

6th Sunday of Easter - B**A VOCATION VIEW:**

God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you". The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all they hearts. What about you?

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544 vocation@bne.catholic.net.au vocationbrisbane.com.au

**Quotes from the readings this weekend**

1st Reading: "...they could not believe he (Saul) was really a disciple..."

Psalm: "Alleluia."

2nd Reading: "...we need not be afraid in God's presence..."

Gospel: "Make your home in me, as I make mine in you..."

Weekly Diary : 10th May - 16th May 2021

Monday 10th : 8.00 am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 12th : 9.30 am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 13th : 9.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 15th : 5.00 pm. : The Ascension of the Lord Year B/1
Sunday 16th : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : The Ascension of the Lord 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: Fermina C. de Luna, Reginald Joseph Cox, Ian (Tom) Gibb Edgar, Albert Yeo, Lina Roberts, Jacinto de Guzman, Gloria & Mercenio Lugares

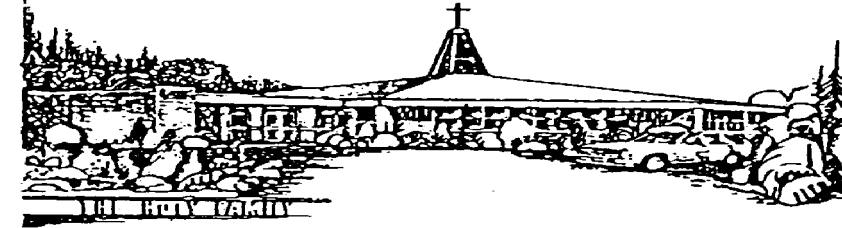
ANNIVERSARIES: Mae McAloon, Mariel Santos, Sam C Quiambao, Violeta C Quiambao, Hannah Norman, Sol Betros, Fred Betros, Anthony Stephens, Martha Betros, Annie Maloney, Angelo de Luca, Julie Victoria, Balasabas Families, Gene Vizon, Patricia Marino Vich

SICK LIST: George Moriers, Peter Pape, Beverly Holley, Lilly Clancey, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Len Crowe, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, Zaldy F Cadayona, John Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, 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, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, 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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY**6th Sunday of Easter Year B/I****Sunday 9th May 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 2nd & 4th
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
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1st Reading : Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
2nd Reading : 1Jn 4:7-10
Gospel : Jn 15:9-17

**The Ascension of the Lord Year B/I
16th May 2021**

1st Reading : Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading : Eph 4:1-13
Gospel : Mk 16:15-20

HELLO! From Fr Marty

Happy Mother's Day to all those mums and care givers who have helped shape the lives of us all. For Grand mums and aunties and for all females who help to raise children- through to adulthood.

Just a reminder we are doing a National Mass count at the end of May. We will be asking you to be present at Masses on the final week of May so we can get an idea of ages of people coming to Mass to plan for the future. This is not just here in Runaway Bay, but all across Queensland. Other states will be doing the same, yet the timeline may be different depending on their Covid state.

We remember the families of Reg Cox and Tom Edgar, whose lives we celebrated during last week. And as always, we remember all your loved family members who have passed away. Each time we celebrate Mass, I say, "Remember all of our sisters and brothers who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection...". Your loved ones are never overlooked, especially during Mass.

It is also the sixth week of Easter!!!! Alleluia!

How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



The powerful love theme is reinforced in today's gospel passage, which is an extract from the Last Supper discourse in John. You will notice it is a continuation of last week's reading that dealt with the metaphor of Jesus as the vine and us the branches. Today's verses present love as the fruit of the vine and are unmistakably close to the motifs and language of the letter of 1 John. Some scholars have speculated that the writer of 1 John may have been the editor who added sections to the fourth gospel. We will probably never have an answer to that one.

Here Jesus again stresses the importance of remaining or abiding in love, 'Remain in my love.' This is a key Johannine motif that points to perseverance as a telling quality of authentic love. I am reminded of a quip by American comedian, Rita Rudner, who said, 'In Hollywood a marriage is a success if it outlasts milk.' This tells us something of the difference between attraction that never grows beyond desire and genuine love that matures with effort to reach a point of deep knowledge, appreciation and self-giving. Everything about the life and death of Jesus is an enormous act of self-giving out of appreciation of our worth.

Jesus calls the disciples 'friends' and the Greek word *philos* implies a degree of intimate association. Diogenes Laertius, biographer of ancient Greek philosophers, cites Aristotle's definition of true friendship as 'one psyche (=life-principle) inhabiting two bodies.' This, of course, goes much deeper than mere acquaintance, drinking partners or social companions. It involves the meeting of minds and hearts in a place of intimate peace and profound acceptance. (Laurie Woods, 2021).

Volunteers Needed - Parish Baptism Team

If you enjoy meeting and welcoming families to our parish, we are looking for volunteers who can spare just an hour and half, once a month to assist Fr. Marty with baptisms.

Baptisms are held every 2nd & 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month at 11am.

It's special to be a part of this sacrament and great to be able to work in a team with Fr Marty.

Please contact the Parish office during Office hours at 07 55374320 Press 2.

FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 9TH MAY



Mother's Day. What is the origin of the modern festival of Mother's Day. Anna Jarvis is the acknowledged founder of this day. In 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of the American Congress recommending its observance. It became a day for sending greeting cards. Mother's Day ranks fourth, behind Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter.

Acknowledgement to Fr Morgan Batt in his book, "Up the Beaten Track", Copyright 2003

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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CARITAS APPEAL

Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.

What are you grateful about today/this week?



Not so much to be grateful, but to pray for the people in India during this time that love can shine forth in the midst of difficult times. I am sure families are showing great love and friendship to those in their communities. We simply never hear about it on the news.