

### 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

### Weekly Diary : 14<sup>th</sup> December—20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	: 8.00 am. Mass Memorial St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30 am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room
	: 6.00 pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30 am. Mass
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	: 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 4 <sup>th</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)

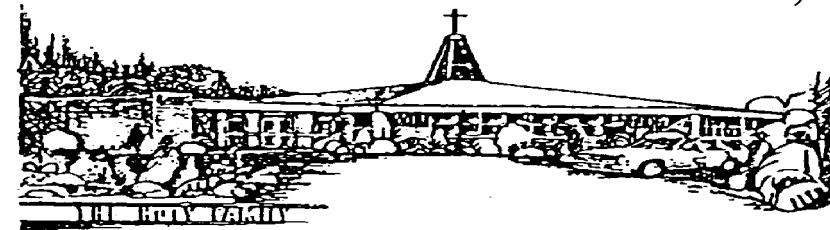
Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vince Lossano, Antonio Catarina, John Anable, Frances Vella

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Helen Mary Regan, Harold Patrick Regan, Ross Michael Bycroft, Olga Agnes Smith, Gilbert Smith, Brian Dwyer, Elizabeth Turnbull, John Turnbull, Muriel Gallagher, Robert Gallagher, Harry Gallagher

**SICK LIST:** Tom Edgar, 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

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr. Marty Larsen

**PARISH STAFF**  
Audrey Ho  
*Parish Secretary*

Jan Levinge  
*Marriage Coordinator*

**Email :**  
[rbay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rbay@bne.catholic.net.au)  
**Parish Office:** 16 Simbai St  
PO Box 125 Runaway Bay  
Q4216

**Website :**  
[www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au](http://www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au)  
**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES:**  
**Tel: 5537 4320 (Press 2)**  
**Fax: 5537 5476**  
**Facebook :**  
[holyfamilycatholicchurchrunawaybay](https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilycatholicchurchrunawaybay)

**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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

1st Reading : Is 61:1-2,10-11  
2nd Reading : 1 Thess 5:16-24  
Gospel : Jnl:6-8,19-28

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/I**  
**20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

1st Reading : 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16  
2nd Reading : Rom16:25-27  
Gospel : Lk 1:26-38

**HELLO! From Fr Marty**



As we prepare for the birth of Christ into the world, I have found that I am being drawn into thinking about what Eucharist means for me. I thought you might like to ponder this as well.

“Someone can stand near the tabernacle and, at the same time, be far from the living God. What matters is inner closeness! God came so close to us that he himself became a man: this should disconcert and surprise us again and again!" Pope Benedict XVI

## Mass times

Just a reminder that there are a lot of masses coming up and that you need to have a copy of them on your fridge so that you can keep up.

*Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am*

### Week 14/12-20/12

MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> December 8AM MASS  
 WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> December **2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation, 6PM**  
 THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> December 9.30AM MASS  
*Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am*

### Week 21/12 -27/12

MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> December 8AM MASS  
~~THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> December No morning mass~~  
 THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> December (Christmas Eve) 4.30PM MASS  
 6PM MASS  
 8PM MASS  
 FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> December 7AM & 9AM MASS  
~~SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> December No morning mass~~  
 SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> December Vigil of HOLY FAMILY  
*Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am*

### Week 28/12/2020-3/1/2021

~~MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> December No morning mass~~  
~~THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> December No morning mass~~  
**(Office will be closed from Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Dec- 05<sup>th</sup> January and there will be no newsletter)**  
 FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> January 8AM MASS NEW YEARS DAY  
 (Solemnity, MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)  
*Weekend Masses Sat 4.30pm, 5.30pm, Sun 7 and 9am*

### Week 4/1/2021-7/1/2021

~~MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> January No morning mass~~  
 THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> January 9.30am mass.

## Thought for the week

I am already seeing the increase in traffic on the coast. As Christmas is busy, I thought this quote might help you all to slow down!!! I am still amazed at how fast people take speed bumps!

Slow progress is better than no progress. Stay positive and don't give up.



## Quotes from the readings this weekend



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** "He has sent me to bring good news to the poor and to bind up hearts that are broken..."

**Psalm:** "The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name..."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** "...hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil..."

**Gospel:** "Make a straight way for the Lord..."

## The sacrament of Reconciliation



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

## How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



I have spoken to you how Mark's Gospel is short sharp and to the point. Yet the interesting thing is that as the Lectionary was produced for Year B/1, they had to borrow from other Gospel writers to get the 52 weeks of the year completed. So we hear from John's Gospel today, because Mark has already said all this last week. This is a timely reminder to think about whether we can be concise or do we need to repeat ourselves giving the same message over and over again.

Laurie Woods (2020) helps us to connect to the Gospel today. "*The gospel reading today is not from Mark but from John who identifies the opposition that rose up against John the Immerser, whose public message was embarrassing the religious leaders and exposing their hypocrisy, and so they needed to try and discredit him. They asked him why he was performing the ritual washing if he wasn't the messiah or Elijah come back. His answer was to say that his washing with water was only a prelude to the action of the coming messiah who would wash or immerse people in the Spirit, so that they would become Spirit people and their lives would be guided by the values of the Spirit.*"

Laurie Woods who is one of my sources, often has a joke at the end of his reflections. I call them Dad jokes, because they are embarrassing funny. I do not tell jokes, as I don't remember them and don't really find jokes overly funny. However, this did catch my eye in terms of the internal change that goes on within us during the Advent season.

A Zen master was walking through a city park one afternoon contemplating the beauties of nature when he spotted a hamburger stand. He went over and said to the hamburger vendor, 'Please make me a hamburger with the works.' So, the vendor makes up a super hamburger and hands it to the Zen master, who pays with a \$20 note. The hamburger man puts the note in his cash drawer and closes the drawer.

'Where's my change?' asks the Zen master.

The hamburger vendor replies, 'Change must come from within.'

**TASK:** ☒

How do we look beyond the commercial power of Christmas and enter into the joy of the Christmas event?

## 3rd Sunday of Advent - B

A VOCATION VIEW: There was a man sent by God, who came as witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today?

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544 [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)  
[vocationbrisbane.com.au](http://vocationbrisbane.com.au)



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



As much as I love SFX, the school grounds are lovely and quiet for the next six weeks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!