

**Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I**  
**FIRST READING:** Is 35:4-7  
**Ps 145 : 7-10 "Praise the Lord, my soul!"**  
**SECOND READING:** James 2:1-5  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Matthew 4:23).** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 7:31-37

**FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

1979 JP II spoke about the Theology of the Body. About understanding who we are as bodily people. Infidelity often becomes simply like a sport and only ever an opportunity for betrayal. He says that we as human beings are bodily persons. Our bodies are symbolic. Our bodies are meant for love. Our bodies are free and redeemed by Christ. We need to speak the truth of love to our world and then live it faithfully.



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

**Weekly Diary : 6<sup>th</sup> September - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	: 8.00 am.	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	: 6.00 pm.	Confirmation Celebration Rite
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30 am.	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group — Parish Meeting Room
	: 6.00 pm.	Confirmation Celebration Rite
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30 am.	Mass followed by Rosary
	: 6.00 pm.	Confirmation Celebration Rite
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	: 5.00 pm.	: 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.	: 24 <sup>th</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)

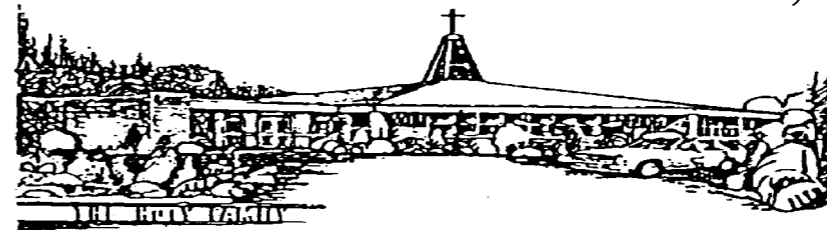
Prayers have been requested for the following :

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Valerie Crowe, Audrey Dwyer, Robert Nichols, Clare Finlay, Mary Stephens, Philomena Sleba, Barbara Bousamura, Fred Betros, Sue Jackson, Mary T Maloney, Frank John Levy, Joan Spittle

**SICK LIST:** Ann Daly, 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**



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/I

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr. Marty Larsen

**PARISH STAFF**  
Audrey Ho  
*Parish Secretary*

Jan Levinge  
*Marriage Coordinator*

**Email :**  
rbay@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Parish Office:** 16 Simbai St  
PO Box 125 Runaway Bay  
Q4216

**Website :**  
www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au  
**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES:**  
**Tel: 5537 4320 (Press 2)**  
**Emergencies : 0431 605 015**  
**Facebook :**  
hollyfamilycatholicchurchrunawaybay

**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  
Tel: 5537 2633

Open the app and scan the QR code to register your visit

Runaway Bay Holy Family



Can't scan? Enter the code 398950 manually to check in.

Thank you for supporting COVID-19 contact tracing efforts and doing your bit to keep Queenslanders safe.

**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



*We continue to welcome you back to church!!!*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

To dads! Grand dads. Uncles, cousins and those male role models we have in our lives. For the gift they bring as a male, striving to be the best they can be. We give thanks for the Father figures in our lives.

**COVID**

We pray for the businesses particularly in Surfers and Broadbeach. They mainly attract a tourist crowd, yet there just simply isn't any. So if you live around that area or are travelling through there, then maybe stop through to support these shops.

We pray for the mental health issues of all people locked down and who are facing difficult times at the moment.

We pray for Don Menardo and Christine Lawless who we buried last week, and we pray for their families and friends.

One of my great spiritual writers is **Ronald Rolheiser** and he is very insightful. Here is a reflection from him today.

*Work can be a distraction and an escape, both from God and family. It can be a rationalization against entering into the deeper things. If we too easily take our self-worth from our*

*Cont'd on page 2...*

Cont'd from page 1

*work so that we feel good about ourselves only when we are achieving something and are anxious always that, deep down, outside of our work and our achievements, we have little to offer. So we work to try to prove ourselves and our work becomes something we can't quit doing because our entire sense of self-worth is tied up with it.*

*Work can be an excuse to avoid the deeper things, but it is also the deep, natural form of contemplation that God gives to us as humans.*

*We spend most of our waking lives working. That should tell us something, namely, that work must be the major avenue through which God wants us to journey towards the deeper things. Given the way we are built, and the way life is shaped, we aren't expected to consciously think about God most of our waking moments.*

