

FUN FACT FOR SUNDAY 19th of September, 2021

Feast of Saint Januarius. Was born in Italy and was a bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocetion persecution. Bishop Januarius went to visit to deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples as a relic. It liquefies and bubbles when exposed in the Cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St Januarius lived and have died around 305CE.

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

Readings for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1

FIRST READING: Wis 2:12,17-20 *Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

Ps 53:3-6,8 "The Lord upholds my life."

SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3 *Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (2 Thessalonians 2:14). Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37 *The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

Weekly Diary : 20th September - 26th September 2021

Monday 20 th	: 8.00 am.	Mass Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, martyr Paul Chông Ha-sang & companions, martyrs followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 23 rd	: 9.30 am.	Mass Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest followed by Rosary
Saturday 25 th	: 5.00 pm.	: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1
Sunday 26 th	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.	: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/1

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

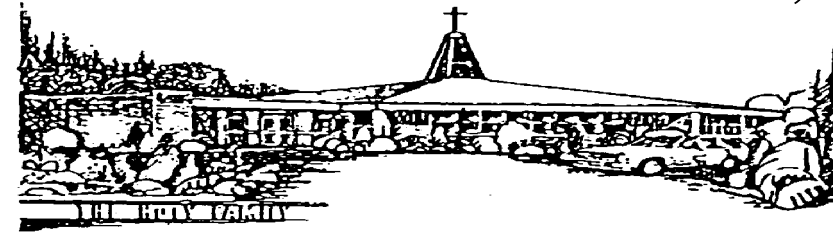
PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joselito S Juan, Christine Anne Lawless, Sr. Elizabeth Prendergast, Don Menardo, Frans Kilian, Kate Medina

ANNIVERSARIES: Enid Marriott, Bernadette Rutkin, Jan McNamee, Nigel Mark Short, Edward J Maloney, 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: Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, 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 Han-nam, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/ISunday 19th September 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.

BaptismsEvery 2nd & 4th

Saturday & Sunday at 11am.

Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:

Principal : Kathy Fuller

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Runaway Bay Holy Family



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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

**Confirmation**

We had 55 candidates make their confirmation last week. Congratulations. The spirit moved beautifully through the three nights. Thanks also to the sponsors and we pray for those who are locked down in Sydney and Melbourne. There are just so many grandparents, aunties, cousins who could not come to enjoy the moment. Thanks also to those people who helped on the night. It was very appreciated!

Since I was busy with confirmation and then baptisms and then weekend masses, I did not get a chance to reflect on 9/11 from 20 years ago. This article might help you deal with the feelings from that time. I certainly remember exactly where I was on that day.

(Ron Rolheiser)

Twenty years ago today, struggling to digest the events of September 11th, I wrote this column. Two decades later, my reaction is the same. Here's the column.

Iris Murdoch once said that the whole world can change in fifteen seconds. She was talking about falling in love. Hatred can do the same thing: On September 11th (2001), the world changed. Two huge passenger planes, hijacked by terrorists, crashed into, and collapsed the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, killing thousands of people, as television cameras recorded the event live, showing horrific, graphic scenes over and over again. Shortly

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afterwards, a third hijacked plane slammed into the Pentagon, even as a fourth crashed in an open field. Inside of what is supposed to be the most secure place on earth, thousands of innocent people were killed within the space of an hour.

Stunned, muted, we nonetheless tried to speak to the situation. Many of the voices we heard were hard, angry, calling for retaliation and vengeance. Most voices though were gentle, looking only for a safe, intimate place to cry, for someone to hang onto. One Internet media site simply had a blank screen, a silent gesture that spoke eloquently. What, after all, can be said?

The opening lines from the Book of Lamentations offer this haunting description: How deserted she sits, the city once thronged with people! Once the greatest of nations, she is now like a widow.

Later, this same book tells us that there are times when all you can do is to put your face to the dust and wait. Rainer Marie Rilke would agree. Here's his advice for times like these: O you lovers that are so gentle, step occasionally into the breath of the sufferers not meant for you. ... Do not be afraid to suffer, give the heaviness back to the weight of the earth; mountains are heavy, seas are heavy.

The earth knows our pain. Sometimes silence is best.

Yet a few things need to be said even in the raw immediacy of this thing. What?

First, that each life lost was unique, sacred, precious, irreplaceable. None of these persons had ever died before and none of them should have his or her name lost in the anonymity of dying with so many others. Their lives and deaths must be honoured individually. This is true too for the suffering of their families and loved ones.

Second, clear voices must call us, especially our governments, towards restraint. Many see this as an attack on civilization itself. They are right. Accordingly, our task is to respond in a civilized way, holding fast always to our belief that violence is wrong, whether it be theirs or ours. The air we breathe out is the air we eventually inhale. Violence begets violence. Terrorism will not be stopped by bitter vengeance. Catharsis doesn't bring about closure. We shouldn't be naive about that. Nor, indeed, should we be naive in reverse. These terrorist acts with their utter disregard for life, offer a very clear picture of the world these people would create were they ever given scope and license to do so. They must be stopped and brought to justice. They pose a threat to the world; but in bringing them to justice we must never stoop to their means and, like them, be driven by a hatred that blinds one to justice and the sacredness of life.

No emergency ever allows one to bracket the fundamentals of charity and respect for life. Indeed, horrific tragedies of this sort, call us to just the opposite, namely, to fiercely re-root ourselves in all that is good and Godly – to drive with more courtesy, to take more time for what is important, and to tell those close to us that we love them. Yes, too, it calls us to seek justice and it asks for real courage and self-sacrifice in that quest. We are no longer in ordinary time.

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Most of all, this calls us to prayer. What we learned again on September 11th (2001) is that all on our own, we are neither invulnerable nor immortal. We can only continue to live, and to live in joy and peace, by placing our faith in something beyond ourselves. We can never guarantee our own safety and future. We need to acknowledge that in prayer – on our knees, in our churches, to our loved ones, to God, and to everyone whose sincerity makes him or her a brother or sister inside the family of humanity.

Moreover, we are called to hope. We are a resilient people, with faith in the resurrection. Everything that is crucified eventually rises. There is always a morning after. The sun never fails to rise. We need to live our lives in the face of that, even in times of great tragedy.

I end with Rilke's words: Even those trees you planted as children became too heavy long ago – you couldn't carry them now. But you can carry the winds ... and the open spaces.

<http://ronrolheiser.com/september-11th-twenty-years-later/#.YUFLnS0Rr-Y>

Holy Family Parish

Sacramental Preparation Dates 2021

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

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

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

10 candidates per celebration. 7 family members allowed.

Please visit the Parish website for further information and to download the enrolment form.

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If you missed the Information Night, you can still enrol your child into the program. Contact the Parish at 0431 605 015 during office hours.