

Weekly Diary : 2nd November—8th November 2020

Monday 2nd : 8.00 am. Mass The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
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 Wednesday 4th : 9.30 am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room
 Thursday 5th : 9.30 am. Mass
 Saturday 7th : 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/2
 Sunday 8th : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/2

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Fred & Selina Betros, Eulina & Mick Cook, Bernadette Abood, Morry Betros, Alfonso Campiutti, Eugene Doddy, Jesus Jake Balasabas, Salustia Balasabas, Carmen Vizon, Ian Andrew Birkbeck, Jenny Ho, Jack McVeigh, Catherine McVeigh, Andrew Wilkie, Hazel Wilkie

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



On Saturday 14th November 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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



Solemnity of All Saints Year A/2

Sunday 1st November 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

Solemnity of All Saints
1st November 2020

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November 2020

1st Reading : Wis 6:12-16
2nd Reading : 1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel : Mt 25:1-13

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

First Communion

At the time of writing this, we are deep into celebrating first communion with our young people. Because of Covid, we were not able to have the candidates celebrate with us during weekend mass. We simply do not have the numbers for the size of the church. So a special mass was put on over five sessions. We congratulate the candidates as they are now fully initiated into the church.

Here is my homily to the candidates for you to mull over. Whether it is your first communion or your 101st communion, what we celebrate with our young people is a holy and important step on their life journey.

Homily from First Communion

Hands up if you know what soap is????

Soap is great. It makes us clean, it smells nice and it can bring about a sense of well being.

Here is a little story for you to reflect upon.

A Rabbi and a Soap maker went for a walk together. The soap maker said to the Rabbi, "What good is religion? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world after thousands of years about goodness and truth and peace, after all the prayers and the sermons. If religion is so good for people, why should this be?"

The Rabbi said nothing. They continued walking until they noticed a child playing in the gutter. The Rabbi said, "Look

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at that child; you say soap can make you clean, yet see the dirt on this youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, this child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is."

The soap maker protested and said, "But Rabbi, soap can not do any good unless it is used."

Exactly replied the Rabbi. "So it is with religion."

Charles Arcodia, "Stories for Sharing." Newtown NSW, 1991

What these young people do today is something which cannot just be done once. Eucharist is nourishment for the soul, it puts you in a holy place with the divine.

Like the soap, your faith has to be exercised on a regular basis, so that you can feel that light inside of you, which Eucharist brings.

The other interesting point about what you celebrate today, is while it is personal, in terms of the inward light you receive, Eucharist is also deeply communal.

Where two or three are gathered... there is the presence and the power of God.

So well done first communicants today on this special moment in your life. Make sure you say thank you to your parents and caregivers, and your Godparents and sponsors.

Eucharist is like soap. When you consume it, it will make you shiny and new on the inside. Yet like anything, if you don't use it regularly, it will seek to have meaning in your life.

Padre Gary Stone



We extend a welcome to Padre Gary Stone who will celebrate mass with us this 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.

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



How wonderful it is to celebrate the Beatitudes this weekend.

<p>Blessed are those who are peaceful and try to stop others fighting</p> <p>God will call them his sons and daughters</p>	<p>Blessed are those who are kind and forgiving to others</p> <p>They will be given the same</p>	<p>Blessed are those who don't show off but think of others first</p> <p>They shall be given the Earth</p>	<p>Blessed are those who rely on God's help</p> <p>Heaven is theirs</p>
<p>Blessed are people who get into trouble for doing the right thing</p> <p>God's Kingdom belongs to them</p>	<p>Blessed are those who try to please God in what they do and think</p> <p>They will be with God</p>	<p>Blessed are those who want fairness</p> <p>God will satisfy them</p>	<p>Blessed are those who are sad and upset</p> <p>God will comfort them</p>

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**

What are you grateful about today/this week?



For our first communion candidates. Their parents and caregivers, their sponsors and their Godparents.

Thought for the week.

This sheep escaped a farm and spent 6 years in the mountains, during which time he grew 60 pounds of wool. Wolves tried to eat him, but their teeth could not penetrate the floor. You don't have to turn hard to survive the wolves, just be really, really soft and fluffy.

