

Readings for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B**FIRST READING:** 2 Kg 4:42-44**Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18** "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."**SECOND READING:** Eph 4: 1-6**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Luke 7:16).** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.**GOSPEL:** John 6:1-15**Thought for the week****FUN FACT FOR Sunday 25th July, 2021**

We can't do this at the moment, yet as you know Santiago de Compostella is a famous walk for pilgrims. The Camino, as we know it. Even though we cannot do it at this time, what are the small pilgrimages we can do on the Gold Coast to lift our spirits?

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

Weekly Diary : 26th July - 1st August 2021

Monday 26th	: 8.00 am. Mass Memorial Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 28th	: Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group
Thursday 29th	: 9.30 am. Mass Memorial St Martha followed by Rosary
Saturday 31st	: 5.00 pm. : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I
Sunday 1st	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

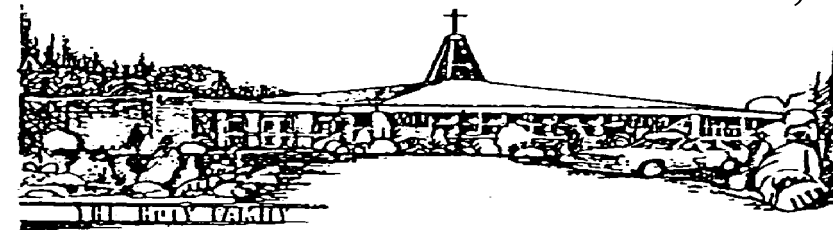
PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frans Kilian, Kate Medina, Elizabeth Anne Nott, John Michael Joseph Lynch, Reginald John Fisher Clarke, Esther Calizo Balasabas, Lucy Pardoe, George Moriers, Emmanuel 'Noel' B Cadayona

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Spittle, Loretto Fox, Noel Marriott, Lesley Moreno, Jose S Quiambao, Carol Martin, David Chapman, Raymond Atama

SICK LIST: Bernard Murphy, Marie Roberts, Guellermo Garing, Romulo Salilig, Elise Squillari, 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, 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, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, 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 BAY17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/ISunday 25th July 2021

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Reconciliation:
Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms
Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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HELLO! From Fr Marty

*God has a reason for allowing things to happen.
We may never understand God's wisdom,
yet we simply have to trust God's will.*
Ps 37:5

We give thanks to God that we, on the Gold Coast are doing okay. Australia is a mess at the moment. We have to count our small blessings. I was able to celebrate a wedding on Wednesday and it went well. They were a lovely couple.



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The only down side is that they don't really cater for celebrants who need to change into their vestments.



I spoke about this last week, we need to hear the stories of the parish. We have fare welled three parishioners in the last three weeks, all connected to our church. I thought this article might help in promoting our story at Holy Family Catholic Parish.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We're all familiar with the incident in the bible where God changes the name of *Abram* to *Abraham*. The change seems so small that often times it isn't even picked up by those reading that text. What's the difference between Abram and Abraham?

The name *Abram*, meaning "Exalted Father", is the name given the great patriarch to whom God made the promise that one day he would be the father of all the descendants of the nation of

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Judaism. But later when God promises this same man that he is to be the father as well of all nations everywhere, God changes his name to *Abraham*: "You will no longer be called *Abram*; your name will be *Abraham*, for I have made you a father of many nations."

The name, *Abraham*, in its very etymology, connotes a stretching to become something larger. *Abram*, the father of one nation, now becomes *Abraham*, the father of all the other nations.

That change doesn't just stretch a word; it stretches Abraham, a Jew, and redefines his understanding of himself and his mission. He's no longer to understand himself as the patriarch of just one nation, his own ethnic and religious family, but he's to see himself and the faith he is entrusted with as someone and something for all nations of ethnicity or faith, as also his children.

What does that mean for us?

Our world is globalizing at a dizzying pace. Countries, neighbourhoods, and churches are becoming ever more diverse ethnically, linguistically, culturally, and religiously. The old communities that gave us our roots are disappearing and for many of us this is scary.

The temptation is to defend the old boundaries, and to claim God and truth more exclusively again for ourselves. That's understandable, but not where we're called to be by what's best inside our humanity and our faith. Like Abraham, we're called to a name change.

We're called to cherish our heritage, country, mother tongue, culture, faith, and church because only by being firmly rooted within primary community are we stable and altruistic enough to offer family to those outside of our own.

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How to live the Gospel out this weekend



Thanks for coming to mass during these cold times. We are lucky. Because we have reverse cycle air conditioning, which is great. However, we need to be aware of the many people who are locked down at the moment and especially the poor. Life is complex, there is no doubt about that. Yet we are living a privileged life and need to consider how others are living. When we celebrate Eucharist, it is meant to be for all.

The Loaves and the fishers story tell us this. How do we bring Christ to the many?

How can we remember the poor today?

What are you grateful about today/this week?



Even though it has been cold, the sunsets have been amazing.

