

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:

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'Donnell, 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 Boehme, 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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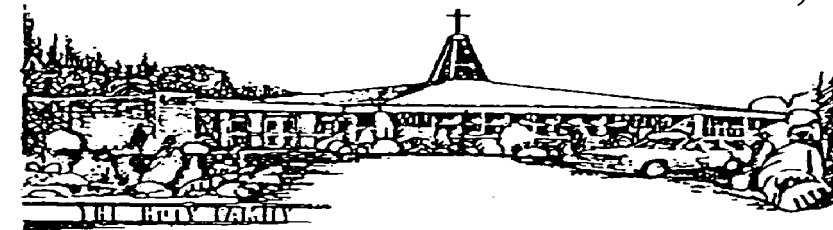
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/2

Sunday 5th July 2020

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Hours:
8.30am—3.00pm
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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
Tel: 5537 2633

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th July 2020

1st Reading : Zech 9:9-10
2nd Reading : Rom 8:9,11-13
Gospel : Mt 11:25-30

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th July 2020

1st Reading : Is 55:10-11
2nd Reading : Rom 8:18-23
Gospel : Mt 13:1-23

Date claimers!

July 9th : Church will be deep cleaned.

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

July 14th: Second Rite of Reconciliation at 6.00pm. (Must book to attend.)

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

July 18th: 4.30pm Mass. Booked out.

July 25th: 4.30pm Mass. Booked out.

August 1st: 4.30pm Mass. Please register with the Office.

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.

1. *Do you have some scripture or readings that you found useful in understanding this unprecedented time in our history?*

Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for (he) who promised is faithful." Hope is the key to getting through this time, and as the sun rises and the curve is lessened, we are stepping out into the light.

2. *What advice do you have for teachers in helping us to nurture and respond to the spirituality and faith of young people during this time?*

3. *What advice would you have for teachers in responding to the questions and experiences of students they face challenge of this pandemic as young people?*

Fr Marty: I think you have to acknowledge as teachers what the world is going through at this time-personally. As you know, students know your 'vibe'. They know when you are authentic and when you are off key. Don't ask the students (collectively in class time) what they think, because that might not be the right place for sharing. As you know often the enthusiastic will speak first without much thought and that can drive the deeper thinkers not to respond.

In the last few days as the lockdown has eased and students have come back to school, especially teenagers, they have been hugging and laughing and pushing and shoving. They have come up with

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crazy dances on TikTok. They have joked about ‘Corona’, they have watched Netflix and YouTube like they always do and live in their student world, mostly online and pages and pages of texting about ‘god knows what’. They continue to play and laugh. No sense of social distancing! Yet this is where it is important to remember there is the adult world and the student world.

As adults we have been listening to adult leaders and a vast response for a large section of society. Yet this is not the student world. Just take Easter Sunday night at Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, hundreds congregated amid the restrictions. Why? That’s what young people do.

Somewhere in the midst of that great reality (adult and student world) there is the meaning and truth of what this all means. If you can find that comfortable space with students, you will find the precious answers from them to this event, in this time.

Therefore, I would advise maintaining a routine for the students and if the opportunity arises and students want to speak, and if they feel comfortable in your presence, they will tell you what they think. It has certainly been my experience as a school teacher.

Students will always share if they feel valued and respected. **In this, your sense of spirituality and theirs, will come out.** It’s a beautiful opportunity, yet it has to be handled with delicately. As you all know, all too well.

4. *How do you see the Church emerging from a post-Covid 19 world?*

Fr Marty: Slowly.

Not because of Government or political rhetoric, yet because of the contact between humans.

Life in some ways has changed permanently.

Particularly with travel and large events. It’s amazing to think 2 weeks before the lockdown 80,000 people were at the MGC for the Australian Women’s World Cup cricket final! We won’t see that again for some time. As with church gatherings.

We have seen that social distancing has made a difference in slowing down this event. Yet at the same time, we are about to enter into the colder weather and naturally people will get sick. I believe people will be patient with this, yet a lot of people will be wondering what Christmas is like if we can have a crowd of people.

Easter in one sense was great because it was contained. We were locked down and we live streamed. It was comfortable.

Christmas will need to be carefully looked at if we can go ahead with larger numbers. Maybe we need to simply live stream, make it creative, so that people can feel safe, yet still celebrate.

Yet I guess, at the end of the day, just to go the baby steps. Win the small logistical battles which are ahead (that’s such a parish priest thing to say) and continue to believe God is with us in all of this.

*“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

So with that in mind, I would love to bless you in the here and now.

God bless you in your teaching. God bless your families and your students and their families. God bless your leadership team, and as always, I will see you....around.

Fr Marty

Parish Priest of Runaway Bay

Safeguarding News

Our Parish has recently completed its Safeguarding Self-Assessment which conducts our annual internal audit. Although it wasn’t a perfect score, we are glad to advise that there were only minor adjustments made to ensure that we are compliant with the Archdiocesan requirements.

We will be following up with volunteers in regards to their Blue Cards and Police Checks. It would be helpful if you could check and ensure that your details are up to date.