*God is the ground of our being, as well as the ground of our work and our relationships. In God "we live and move and have our being." We know God not just in our conscious awareness and in prayer, but also in a deep inchoate way, by participating with God in building this world – by growing things, building things, carving things, creating things, cleaning things, painting things, writing things, raising children, nursing bodies, teaching others, consoling others, humouring others, struggling with others, and loving others.*

*Work, like prayer, is a privileged way to get to know God because, when we do, we are toiling in partnership with God. <http://ronrolheiser.com/the-sacredness-of-work/#.YS6qFi0Rr-Z>*

**Reflection on the Gospel**




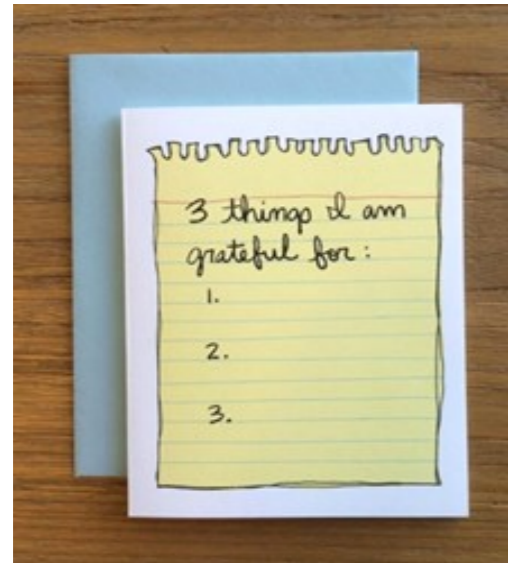
(Laurie Woods, 2021). How marvellous is a healing word! And yet we are all called to be healers. Deep listening is really the first step to our awareness that healing needs to take place, but deep listening does not always involve responding to spoken words. Reading a person's expression or body language is an act of deep listening. There are so many incidents in the gospels that show us Jesus reading the body language of people around him. Some occasions were dramatic, like the woman who wept at his feet in the house of Simon, like the father in the parable who does not need an apology from his younger son but reads the body language of his return, like the rich man who fell down at Jesus' feet bearing witness to his search for wholeness.

Other occasions are less spectacular, like the women who followed Jesus faithfully to the very end with no speeches or fanfare, like the cured leper who went back to Jesus to say, 'thank you,' and the countless number of people who just wanted to be near him, struck as they were by his charisma and the empathy with which he connected with people.

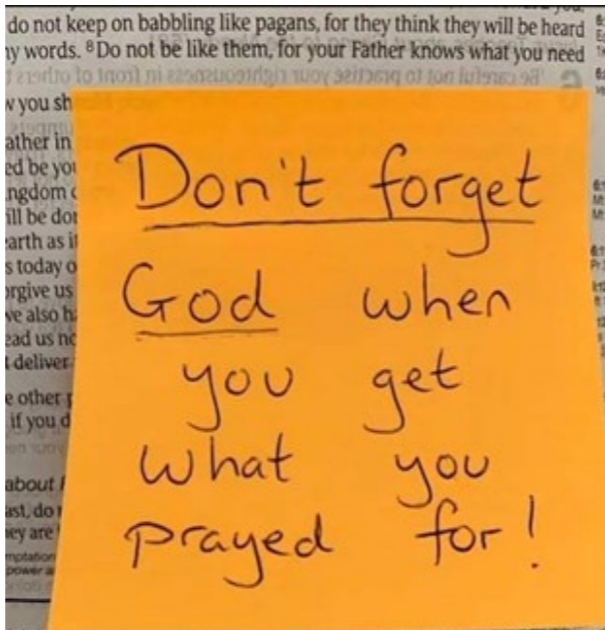
A simple reflection at day's end could be, 'Did I encourage anybody today?' If the answer is 'no' then tomorrow is an opportunity to encourage a fellow human being. Our encouraging word does not have to be spoken. It could be a smile, a warm greeting, a word of thanks, a helping hand. It is surprising how encouraging small acts of random kindness can be. St Paul saw the unique value of encouragement when he appealed to the Thessalonian Christians,

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up (1 Thess 5:11)

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

**Thought for the week**



**Confirmation dates**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 6pm**  
Holy Family Church, 2021

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of September, 6pm**  
Holy Family Church, 2021

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 6pm**  
Holy Family Church, 2021

Looking for Marshalls and ushers on these nights. If you're able to assist, please contact Audrey on **0431 605 015**.

**Parish Office Phone lines are down**



The Parish Office phone lines are still down.

Please contact us at **0431 605 015**. Otherwise, you can email the Parish Office at :

**rbay@bne.catholic.net.au**

Thank you for your patience.