

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)

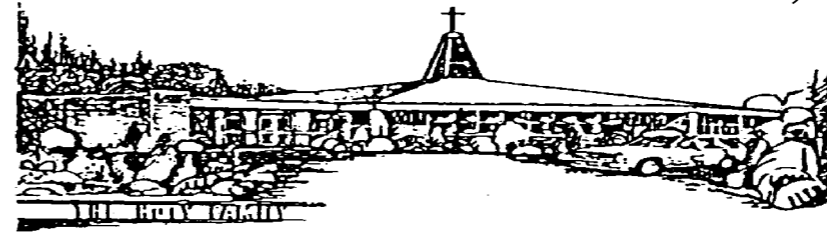
Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Hegarty

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Levy

SICK LIST: Christina Ang, 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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/2

Sunday 21st June 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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Date claimers!

July 9 : Church will be deep cleaned.

July 10: Fr Marty's birthday and STAGE3 restrictions eased.

July 14: Second Rite of Reconciliation. (Must book to attend.)

July 16: Private Prayer 10am-11am only.

July 18: 4.30pm Mass. Booked out.

July 25: 4.30pm Mass. Please register with the Office.

Sunday 21st of June, 2020

During Fr Marty's holiday period (June 12-July 3), he has the following reflections for you to consider in light of the lockdown, which we are slowly coming out of. These responses will cover the next three weeks of the newsletter.

The APRE from Aquinas College, Southport asked the Chaplin to the hospital Fr Stephen, Associate Priest at Southport to answer some questions on behalf of the staff of Aquinas College.

I thought I would respond with what I think as Parish Priest of Runaway Bay.

1. *We have all seen the outbreak of Covid 19 across the world. We have seen the impact this had on the world in a relatively short space of time. How do you see the pandemic and this time as a person, as a priest, as pastor at the hospital, and as a pastor to the community?*

Fr Marty: As a person: This has been my motto since lock down:

*“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

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st June 2020**

1st Reading : Jer 20:10-13
2nd Reading : Rom 5:12-15
Gospel : Mt 10:26-33

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th June 2020**

1st Reading : 2Kg 4:8-11,14-16
2nd Reading : Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel : Mt 10:37-42

WAHOO HOME MAINTENANCE & LAWN MOWING SERVICES

Parishioners of Holy Family Parish.
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Fr Marty: I am a glass half full person and I have always had a strong faith in God and been a person of HOPE. Even in the midst of great trial, I have always seen that hope on the horizon. Many times. Focusing on the now, the routine, the daily grind and finding a way to find meaning in this. In all honesty, we cannot really prepare for the future. We can plan, yet there is a saying about 'best laid plans.' So I have found during lock down, focusing on the now, has helped with the pressure of what the future could be like. It also helps with such things as anxiety and a lack of hope. Domestic tasks, the little ordinary tasks have a great way of grounding a person and bringing a sense of peace. Exercise. Looking forward to small treats. Laughing. I made sure I laughed at least once a day for a few moments. Going to bed knowing I have it way better than places like Europe, America and those countries where there is no data on how this event is affecting them.

As a priest: I have been lucky, for I have had six months with the parish and the school community. This has been great because I am familiar with the parish and the school. Imagine if I had arrived in the parish and then within a week locked down! That would have been very challenging indeed. So, since I know most people, I have been able to respond creatively to the issues of live streaming, newsletters, sending out emails and Facebooking parishioners. Personally, I have felt I have been privileged to be able to celebrate mass during this time, yet I have also hoped parishioners have felt the spiritual grace of communion.

As a person and a priest, I have not used the word 'virus.' Everyone knows we are in a pandemic, so why alarm people more than we have to. So, I have not used any word which associates people into anymore fear than there needs to be. There can be a great anxiousness when you use words which have a negative tone to them. I have thought about this a lot and have simply referred to this, as a lockdown.

How has the parish and the archdiocese responded to Covid 19?

Fr Marty: The parish has generally been supportive, yet only because the parish live streamed and sent out newsletters straight away as the lockdown began. As Fr Morgan Batt would say, 'the sheep need to hear the voice of the shepherd'. I think by keeping the parish in communication with the church, they have felt loved and accepted and safe. I have tried to maintain this with the parish and the school, and I think it has been successful.

Archdiocese: They have organised the jobseeker for each parish. So that's \$1500 to help the parishes survive. That's pretty cool when you think about it.

Fr Marty

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

July 14th at 6.00pm in the Church. Registration is still opened. You must book in with the Office. You will need to **arrive by 5.45pm** to complete the registration.

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 : SVDP 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

Live streaming- the new normal

Be patient and you can always check online later

While it is important to live stream and be present to that, sometimes if it is just not working, you can always watch it later. We need to be flexible yet also practical at this time.



Don't forget to touch base

Do you know someone who lives alone or might be at risk of social isolation? Consider taking a moment once a week to give them a quick call to make sure they are okay and share your experiences. A few moments of connection can make a big difference.

From Small Blessings Campaign
<https://smallblessings.com.au>



Saturday July 18th Return

Mass on July 18th is booked out.

Pre-register for the next Mass held on Saturday 25th July at 4.30pm. **You must book in with the Office.** You will need to **arrive by 4.15pm** to complete the registration.