

**Thought for the week**

This is my general advice for our young people who graduate this week (Year12) and the following week (Grade 6).



**Quotes from the readings this weekend**



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** “You guide those who act with integrity...”

**Psalm:** O Lord, come to our help.”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** “I never stop thanking God for all the graces...”

**Gospel:** “Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.”

**First Sunday of Advent - B**

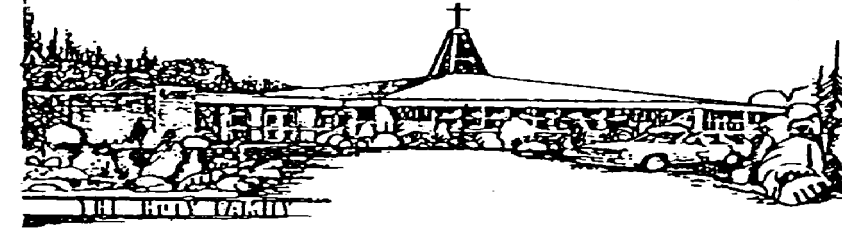
A VOCATION VIEW: It’s Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY**



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I**  
**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading : Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Cor 1:3-9  
Gospel : Mk13:33-37

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading : Is 40:1-5,9-11  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading : 2 Pet 3:8-14  
Gospel : Mk 1:1-8

**HELLO! From Fr Marty**



Happy Advent everyone! The start of a new liturgical year!!!! Advent is my favorite time of the year! We embrace the birth of Jesus and then Christmas!

**It’s wonderful that restrictions are lifting, yet we need to stay vigilant.**

We are living with a Covid world and that means we have to abide by certain requirements.

With this in mind, I am asking you for help over Christmas.

We have three masses on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of December in the Quad at St Francis Xavier Primary School. We have two masses on Christmas Day. I am outlining below what we need to make these 5 masses work.

- Arrive early - at least 15 minutes.
- Need to complete registration on arrival - standard process for Covid-19.
- Social distancing required - standard process.
- If street parking is not available, park cars in the school grounds - **no parking warden** - park the car with room to move (this has been standard in the past).
- One collection only - after the homily - there will be 4 collectors supporting the process.
- Communion will be managed by an usher - starting from the back.
- Need support / help on Christmas day, after 10.00 am, to remove chairs and electronic equipment.

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**Weekly Diary : 30<sup>th</sup> November—6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	: 8.00 am. Mass Feast of St Andrew, apostle
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	: 9.30 am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	: 9.30 am. Mass Memorial of St Francis Xavier, priest
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	: 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I

**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:** Frances Vella, Moyia Annette Cowan, Leslie Michell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Olga Agnes Smith, Gilbert Smith, Brian Dwyer, Elizabeth Turnbull, John Turnbull, Muriel Gallagher, Robert Gallagher, Harry Gallagher

**SICK LIST:** Elaine Nunis, 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, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

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I need the following for each mass:

- TWO MARSHALS FOR REGISTRATION - arrive 30 minutes before each mass.
- ONE COORDINATOR.
- ONE USHER FOR COMMUNION.
- TWO READERS.
- TWO ECM TO HELP FML FOR COMMUNION.
- FOUR COLLECTORS (at each mass).

Could you please contact the parish office with your availability during this time. Any help will be gratefully received.

**St Vincent de Paul Society 2020 Christmas Appeal.**

During December, the Holy Family Conference will be conducting our annual Christmas Appeal. This appeal is an important source of funding for the conference as it enables us to carry out our vision of “providing a hand up not a hand out” to the people in need in our area, especially during the Christmas season. This year we will be conducting the Appeal over three weekends, 28/29 Nov, 5/6 Dec and 12/13 Dec. You can donate in any one of the following ways.

1. Pick up an Appeal Envelope from the Church or the Parish Office and return it with your donation to the office or put it on any of the collections at Mass. If required, please include details for the receipt.
2. Direct Debit to the Conference bank account; BSB : 064-786, Account Number : 525860100, Account Name : SVDP Holy Family Runaway Bay, Reference : Christmas Appeal and your name. If you require a receipt please Email your details to our conference email [HF4216@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:HF4216@svdpqld.org.au)

Thanks to all Parishioners for your generosity and thanks to students and staff at St. Francis Xavier for donations of groceries for our Christmas Hampers. May God bless you all.

Peter Fox  
President

**The sacrament of Reconciliation**

Date : Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, Holy Family Catholic Parish.  
Please contact the Parish Office and register your attendance.



**LITURGICAL ANNUALS**

The following Liturgical resources are available for purchase in the Parish Office :  
Break Open the Word @ \$22; Daily Mass Book 2021 @ \$19.00  
We are taking orders for ORDO 2021. Please place your order with the Office by 3rd December 2020. Thank you.

**How to live the Gospel out this weekend.**



Not only is Advent my favourite time of the year, yet we delve into my favourite Gospel. The Gospel of Mark. So this year we enter into Year B/1. Short, sharp and to the point. As my uncle always use to say, if after 5 minutes of talking, stop boring!

Mark was written roughly around 60-70CE, just after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. The Romans were persecuting the Christians, so this Gospel does not have the time to deal with florid descriptions and antidotal thought. The writers of Mark wanted to write quickly and get down the main points. Hence when we go into ordinary time, it starts so starkly. “Just after John the Baptist was arrested...” **Mark’s Gospel is straight down to business.**

So, what are the main points as we enter into this year of readings with Mark? With the characters in Mark’s Gospel, it is not what they ‘do’ in relation to Jesus- it is how. **How do they ‘do’ in relation to Jesus.** In other words, what is their speech, their actions and their manner when Jesus speaks or acts.

The over-arching theme for Mark’s Gospel is God. God who is good- verses evil and Satan, who is bad. In every story, that theme is present. In some senses, for Mark’s community of writers and hearers, this is the cosmic conflict of good verses evil. It’s the Kingdom of God verses the Kingdom of evil. And the writers reveal the mystery of God through Jesus.

The final thing is this. The disciples, though chosen, are flawed individuals according to Mark. They have been selected by Jesus to hear God’s word, yet they question, they fail and they do not understand. This is a marvelous point to consider. Yet, for the ‘Marken’ community, the disciples continue to follow Jesus, despite the fact that they are flawed. And that is encouraging for us.

We too, who question and doubt and are flawed, are invited into the same Gospel that was written in persecution, yet emanates a love and a witness to God, that God wants the world to hear.

**Christmas**

Christmas Masses available for booking :

**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?**



Grateful that I overcame my fear to get the flu shot so that I can visit the nursing homes with our parishioners.

**FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> of November**



The Festival of *Entertaining Angels*: the title of the film centering around the life of Dorothy Day. An extraordinary woman who believed in the saying “Comfort the afflicted and the afflicted comfortable.” She established the Catholic Worker Movement and a string of Houses of Hospitality. She died on this day in 1980.

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