

**Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I****FIRST READING:** Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**Ps 144: 33:2-3,16-23 "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."****SECOND READING:** Eph 5:21-32**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John6:63,38).** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life : you have the words of everlasting life.**GOSPEL:** John 6:60-69**FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

The birth of TAZIE with Brother Roger in 1940. I don't know if ever you have been to the little French town of Taize, yet Pope John Paul II said, "One passes through Taize as one passes close to a spring of water." Participants take back with them what they have discovered in the Gospel and the insights gained from meeting others from different nations.

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

**Weekly Diary : 23<sup>rd</sup> August - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** : 8.00 am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** : 9.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** : 5.00 pm. : 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED**

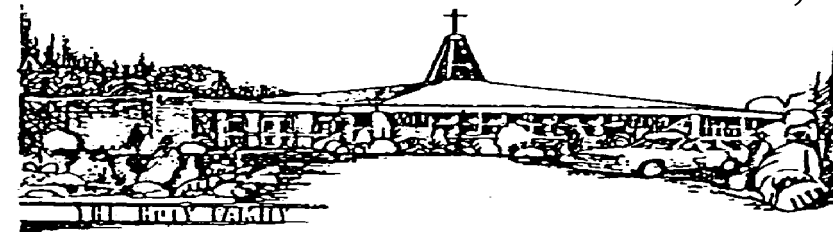
**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Stephens, Philomena Sleba, Barbara Bousamura, Fred Betros, Sue Jackson, Mary T Maloney, Frank John Levy, Joan Spittle

**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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/ISunday 22<sup>nd</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

Tel: 5537 2633

**HELLO! From Fr Marty**

*"Our greatest business in life  
is not to see what lies dimly at a distance,  
yet to do what clearly lies at hand."*

Thomas Carlyle

As you know, these are crazy times. People in Sydney will be locked down for some time. Same as Melbourne. As I stated last week, I am happy to offer mass intentions for families who are locked down. Just send Audrey an email and we will remember your families at mass.

**Sacramental Program**

I am looking for some helpers to prepare the sacramental program for later on in the year. As you can imagine, if we don't do something about it this year, we will be in strife for next year. At this stage we have 54 candidates. Let's pray for them this weekend.

**Catholic Campaign**

**Be blessed and  
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Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift today will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.



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**If you read the above ad, you will know that we need to support the following groups.**

The whole of biblical religion begins with the call to listen. To listen is to be blessed and to become a blessing for others. So too each day the Christian disciple is called to listen to the words of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Peter recognises that, however strange they may be, Jesus' words are "the words of eternal life". Faith is the name of the recognition to which Peter comes. Once faith opens their eyes to that truth, the disciples come to knowledge;

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they know that the words of Jesus, however strange, are utterly true and trustworthy. Therefore, they stay with him and follow him wherever he leads.

The Annual Catholic Campaign is all about listening to the words of Jesus, “the Holy One of God”, trusting what we hear and following where he leads – becoming more and more like the Master as we go, until we become so like him that people see Jesus in us. It is to be blessed and to become a blessing in turn.

I ask you today to support the Annual Catholic Campaign in this strange landscape through which we are passing where we’re all feeling the pinch in one way or another. The Campaign is one way of focusing on what really matters, which in the end means focusing on Jesus and listening to the strange and wonderful words he speaks – not just hearing but listening. His are “the words of eternal life”, the words of him who says, “Come you blessed of my Father: inherit the Kingdom prepared for you (Matt 25:34), for...as long as you did this to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me” (Matt 25:40). We focus on the least in order to focus on Jesus and follow him – because “to whom else can we go?” He is the only one who can lead us home.

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



#### Productive dialogue always begins with openness

Both interpreted him literally and the writer points out the danger of reading Jesus literally. Neither character actually listened to him with their heart. They could not see the spiritual message beyond the words because their right brain was turned off. A narrow approach to Scripture might see these writings as a set of instructions for moral behaviour. In fact, Scripture is an inspired art form designed not to inform but to transform.

All of the above speaks of openness. What does it take for me to be open to the Spirit? When we hear or read a piece of Scripture we need to dialogue with it bearing in mind that transformation is not a one-way process. Productive dialogue always begins with openness, which then can lead to awakening. Sunlight is a great disinfectant. (Laurie Woods, 2021)

### Stay tuned for another two minute homily



#### BLESSINGS!!!!

I love to bless! Remember the word ‘Bless’ comes from the origin: to give thanks!!!!

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



The sunshine after rain on the Gold Coast.

## Holy Family Parish Sacramental Preparation Dates 2021

*(All Sacraments will be held in the Church- using social distancing)*

### Confirmation (Grade 3 or age 8)

Practise & work booklets due	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm
Celebration Rite	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm

**18 candidates per celebration. 3 family members allowed.**

### First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and child has been Confirmed)

Parent Information/Work booklets	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm
Practise & work booklets due	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm
Celebrations	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	6pm
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	6pm
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	6pm

**10 candidates per celebration. 7 family members allowed.**

**Please visit the Parish website for an enrolment form and further information.**

**[www.holyfamilyparishrunawaybay.org.au](http://www.holyfamilyparishrunawaybay.org.au)**

### Parish Office Phone lines are down



Earlier in the week, we’ve had some issues again with the Office phone lines.

We do appreciate your patience during this time. If you need to contact the Parish Office, please send an email to :

[rbay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rbay@bne.catholic.net.au)

Hopefully, the matter can be resolved soon.

### Thought for the week

How do we make sense out of these crazy times at the moment?

**“If you *can't* explain it to a six year old, you *don't* understand it yourself.”**

*Albert Einstein*