

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



Thankful for all the different schools I have met this week. About 8 schools in total in our area!!! If you didn't know it, there are a lot!

### 2nd Sunday of Lent Time - B

A VOCATION VIEW: If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

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### PFA

Don't forget, for it is easy to forget. Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving during Lent

### Weekly Diary : 1<sup>st</sup> March - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	: 8.00 am. Mass followed by Novena	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	: 9.30 am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	: 5.00 pm. Stations of the Cross—Church	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	: 4.30 pm. + 5.30 pm.	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B/1
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.	: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B/1

### 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)

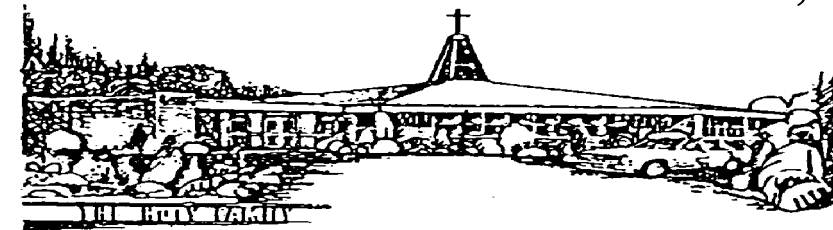
Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lila McAloon, Bruno Lionnet, David Newman, Janet Sepuka, Gloria Lorena, Chito Caluag, Renee Nolan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Penridge, Peter Crowe, Brian Smith, Philip Egan, Maurice Hanrahan

**SICK LIST:** Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Len Crowe, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Tom Edgar, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, Zaldy F Cadayona, John Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Jake Bartley, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donnell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincok, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Irene Warde, Val Mai McErlean, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Frans & Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, 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 of Lent Year B/I

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 of Lent Year B/I 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

1st Reading : Gen22:1-2,9-13,15-18

2nd Reading : Rom8:31-34

Gospel : Mk9:2-10

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B/I 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

1st Reading : Ex20:1-17

2nd Reading : 1 Cor1:22-25

Gospel : Jn2:13-25

### HELLO! From Fr Marty

*It is what it is. 2021*



We have the beautiful first reading today where Abraham, is asked to take his only son onto a mountain in Moriah. And in what is simply absurd, Abraham sets out to kill his son! Yet only because God asked of it. What an amazing faith Abraham has. It is good to ponder this story. I'll get Laurie Woods (2021) to explain it all the more fully for us today, yet none the less, a powerful story to reflect upon in our own lives and our own sacrifices. How do we be true people of faith in the light of Abraham who was willing to lose it all for God?

*In Jewish tradition the binding of Isaac by his father is referred to as the Aqedah (= the binding). The boy was not actually sacrificed but was bound, so it is not accurate to speak of the sacrifice of Isaac. This strikes us as a curious story and yet it is one of the best told stories in literature, containing the cruel command to Abraham to sacrifice his only and much-loved son, the pathos of the journey to the mountain and the conversation between father and son, and then the binding of the boy and the climax of the father raising a knife to cut his son's throat. The technical difficulty here is that Isaac is not Abraham's only son. His other son is Ishmael, but the narrator is adding to the sadness of the situation by highlighting the fact that the blessings and promises given to Abraham can only be fully realised in Isaac.*

*We tend to ask what kind of a God would ask a father to do such a thing and yet the narrator has indicated that this is a test. But surely God knows the outcome, we would argue, and so does not*

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have to test Abraham. The spiritual lesson of the incident becomes clearer when we consider that the narrator is not concerned with practical issues such as, what would the boy's mother, Sarah, think of this? Where is she at the time? Why doesn't Isaac react when he suspects what is happening? At this point we can see that the narrator is showcasing Abraham's faith in God and his unquestioning obedience. The test is so extreme that it draws attention to Abraham's exceptional character and the strength of his relationship with God. In the end the patriarch's incredible trust is rewarded with the promise of blessings and many descendants.

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



The gospel reading from Mark gives the account of Jesus' transfiguration. This is a passage that is rich in symbolism and yet it is so easy to focus on the actual transfiguration of Christ and miss the other important messages that Mark is trying to convey.

Tradition has it that this event took place on Mt Tabor which is in southern Galilee. In ancient times mountains were often dedicated as sacred places because they were above the ordinary mundane world and in the language of metaphor seemed to reach toward the heavens. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up this mountain to have quiet time and prayer and there they see a side of Jesus they had not been aware of. The gospel tells us that Jesus was transformed to the extent that the apostles saw something of the glory of the Son of God. From a theological point of view Mark is spotlighting the divine nature of Christ and presenting a preview of the future risen Lord.

In this ecstatic moment, the apostles see Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah – a symbolic tableau that highlights the Jewishness of Jesus who is perfectly at home in the religious tradition of his ancestors. Moses represents the Law and the centuries of covenant dedication that the people of Israel enjoyed with God. Jesus, as a pious Palestinian Jew, always showed deep respect for the Law of Moses and the traditions that flowed from it. He encouraged his fellow Jews to live by fidelity to the Mosaic Law and his whole mission was to bring his own people back to the original spirit of the Law so that they could be fit to enter world of God's reign.

Elijah represents the prophets of Israel who turned up in times of crisis and who acted as social commentators chiding their contemporaries when things were going astray and striving to bring their people back to a faithful and loving relationship with God. All the prophets were reformers and Jesus is portrayed in the gospels as a reformer who reacted against interpretations of the Law that distracted people from its ultimate purpose, namely, to facilitate a right and healthy connection with God and neighbour. In fact, everything that Jesus focused on and spoke about was directed at showing us the way to right relationships. (Laurie Woods, 2021).

Task ☒

How are you faithful to your faith tradition and how do you honour the different aspects of our Church?

Up and coming masses, plus the Easter Triduum

These are just for our planning as a community so that we know to book ahead to be aware of locations and spaces.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 8am St Patrick (Solemnity)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 8am, St Joseph (Solemnity)

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Mass 8am (in lieu of Thursday morning - ie Lord's Supper that evening.).

Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

7.00 pm. To 11.00 pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration in the Marian Room

Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

10.00 am. Stations of the Cross  
3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil 3<sup>rd</sup> April

6.00 pm. Easter Solemnity

Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

7.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass  
9.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass

BLESSINGS!!!!

Continue to ask me to bless!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Catholic Women's League

Catholic Women's League will meet in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome! For further information, please contact Jan Levinge 07 5537 2407/0419 019 877 or email [janlevinge@gmail.com](mailto:janlevinge@gmail.com)

Quotes from the readings this weekend



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: "Take your son God said, your only child Isaac..."

Psalm: "Your servant O Lord, your servant am I."

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: "With God on our side who can be against us..."

Gospel: "so let us makes tents for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah..."