

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'Donell, 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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/2

Sunday 20th September 2020

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Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms
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Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
Principal : Kathy Fuller

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th September 2020

1st Reading : Ezek 18:25-28
2nd Reading : Phil 2:1-11
Gospel : Mt 21:28-32

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



This week our parish community was able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 49 young people not only from SFX, yet from the wider community.



I am grateful for the parishioners who were able to help out in so many ways. I am grateful to the school and all the people who were able to help out. I am grateful to the families and the candidates for seeing through with the program. Grateful for the office and for the ladies who helped create the rosary beads. It has been hard work, yet it has been rewarding. **We are very blessed at this time.**

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What are you grateful about today/this week?

Grateful we were able to confirm 49 children during the week under Covid safe plans. Some parishes are doing nothing. So it is important to celebrate with children these important milestones in their lives. These can be the touch stones to help them in their faith in a meaningful way. So, I am feeling very grateful that we have been able to do this at this time.

This is from the Archbishop in Melbourne. I know many of you have relatives in Melbourne and that their inner strength has been tested. We continue to pray for your loved one's that they can see the hope on the horizon.

In the letter, Archbishop Comensoli acknowledged the "profound loss" the Melbourne faith are suffering from the "deprivation in sacramental life" since churches were first closed in March.

He said the "sense of estrangement from the Eucharist has been a particular struggle for Catholics. He gave particular acknowledgement to "countless Catholic families" who are "awaiting Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation for their children. Adults, too, have longed to be received into the life of the Church". <https://cathnews.com/cathnews/39115>

We need to be reminded at this time what we do have.

We continue to pray for the people of Victoria.



First Holy Communion

We are going ahead with Holy Communion for students. I need people to help out with that. The dates and times will be in the newsletter. I am limiting it to 10 students- plus family (parents and sponsor/god parent) which is 40 people. In this way, we can have extra parishioners to assist on the day. It does not take long to get to 63. So we need to be vigilant in these times.

Christmas

Same again. We need help with Christmas. We can only fill 100 people per mass, so it is essential that you book. You cannot just rock up on the day.

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**

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



One of my sources for writing a homily is author- Laurie Woods. I have been using his work in my homilies since I was ordained. I rarely comment on the first reading, so I thought we could learn a little about the Old Testament and the first reading this weekend.

From Laurie Woods, 2020

Today's first reading is a familiar extract from Second Isaiah. The inspired insights of this anonymous prophet are recorded in chapters 40-66 of the book of Isaiah. Internal evidence of these chapters indicates that they were written in the years during and just after the Babylonian Exile (c.550-539 B.C.). The prophet mentions Cyrus, king of Persia, as the agent of God and the saviour of the exiled community. It was Cyrus who conquered the Babylonians in 539 B.C. and allowed the Jewish exiles in Babylon to go back home. The prophet refers to Cyrus as God's anointed one, that is, messiah.

Isaiah 55:6-9 *The prophet is addressing the exiled community and the whole tenor of his prophecy is governed by the message of hope for deliverance. The prophet assures his community that God has not abandoned them and that they will be restored to their former status if they remain faithful to their God. He urges his people to seek God who is transcendent yet ever near. The prophet exalts the mercy of God who is always ready to forgive and whose benevolence is not subject to human understanding. God's mystical ways can never be fathomed by puny human minds. In the language of the Hebrew poets, the divine thoughts and ways are as far above human ways as the heavens are above the earth. The good part of this realisation is that the goodness of the Lord does not have to follow any human logic but operates out of infinite compassion and unpredictable kindness.*

Thought for the week

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FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 20TH September, 2020

St Andrew Kim Taegon helped set up a Christian community in Korea in 1836. During the persecutions of the church in 1839, 1846, 1866 and 1867 the community had 103 martyrs. We tend to forget the many lay men and women who defended the faith by dying for the faith. It's a good opportunity to pause and think about what makes you believe in God and how do you live this out in your life?

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