

**Readings for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year B****FIRST READING:** *Vigil* : 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16, 16:1-2 *Day* : Apoc 11:19*Vigil* : Ps 131:6-7, 9-10,13-14 "Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness."*Day* : Ps 44: 10-12,16 "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold."**SECOND READING:** *Vigil* : 1 Cor 15:54-57 *Day* : 1 Cor 15:20-26**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Vigil* : Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!*Day* : Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!**GOSPEL:** *Vigil* : Lk11:27-28 *Day* : Lk1: 39-56**FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Feast of the Assumption. The fourth glorious mystery of the Rosary. This celebration originated in the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> century. St Juvenal of Jerusalem stated as early as the Council of Chalcedon in 451 CE that Our Lady, after her death, was assumed body and soul into Heaven. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It celebrates the totality of Mary's union with God in Christ. Pius XII declared that it was her 'crowning glory...to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb,' (Munificentissimus Deus (1950). The feast makes a powerful statement about our humanity, that each of us is a person of body and spirit, that living life to the full and loving without borders contributes to our wholeness as physical body and spirit.

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**Weekly Diary : 16<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> : 8.00 am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> : Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> : 9.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> : 5.00 pm. : 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED**

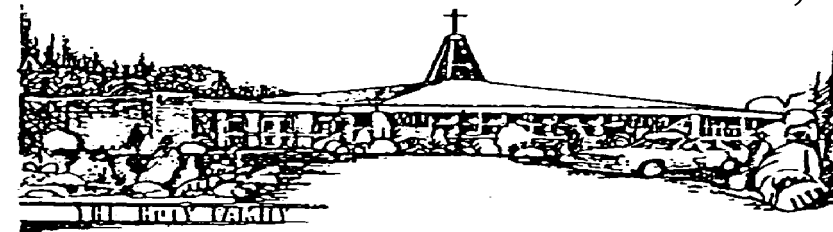
**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Don Menardo, Frans Kilian, Kate Medina, Elizabeth Anne Nott, John Michael Joseph Lynch, Reginald John Fisher Clarke, Esther Calizo Balasabas

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank John Levy, Joan Spittle, Loretto Fox, Noel Marriott, Lesley Moreno, Jose S Quiambao

**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, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY****Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021****PARISH PRIEST**

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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 &amp; Sunday at 11am.

Please contact the Parish Office.

**St Francis Xavier School:**

Principal : Kathy Fuller

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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

**The Feast of the Assumption  
A Holy Day of Obligation**

The big thing with all of this Co-vid is..... that you are here.

So I wanted to say a big thank you for the way you come to mass (physical or online) and engage in the parish. These are strange times, yet we as human beings are asked to always rise to the next level. To be people of hope to a world which is drowning in despair. I simply have to remind you of the bus service 700 at Tugun. So many lost people.

I was very inspired by our Feast Day last Sunday to celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In their book, 'The Little Brown Book', I will share a quote every now and then for you to think about: "Keep your mind in peace."

**We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.**

Who are those people who have been in the parish who we need to remember at this time? The parish didn't just happen. It happened for a reason. There were people with a vision and a shared experience. We need to highlight who they were.

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## Co-vid times

We are doing really well on the Gold Coast, yet just remember if you are sick, wear a mask. There have been some great colours going around just fyi. Yet there is a serious reason to all of this as well. So keep being positive with this and we will get through this difficult time.

It looks like I will never be able to say: *"Go forth the mask is ended."*  
Courtesy of Fr Morgan Batt.

## Mass intentions and the need to pray

Especially at this time with relatives and friends in Melbourne and Sydney, I am more than happy to say a mass for your loved ones. I am deeply aware of what this must look like for them.

One of the things our church community should never become is ignorant of praying for others. If this happens, then we really need to pack up and move to Florida and open a flower shop.

When we face a trying situation, or dilemma, we pray. And if the solution does not come right away, we keep on praying. Even if we are angry or discouraged, tell God. At the same time, we should never limit God or tell God how to intervene. At times, we need to remember Psalm 13: 6, "Trust in God's mercy."

In all of our intercessions, be they for the sick, or for our loved ones who have passed away, we need to remember the words of St Paul: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, give your prayer to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)

In an age where it is easy to overlook prayer, I want to encourage you to make an intention to those who know prayer profoundly and intimately, now they are with God, to intercede to God, on your behalf.

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



For all the people who help out in the parish, whether it is mass, baptisms, weddings, funerals or the sacramental program which is coming up shortly.

## Office Hours and calling the Office

Our office secretary Audrey is here to take your calls during office hours. I know I leave this in every week, yet she is a vital link to the parish in terms of communicating with you. She really is my right hand man (woman) in all kinds of situations. So if you see her in the next week, just give her a thanks for all the work she does.

## Assumption - B

A VOCATION VIEW: A woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Hers is the most beautiful story of vocation, when Mary said, "Let it be done unto me according to thy will". Can you make the choice? To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544

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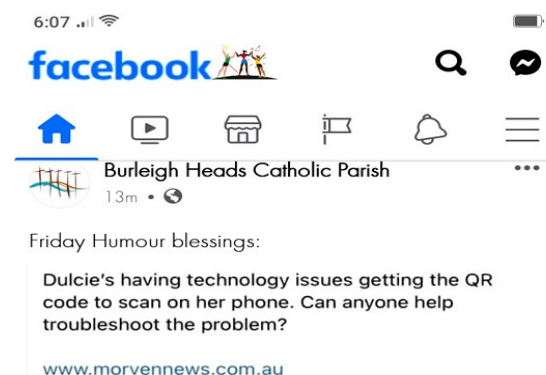
## How to live the Gospel out this weekend.



The Magnificat is, in effect, a mission statement of the Messiah who is coming to lift up the downtrodden and put the mighty in their place, to fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty. Luke will remind us of this when he writes of Jesus speaking in the synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30). Jesus will quote the words of Isaiah 61 saying that he will bring good news to the downtrodden, freedom to those who are prisoners to all kinds of oppression and torment, and will open the eyes of the blind who cannot see their way in life. Respect for the other expresses itself in generous self-giving

Notice there is nothing in Mary's Magnificat or Jesus' words in the synagogue about the Messiah making people religious or righteous. The role of the Messiah will come down to showing how genuine love works in action, how love for God and others is expressed in generous self-giving. There is enormous hope in this song deriving from unswerving confidence in divine compassion. There is hope for justice, that wrongs might be righted and that the self-serving values of the world in general might be overturned. In fact, the rest of Luke's gospel will give emphasis to Jesus reaching out to the marginalised and the powerless. Of all the gospels Luke's is the one that shows Jesus in many situations of hospitality where he is at meals, taking the opportunity reach out in a non-threatening environment and engage with people in a friendly and intimate setting – a really common sense and effective strategy. It's the little things that strike home in human relationships. Little random acts of kindness and compassion go much further than we might imagine. A word of encouragement achieves more than praise because it shows we value the efforts of others and doesn't risk being fake or overdone. When was the last time I quietly and unobtrusively encouraged someone? If not today, what can I do tomorrow? (Laurie Woods, 2021)

## Thought for the week



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## BLESSINGS!!!!

I love to bless. It has been difficult to get out at the moment, yet we need to think creatively how we can do this at this time. How do we get creative about this in this time?

## Quotes from the readings this weekend



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** "Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns..."

**Psalm:** "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep..."

**Gospel:** "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour..."