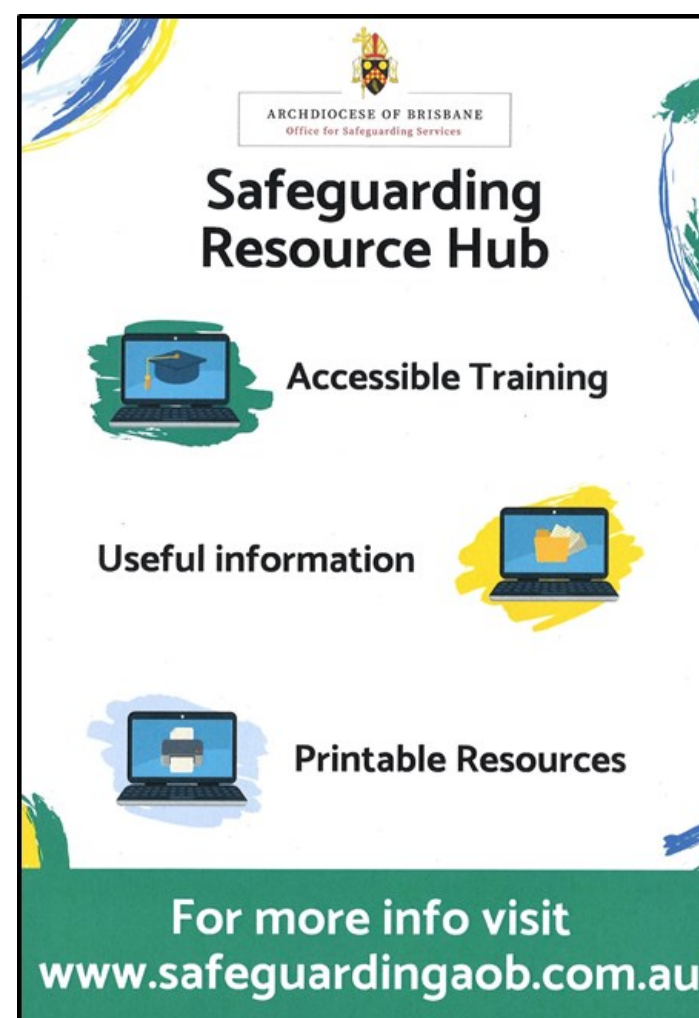
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- ◊ Read up on ‘Integrity in the Service of the Church’ which can be found on the following link <https://www.safeguardingaob.com.au/australian-catholic-integrity-codes.html>
- ◊ Or go through Level 1 Safeguarding training for volunteers.


Should you require further information or assistance, please contact the Parish Office at 07 5537 4320 Press 2.


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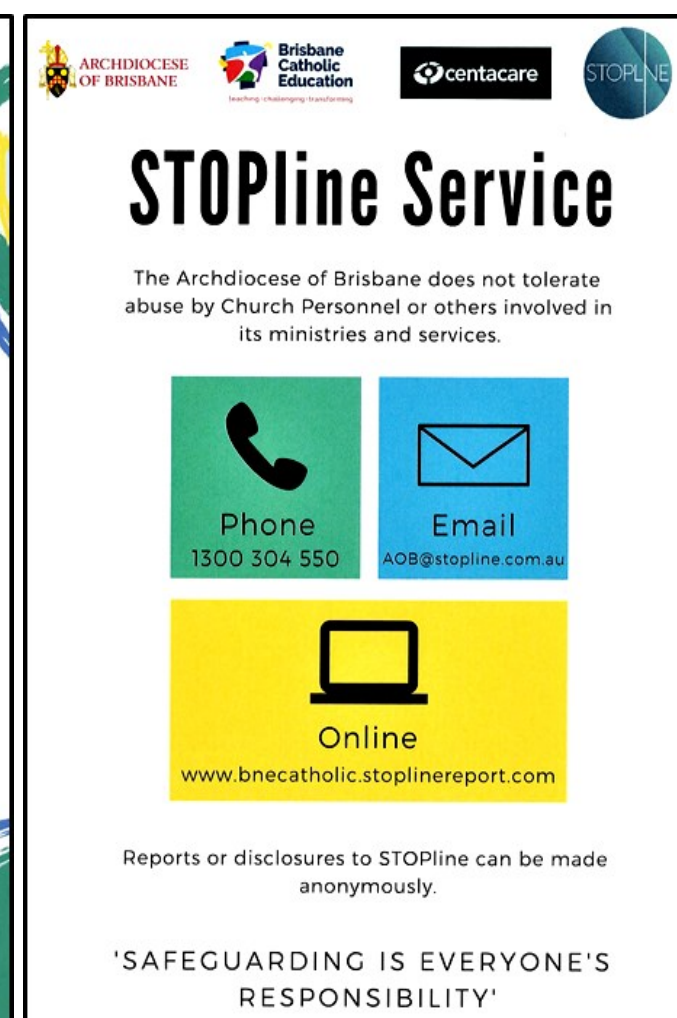
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