

Despite the fact that we have to stay at home, the air has been still and the sky has been a deep blue. In some senses it is still a beautiful time of the year. Keep on trying to stay positive. Routine is very important at this time. Also, make sure you are calling your family and loved ones, just to check up on them. Isak Dinesen (Danish writer) reminds us: *"I think these difficult times have helped me to understand better than before how infinitely rich and beautiful life is in every way and that so many things one goes around worrying about are of no importance whatsoever."*

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



One Gospel which has always made me feel unsettled is the Gospel story about Thomas. We unfairly call him the doubting Thomas. Yet this is hardly the case. Remember Thomas actually says, "My Lord and my God." They are hardly the words of someone who does not have faith. Thomas is not so much doubting Jesus, he is doubting his surroundings and the leadership of the disciples. Remember, less than a week ago, they all fled from Jesus' presence. The disciples are still locked away in the upper room, fearful and not trusting what they are doing. No wonder Thomas is in doubt! The leadership of the early church is frail at best.

Yet what is clear is that Jesus has been raised from the dead and while that is a fact, it is not always easy to understand. To believe in the resurrection requires faith. To have doubt does not mean there is a lack of faith. To be a mature person in the world, means we should always be curious about what is true and what is not true.

Yet Jesus reminds them that faith is not always about what is tangible or directly in front of them. Faith must germinate from within. The metaphor I have always liked is 'faith is like looking through a pair of glasses' you must see it with your own eyes through a new lens. Fr Richard Leonard reminds us: *"Our fidelity to one another on the long journey of faith is **only** surpassed by our crucified God who does not give up on us, no matter how many questions we ask or how much we doubt."*

What God does in Jesus is impossible, yet as humans we have to find a way to deal with this, for nothing is impossible for God.

TASK:

If you have a bible, make sure you are doing a daily reading at this time. The readings of Sunday are on our newsletter. It's important we continue to hear the Word of God speak to us at this time.

Don't forget to laugh!



It's very important that during these days we find something to laugh at. I have noticed that I am missing smiling, so you have to work at it. Perhaps you have a favourite novel you like to read, or a TV series. Limit your time watching the news and find what brings you simply joy!!!



What are you grateful about today/this week?

I am grateful to all the teachers who have come in on their holidays to prepare for next week. If you know any teachers at this time, make sure you give them a shout out! They are engaging our young minds for the future.

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 is the 9am. Live streamed!**

BLESSINGS!!!!

Don't forget!!!!!!I love to bless homes, cars, boats, religious objects, bibles, anything which is holy for you. Let's find creative ways to make this happen.

FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 19th April, 2020



Feast of St Expeditus Patron of Procrastination and urgent causes.

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

Fr Marty's reflection on this fun fact

If you get the chance to Google him, his story is fascinating. What some people think is true, is not always true. Yet, if we don't have both sides of the story, what we may not think is true, may in fact be true. You'll have to Google him to see what I mean.

Being human means we must live with a level of complexity. As Thomas Carlyle reminds us; *"Our greatest business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, yet to do what clearly lies at hand."*

Blessings to you all at this time.

Updating our Parish records

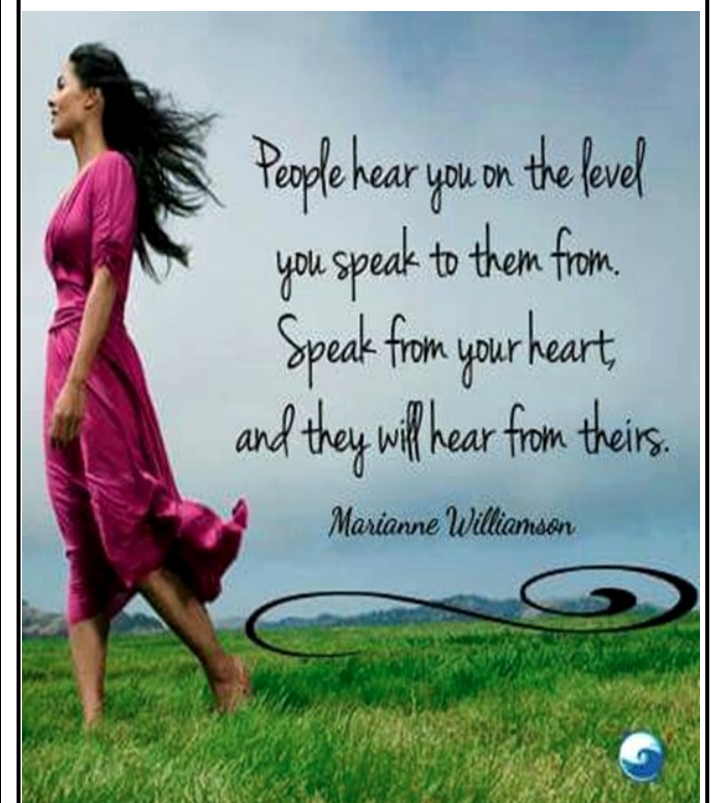
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Parish Office

Thought for the week.



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