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**Colossians 1:11**

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

**Psalm 27:14**

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

**Romans 5:3**

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance.

**Isaiah 40:31**

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Ephesians 4:2-3**

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**2 Timothy 3:10**

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,

**Exodus 34:6**

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

**Romans 8:28**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**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)

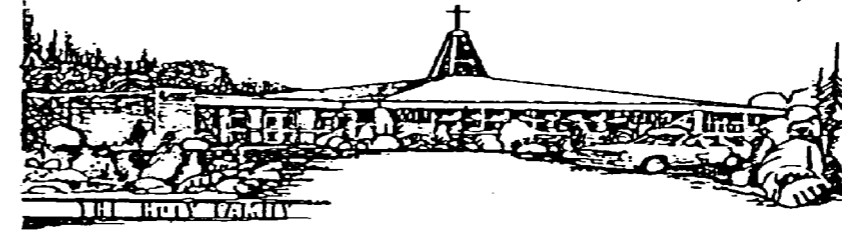
Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Roberts

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Max Nunis

**SICK LIST:** Marie Turnbull, Tom Edgar, 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, Riary 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



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1st Reading : 1 Sam 3:3-10,19  
2nd Reading : 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20  
Gospel : Jn 1:35-42

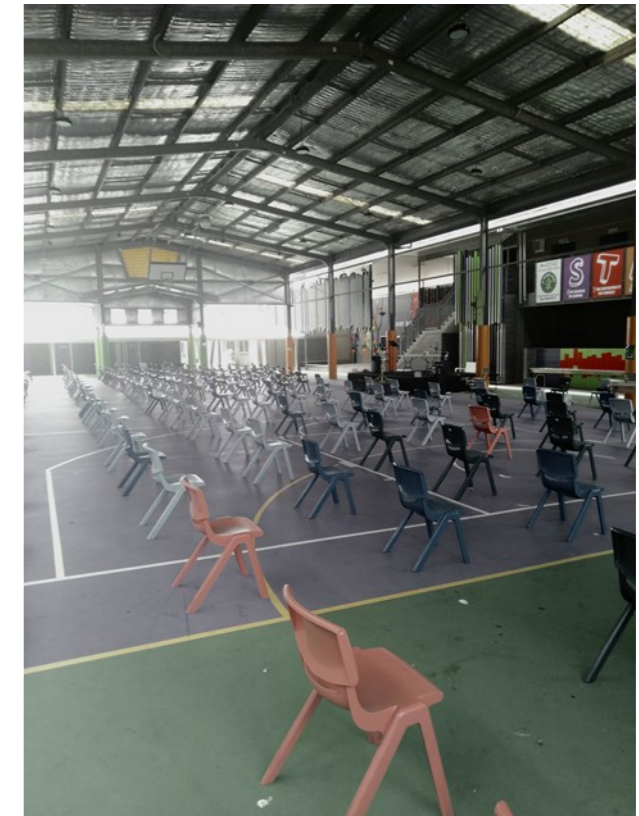
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1st Reading : Jonah 3:1-5,10  
2nd Reading : 1 Cor 7:29-31  
Gospel : Mk 1:14-20

## HELLO! From Fr Marty

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4: 5-6*

## HAPPY 2021 EVERYONE!



A big thank you to everyone for their support over the Christmas season. For those who helped to decorate the Church, for those who helped with the setting up of the Quad for Christmas masses. For our choir and sacristans and those who read. Big shout out to our marshals who do a great job with registering everyone. Big thanks to Audrey who has been so calm with all the phone calls during this time. As we begin 2021, let us continue to be the wonderful parish that we are.

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### 10 Easy Things You Can Do To Start The New Year Right

- ♦ Add a little spirituality to your daily life. ...
- ♦ Take a look at your physical environment. ...
- ♦ Tell one person each week that you love them. ...
- ♦ Buy a plant. ...
- ♦ Find out how much money you need to retire. ...
- ♦ Spend time with your best friend. ...
- ♦ Buy a **new** bed pillow. ...
- ♦ Take a television break.
- ♦ Eat healthily
- ♦ Get outside and go for a walk.

### Thought for the week



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



In the midst of everything, we are still doing well here on the Gold Coast. That has to be a blessing in itself.

### BLESSINGS!!!!

New Year, new blessings!

### AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JANUARY 2021

Australia Day Mass will be held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 8am.

### Quotes from the readings this weekend



**1st Reading:** "Speak Lord, your servant is listening..."

**Psalms:** "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

**2nd Reading:** "You know, surely that your bodies are members making up the Body of Christ ..."

**Gospel:** "We have found the Messiah-which means the Christ..."

### Weekly Diary : 18<sup>th</sup> January - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> : 8.00 am. Mass
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> : 9.30 am. Mass Memorial of St Agnes, virgin, martyr
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> : 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm. : 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1

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



As we lean back into ordinary time (**Year B/1**), we can see that the Gospel of Mark does not deal with the abstract and the symbolic. 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.

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 versus 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 versus evil. It's the Kingdom of God versus 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.

**TASK:**

Today's Gospel while not from Mark asks us how we deal with impatience. Here are some texts from Scripture which may help you with this in 2021.

### Impatience

[James 5:7-8](#)

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

[Galatians 5:22](#)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

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