

**Weekly Diary : 26<sup>th</sup> October—1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> : 8.00 am. Mass  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> : 9.30 am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> : 9.30 am. Mass  
 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> : 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : Solemnity All Saints Year A/2  
 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : Solemnity All Saints Year A/2

\* Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is All Souls Day. Mass is held at 8am & 9.30am.  
 Remember to call the Parish Office and book in.

**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:** Alfonso Campiutti, Eugene Doddy, Jesus Jake Balasabas, Salustia Balasabas, Carmen Vizon, Ian Andrew Birkbeck, Jenny Ho, Jack McVeigh, Catherine McVeigh, Andrew Wilkie, Hazel Wilkie, Joyce Hanrahan, Bruce Warren Gilbert

**SICK LIST:** Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, 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

**Working Bee  
Date Change**



On Saturday 14th November at 10.00am and NOT 31st October at 10.00 am. We apologise for the mistake.



**What are you grateful about today/this week?**

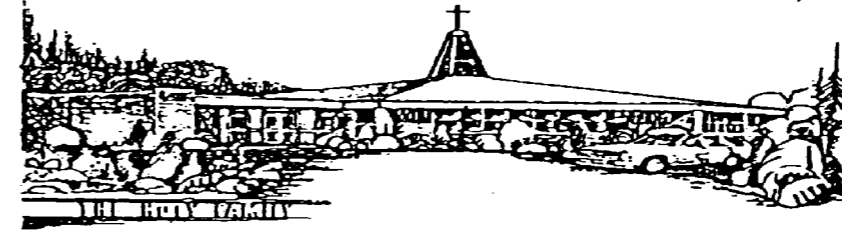


I got to sit with a year 5 class as they read their novel. It's the small things in life which are the best.

**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.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY**



30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A/2

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**St Francis Xavier School:**  
Principal : Kathy Fuller

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

1st Reading : Ex 22:20-26  
2nd Reading : 1 Thess 1:5-10  
Gospel : Mt 22:34-40

**Solemnity of All Saints  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

1st Reading : Apoc 7:2-4,9-14  
2nd Reading : 1 Jn 3:1-3  
Gospel : Mt 5:1-12

**HELLO! From Fr Marty**

*God has a reason for allowing things to happen.  
We may never understand God's wisdom,  
yet we simply have to trust God's will.*  
Ps 37:5



**Thought for the week**

There is always something to be thankful for.

I wanted to start with the thought for the week, because we are so lucky here on the Gold Coast. We are blessed firstly with beautiful weather. Generally we have mild weather and that is great. We are blessed with the sunrise and the sunsets. Always magical here. We have the beaches and the Broadwater. We have the hinterland and our leafy suburbs. We are virus free at the moment and that is special. You only have to look at the news to see the wave after wave of cities and countries still battling this. So we are very blessed indeed.

That is not to say we don't have our own problems. Of course we do, yet there is always some aspect of our lives that we do need to be grateful for.

As St Paul reminds us, when we are weak, then we are strong. We have to fall in order to understand failure, and then move back into the light.

## Padre Gary Stone



We welcome Padre Gary Stone who will celebrate Mass with us next weekend.

Gary had an Army career as an Infantry Officer before being ordained in the Catholic Church as a married Deacon in December 1994, for chaplaincy to the Army and later the Federal Police. Seeing operational service in Malaysia, Fiji, Iran, Iraq, Timor, Solomons and Bougainville .

Gary has been married to Lynne for over 47 years and they have four adult children, two of whom are Veterans as well. Gary and Lynne live near Mt Tamborine Qld.

Gary currently serves as chaplain for ex service people and their families in SE Queensland. He founded the Veterans Care Association in 2014 to facilitate the delivery of holistic health programmes that includes spiritually based pastoral care to rehabilitate veterans and support their families.

## Christmas

The 6pm and the 8pm Masses are now **FULLY BOOKED!**

**Note : 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** **REGISTRATIONS CLOSED.**

**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**

## FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020



1881: Pablo Picasso Birthday. He says, *"Painting is a form of magic designed as a mediator between this strange hostile world and us, a way of seizing power by giving form to our terrors as well as our desires."*

Acknowledgement to Fr Morgan Batt in his book, "Up the Beaten Track", Copyright 2003

**Fr Marty's reflection on this fun fact**

How do we bring balance to the world around us and with our God?

## How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



Can you believe it is the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time!!! That means its five weeks away from Advent. The most beautiful Gospel is read this Sunday. Quite simply, the whole of our very lives ride of these two simple commands. Love God. Love each other, as we love ourselves. That is the box and dice right there. Such beautiful simplicity. God and Love. Yet reality kicks in and as human beings we start to ask the questions. How do I love God? And how can I love my neighbour? There are no easy ways to answer this, yet it must be worked at constantly. Firstly, in loving self, there always needs to be an appreciation that we come from God. We are not a right, we are a blessing and revelation from God. We are willed into this life to be of service to God. If we can keep sight of that, then we are doing well. Our bodies are temples, which we reside in for a time. We are not owed anything, other than to give back to God. Secondly, to try and find the good in others. We don't have to like everyone, and not everyone is going to be our friend. Yet, we do need to find ways to understand people and their quirks. That's what makes humanity unique. If we were all the same, the world would be a boring place. We don't have to like everyone, yet we need to find ways to at least respect people and their life position. If we can keep all of this in mind, we are doing the will of God.

This is not easy, yet this is the mark of a Christian and what sets us more inline with the heart of God, rather than the heart of society and consumerism. The secular world, for all its good, can be a heartless place. We need to draw more deeply into the heart of God.

**Readings – Exodus 22: 20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40**



*"You must love your neighbour as yourself..."*

Last week, the Universal Church, including this parish, celebrated World Mission Sunday. It was a time in the liturgical calendar when Catholics acknowledge, and give thanks for, the selfless sacrifice made by priests, brothers and religious sisters around the world, as they look to serve people in need by bringing hope, faith and love. It is these people that model the compassion of Christ and the grace of God and who you were invited to support, by contributing to the Catholic Mission appeal campaign. If you have not yet made a donation, you can still do so, in any of the following three ways: **Text** the word *GIVE* to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts; donate online (**[catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia)**) or give via the traditional appeal envelope that are still available from your church. To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you. May the Lord bless all of you and sustain your community at this challenging social time, just as you have sustained other communities around the world.