

Live streaming- the new normal**Be patient and you can always check on line later**

I continue to remind you, if you are unwell, stay at home and watch mass online.
You are still very much connected to the community at this time.

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: Clare Loretta Finlay, Rita Carpenter-Morrison, Annette Temple Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Mac Amott, Gregorio C Cadayona, Sam C Quiambao, Violeta C Quiambao, Enid Marriott, Felix C Cadayona

SICK LIST: John Lynch, George Docherty, 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, 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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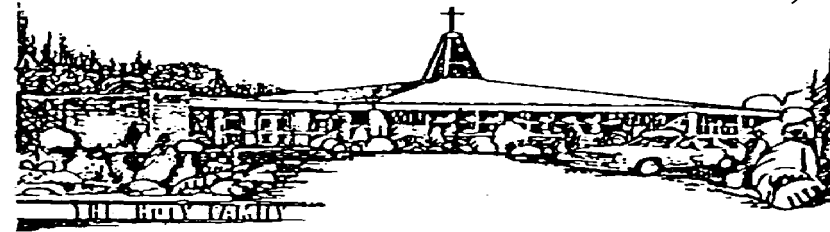
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HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/2

Sunday 13th September

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

Reconciliation:
Please contact the Parish Office.

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

St Francis Xavier School:
Principal : Kathy Fuller

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2020**

1st Reading : Sirach 27:30-28:7
2nd Reading : Rom 14:7-9
Gospel : Mt 18:21-35

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th September 2020**

1st Reading : Is 55:6-9
2nd Reading : Phil 1:20-24,27
Gospel : Mt 20:1-16

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

Get ready for Confirmation

Part of the life of the parish is our connection to young people through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Do you remember yours?

In these Co-vid times, we are certainly being asked to stretch ourselves creatively to make it work in the parish. Yet none the less, the power of the Holy Spirit makes all things possible. Let's pray for the young people who will make theirs next Wednesday and Thursday evening. We also welcome Fr Peter Dillon, the Gold Coast Dean who will lead these ceremonies.



Some generous parishioners who are making rosary beads for the children so that they can come closer to Mary in prayer to intercede to God.

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I would like to draw your attention to this email from the Vicar General. It says everything about the need to be diligent at this time. Thank you for working with me with signing in; hand sanitizer; entering one door and exiting another, booking in for mass. God is trying to tell us something in the midst of this. I think it might be to cultivate a more understanding community.

Dear Clergy and Parish Staff,

The COVID flare-ups of the past week show there is no room for relaxing our guard however it's pleasing to see that church activities haven't come under any renewed threat of closure. In one instance a Catholic Church close to Sydney was shut after a Mass attendee tested positive, however due to good record keeping and social distancing, the Church was shut for a bare minimum of time and needed only a deep cleaning. NSW Health Authorities also applauded the parish for their compliance with public health directives, which enabled for very easy contact tracing processes.

This should serve as an encouragement to all parishes within the Brisbane Archdiocese to keep on doing the right thing, as you have been so well to date. Our vigilance protects the safety of our parishioners, and in turn the wider Queensland community.

FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 13TH September, 2020



Our endangered friends!

The bilby has been found to benefit from bush fires that naturally sweep through their habitat from time to time. They eat fast-growing plants that grow after a fire has passed. Bilbies may also be able to shelter from bush fires in their burrows. Bilbys are burrowing creatures, and as we've seen have strong legs and claws for digging. They make several burrows (up to 12) within their range. Bilby burrows have a single entrance, and are around 2-3 metres long. Only one bilby lives in a burrow. Bilby burrows have been found to be beneficial to the ecosystem, by providing shelter for other species, and potentially improving plant diversity by providing areas with a different temperature and humidity for seeds. Male bilbies can cover up to 5km in search of food. The range of a female bilby is smaller, around 1.5 km. Bilbies are solitary animals, usually only coming together when the male seeks out potential mates. **Let's look out for our endangered friends today!**

<https://www.activewild.com/bilby-facts/>

Holy Family Parish Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday 16th September 2020
5.30pm

&

Thursday 17th September 2020
5.30pm & 7pm

Thank you kindly to those who have volunteered their time in helping out on the 3 evenings. However, we still need volunteers for the three services :

- two people to be marshals, under the age of 70
- two people to oversee the parking of cars
- two people to assist on the night with seating people
- two people who are able to help with setting up of chairs at 4pm for the two days.
- Two people to do a wipe down before and after the three services.

If it makes you feel any better, there will be pizza at the half time break.

Contact Audrey in the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

Fr Marty

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



Forgiveness is one of the hardest things to do. Yet, when you can get beyond your pride and humbly forgive someone, it makes YOU feel so much better on the inside. It brings about a sense of peace. I lived with a guy in the seminary and I really disliked him a lot. A friend of mine said that I needed to find a way to forgive him, otherwise the frustration and anger inside of me would start to feel like poison. On the day of my Deaconate, I worked up the courage to shake his hand and to say sorry for the way I behaved. It was not easy, yet I no longer carry around any anger inside myself. One time in Maroochydore, I preached on this and I said to the 300 strong congregation, "Don't sit here right now thinking you are righteous before God if you haven't forgiven your brother or sister. Go and do it now. Right now!" To which this man silently got up and walked out of the church. A few weeks later he came to me and he said, "Fr Marty, I have been fighting with my brother for 20 years and when you spoke those words to me, I just felt compelled to get up and do something. I went and found time to seek forgiveness. Thank you." Liberation of the soul!!!! Forgiveness will make you feel better. It doesn't excuse the person's behavior. That is something they need to sort out, yet it is about loving the good they still have on the inside. Finding a way to love those who find trouble in loving themselves. Trust me, it will set you free. Not just once, yet 77 times.

TASK:



Today I decide to forgive you. This is how I plan to do it.



What are you grateful about today/this week?

Grateful that we can have a restricted, yet better state of living than the people of Victoria. We pray for them at this time. And also for those who do have work.

Christmas

Christmas Eve: Mass 4.30pm.
(Exclusively a children's mass) (To come dressed as your favorite biblical character.). Quad in the school 100 people. Must register. **Live Streamed.**

Christmas Eve: Mass 6pm.
Quad in the school 100 people. Must register.

Christmas Eve Mass 8pm
Quad in the school 100 people. Must register.

Christmas Day: Mass 7am.
Quad in the school 100 people. Must register.

Christmas Day: Mass 9am.
Quad in the school 100 people. Must register. **Live Streamed**

Thought for the week

