

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

During June, the Holy Family Conference will be conducting our annual Winter Appeal. This appeal is an important source of funding for the conference as it enables us to carry out our vision of “providing a hand up not a hand out” to the people in need in our area. Due to restrictions we are unable to conduct the appeal at Sunday Masses so this year there are three ways you can donate.

1. Pick up an Appeal Envelope from the Parish Office and return it with your donation to the office or drop it in the Post. If required, please include details for the receipt.
2. Contact the Parish Office and an envelope will be delivered to your address. Return your donation to the Parish Office or drop it in the Post. If required, please include details for the receipt.
3. Direct Debit to the Conference bank account; BSB : 064-786, Account Number : 525860100, Account Name : SVPD Holy Family Runaway Bay, Reference : Winter Appeal and your name. If you require a receipt please Email your details to our conference email HF4216@svdpqld.org.au

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.

Peter Fox
President

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: Peter Hegarty, Jadwiga Danuta Arnold

ANNIVERSARIES: Glen Ivan Winstanley

SICK LIST: Colleen Waddel, 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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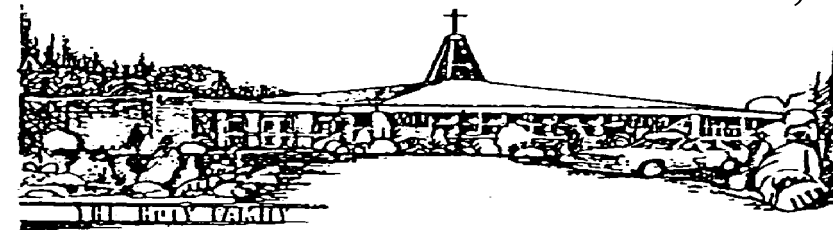
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



Pentecost Sunday Year A/2

Sunday 31st May 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.

St Francis Xavier School:
Principal : Kathy Fuller
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Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2020

1st Reading : Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading : 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13
Gospel : Jn 20:19-23

The Most Holy Trinity 7th June 2020

1st Reading : Ex 34:4-6,8-9
2nd Reading : 2 Cor 13:11-13
Gospel : Jn 3:16-18

HELLO! From Fr Marty

*"Our greatest business in life
is not to see what lies dimly at a distance,
yet to do what clearly lies at hand."*
Thomas Carlyle

Pentecost Sunday!



The birthday of the Church!

Thought for the week.



What does it mean to be a Church community today? What gifts do you bring? What leadership do you bring? What prayer life do you bring to our community? These are all important questions as we ponder and celebrate the birth of the early Church. As John 20 says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." What does this mean to you today and in this time? Are we moving forward to spread the Good News to all who seek it in this land today?

These are all questions we need to start to ponder as the Holy Family Catholic Parish. As we prepare for STAGE3, there is much which needs to be done. It is not as simple as walk into the church and be present as a community.

Here is what the church will look like for STAGE3.

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This may be a shock for you, for we have had the intimacy of live streaming for the last 2 months. Yet this has been the reality of many who have had to bury their loved ones for two months now. This is what you have found in funeral homes, Doctor's surgeries, department stores, Coles and Woolies during the lockdown. This is the new normal for public gatherings.

In many respects this may be too much for some people. Yet this is what we are asked to comply to. There will be a door into the church, hand sanitiser, a check list to check off names and numbers, and then a door to leave at the end of the service. This will be a work in process, and patience will be needed. **It will not just be 'rock up' and get in.** Names will need to be recorded at the office, so I invite you to put your names down for a Saturday afternoon return.

Saturday July 18th return at 4.30pm. 100 PEOPLE

You must book in with the Office. You will need to **arrive by 4.15pm** to complete the registration.

No other physical mass will occur at this time, as we are easing in very gently. **We will continue to live stream for Sunday 9am.** If this goes well for a few weeks, then we will consider some other options. I want all parishioners who are happy to stay home to stay home. There is no obligation to go outside what is comfortable for you during this time. Mass will still live stream on a Sunday, and the Saturday mass is aimed at making people who feel comfortable to come along. Hence the earlier time slot. It is still bright. You will not be arriving in darkness and you will still get home in the daylight. **Understandably this time 4.30pm is temporary for the ensuring few months.**

I would invite the following ministries in the church to contact the office with your availability to cater to this 4.30pm Mass across the ensuring weeks after July 18.

- Choir,
- readers,
- altar servers,
- cleaners!!!,
- marshals- very important!
- sacristans,
- mass co-ordinators,
- data projector operators

Remember this is not a race. If you are happy to stay home, then stay home. We will have to strictly abide by the 100 rule for some time.

This could be around for a while, so I would also like you to start to ponder what Christmas might be like. Do we simply live stream it? We had 1100 people last year. If we can only have 100 people, how do we do this in an inclusive way? I am just planting the seed, so we can start to have a think about how we make this a celebration. Hopefully we continue to move forward. Yet it does not hurt to start to think about how our parish deals with public gatherings.

On a happier note

I am very happy to see how we can prepare for **STAGE 3**. All bearing well, it will be a great celebration to have physical mass.

Yet also, I have also been very happy to live stream. There has been a wonderful spiritual connection there too. Both will continue to occur.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

July 14th at 6.00pm in the Church. 100 PEOPLE

You must book in with the Office. You will need to **arrive by 5.45pm** to complete the registration.

FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 31st May, 2020



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast to commemorate the day when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth unexpectedly. Is it possible that what we call interruptions in our well planned day are really divine visitations? Whenever you are interrupted today by a visitor, a person requesting something from you or even an unexpected difficulty, pause and remember St Elizabeth's response when she answered the door.

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

Fr Marty's reflection on this fun fact

As we look forward to a return into the church, how can you make this a divine visitation for you? We have been through a lot in the last two months. Is there something you can gain out of all of this which will make you a better person? It will take a bit of time to ponder how interruptions are a divine visit. Yet we have this time at the moment to spend a little time thinking and processing this. There is something in this to think about.