

Working Bee



On Saturday 31st October at 10.00 am, we are planning a working bee to clean-up the garden strip outside the property at the back of the parish house. The church also needs a bit of a clean. Windows and railings.

We will be grubbing and clearing most of the bushes and wild plants and also be removing dirt and rubbish that has been built up against the fence. Hopefully, removing the rubbish and dirt will extend the life of the fence.

Your help is needed, so please register your support with the parish office.

Bring with you please gardening gloves, spades, picks and mattocks - lots of tools make light work.

We should be finished before lunch time - thanks for your support.

What are you grateful about today/this week?



1. **Your parents** – for giving birth to you. Because if there is no them, there will not be you.
2. **Your family** – for being your closest kin in the world.
3. **Your friends** – for being your companions in life.
4. **Sense of sight** – for letting you see the colours of life.
5. **Sense of hearing** – for letting you hear trickle of rain, the voices of your loved ones, and the harmonious chords of music.
6. **Sense of touch** – for letting you feel the texture of your clothes, the breeze of the wind, the hands of your loved ones.
7. **Sense of smell** – for letting you smell scented candles, perfumes, and beautiful flowers in your garden.
8. **Sense of taste** – for letting you savour the sweetness of fruits, the saltiness of seawater, the sourness of pickles, the bitterness of bitter gourd, and the spiciness of chili.
9. **Your speech** – for giving you the outlet to express yourself.
10. **Your heart** – for pumping blood to all the parts of your body every second since you were born; for giving you the ability to feel.

<https://tinybuddha.com/blog/60-things-to-be-grateful-for-in-life/>

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: Leslie Michell, Maureen Lawlor, Chito Mateo Caluag

ANNIVERSARIES: Bruce Warren Gilbert, May & Tony Stephens, Barbara Bou Samra, Philomena Sleba, Fred Betros, Mac Amott, Gregorio C Cadayona, Sam C Quiambao, Violeta C Quiambao

SICK LIST: Zaldy F Cadayona, 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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/2

Sunday 4th October 2020

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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

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th October 2020

1st Reading : Is 5:1-7
2nd Reading : Phil 4:6-9
Gospel : Mt 21:33-43

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th October 2020

1st Reading : Is 25:6-10
2nd Reading : Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Gospel : Mt 22:1-14

We celebrated an online mass to pray for an easing of the pandemic. Thanks to our beautiful choir and those who helped out on the night. Let's see where the prayers go!

It's great to see there will be an easing of some restrictions with Northern NSW, this can only bring about a sense of hope for people.

Finance



It's important to keep us all aware of where we stand as a parish. This is to promote transparency, accountability and good communication. I've asked the finance council to give us an update.

Parish Weekly Collections update.

During the pre-Covid-19 period (2019) the average weekly collection was \$3227.98 (average monthly figure was \$13987.91 for 2019). Additional income from other parish sources during the year contributed on average \$6800 per month - making a total average monthly income of \$20,788. This income has been consistent for a number of years.

In 2019 the average monthly cost of operation for the Holy Family Parish was \$19618.00.

During September 2020, Holy Family Parish had a weekly average of \$1313.70 for all collections (\$5254.80 for the month of September 2020).

Holy Family Parish - like other parishes - received Job Keeper support from the Federal Government. This raised average weekly income to \$2813.70.

Additional income came from a number of sources and as the Holy Family Parish cost of operation for 2020 is similar to 2019 and additional funds came from our working reserves.

Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons out of our control, the Job Keeper payment ceased from Monday 28 September.

If you require any additional information about Holy Family Parish finance please contact Peter Fox via the Parish office.

Your generosity is appreciated at this time.

**FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY
4TH OCTOBER 2020**

**WELCOME.
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This week we welcome Father MARTY Larsen to our Parish. Fr Marty is very much looking forward to getting to know us all and working with our students, staff and families. Fr Marty we sincerely welcome you to our community and are very excited about getting to know you and working with you to support and develop further our faith community.



Who would have thought!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thought for the week

The true mark of maturity is when somebody hurts you and you try to understand their situation instead of trying to hurt them back.

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



Today's Gospel is about love. Love between the Creator and creation, between the Divine life and humanity. Ronald Rolheiser who is one of my sources speaks to us today about love between us and God.

"What love asks of us when we are weak is an honest, non-rationalized, admission of our weakness along with a statement from the heart: "I love you!" Things can move forward from there. The past and our betrayal are not expunged, nor excused; but, in love, we can live beyond them. To expunge, excuse, or rationalize is to not live in the truth; it is unfair to the one betrayed since he or she bears the consequences and scars.

Only love can move us beyond weakness and betrayal and this is an important principle not just for those instances in life when we betray and hurt a loved one, but for our understanding of life in general. We're human, not divine, and as such are beset, congenitally, body and mind, with weaknesses and inadequacies of every sort. None of us, as St. Paul graphically says in his Epistle to the Romans, ever quite measure up. The good we want to do, we end up not doing, and the evil we want to avoid, we habitually end up doing. Some of this, of course, is understandable, excusable, just as some of it is inexcusable, save for the fact that we're humans and partially a mystery to ourselves. Either way, at the end of the day, no justification or excuses are asked for (or helpful). We don't move forward in relationship by telling either God or someone we have hurt: "You have to understand! In that situation, what else was I to do too? I didn't mean to hurt you, I was just too weak to resist!" That's neither helpful, nor called for. Things move forward when we, without excuses, admit weakness, and apologize for betrayal. Like Peter when asked three times by Jesus: "Do you love me?" from our hearts we need to say: "You know everything, you know that I love you."

<http://ronrolheiser.com/moving-beyond-mistakes-and-weaknesses/#.X3O91y8Rr-Y>

Christmas

We need help with Christmas. We can only fill 100 people per mass, so please make sure you book. Stragglers will not be allowed in.

Note : The 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve is fully booked. The 4.30pm is RESERVED FOR CHILDREN.

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. REGISTRATIONS CLOSED.

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

All Saints and All Souls Day

To accommodate numbers for all Souls Day, Monday 2nd November, we are putting on our usual 8am Mass and we will have an extra at 9.30am.

All Saints Day is the usual 7am and 9am Mass Sunday.

You must call and book in.