

**Rosie's Gold Coast**

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your support last week. The baskets at the back of the church were full and Rosie's are very grateful. One tin of baked beans or a cup of soup goes a long way for people in need. No clothes please as they have no where to store them.

**Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/2**

**FIRST READING:** Baruch 5:1-9 *Jerusalem—God will show you splendour.*  
**Ps 125** *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*  
**SECOND READING:** Phil 1:4-6,8-11 *Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Lk 3:4,6)** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths : all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL:** Lk 3:1-6 *All people shall see the salvation of God.*

**Weekly Diary : 6<sup>th</sup> December – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 8.00am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 8.00am.</b>	<b>Mass Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	<b>9.30am.</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 5.00pm.</b>	<b>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/2</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.</b>	<b>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/2</b>

**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)

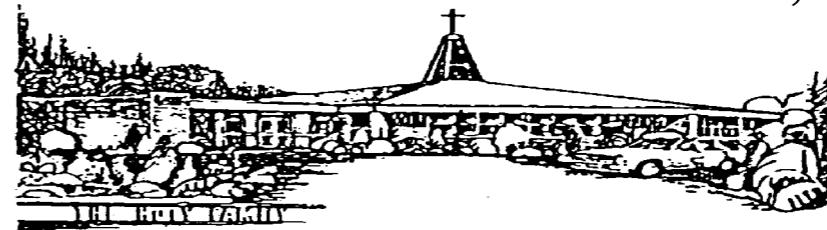
Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Thomas Kevin Creighton, Elise Squillari, Petra de los Santos, John Booth, Guellermo Garing, Len Crowe

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ross Michael Bycroft, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Gerd Philip Gerrard, Zol Horvath, Brian Dwyer

**SICK LIST:** Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Mary Carrick, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Gerard Bijoux, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, Ann Daly, Bernard Murphy, Marie Roberts, Romulo Salilig, Peter Pape, Beverly Holley, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, 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**



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/2

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 & Sunday at 11am.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**St Francis Xavier School:**  
Principal : Paul Rees  
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**HELLO! From Fr Marty**

Happy Advent. A time of waiting.



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



We are into Advent 2, and this generally means we start to ponder what it means to welcome Christ into the world. What does that mean for you?

The Advent theme of preparing for the coming of the Lord clearly shines through today's readings. It gives us the feeling of hope and anticipation for what is about to happen.

Advent is a time for us to reflect on our hospitality, our readiness to receive others into our life with generosity and without judgement.

As you know, hopefully December 17 will mean we can catch up with our loved ones. Yet, as you know, this is never a sure thing. Also too, the business of getting ready to visit loved ones brings a rush of its own. There was a famous comedian who once said, we spend all our time waiting to get to the next experience, yet when we get there, then we spend our time waiting to get out of it. It pays to ask the question, what are we really looking for in life?

Those key words today for Advent 2; are readiness, generosity and not to judge. Particularly at this time when pressure is high, we do judge more easily.

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I had to go to the shops the other day late on Friday and I was surprised at how rushed people were. People were flying over the speed bumps like they weren't there and people seemed to be tense at Coles and Woolies. This is pretty normal for this time of the year, yet it doesn't mean we cannot at least say- "Hey, slow down." Yet also, we need to think about why people are rushing. We never know the storms people have to get through, just to make it to this moment. This is why it is important not to judge.

This is the time where we need to think about who comes into the world at Christmas. And while we help the kids to appreciate the gift of giving through Santa, we also need them to appreciate who Jesus is. And they do get it, but it takes that opportunity to slow down to think about it. With Christmas decorations being put up in October, no wonder kids can be confused, let alone adults. Now more than ever, we need to just take deep breaths and just think about what is really important in this moment.

Slow down, be patient and wait for the Lord. There is too much rush at Christmas time. Slow down and wait.

### Scripture in today's mass

We really focus on the first reading. Today's reading is beautiful. Laurie Woods (2021) helps to break it down for us today. I thought it might be a useful reading in terms of being patient, not to judge and to be mindful of this time of the year.

**Baruch 5:1-9** This extract has been attributed by Hebrew editors to Baruch, who was secretary and companion to the prophet Jeremiah. The setting is the Babylonian exile of the Jewish population of Jerusalem. There is no evidence that Baruch was ever in Babylon, so, the setting is most probably a literary fiction created to provide a background for the encouraging tone of this reading.

These verses could be described as a poem of consolation, rich in metaphor, in which the writer encourages Jerusalem to look forward to the restoration of her children after their years of exile. The poet conjures up the picture of Jerusalem shrugging off her cloak of sorrow that enveloped her children when they wept by the waters of Babylon, as they remembered their homeland and lamented their exile. They will shortly experience God's goodness and compassion that will spread over them like a cloak of integrity and peace.

Jerusalem is about to see the hills and mountains flattened and the valleys made level so that her people may walk in safety back to their mother country. Forests and trees will provide shade and calming fragrance for the returning travellers who will have God's compassion and reliable goodness for guidance.

This is a message of encouragement that points to the silver linings in life. One reality that most of us have discovered is that every silver lining has to be sought after. Better times that follow dark times do not just drop from the sky, we have to work for them with energy and optimism. We have to seek help; look for that person whose eyes and body language and perhaps words say, 'Lean on me.' It is for certain that the Spirit works through the Christ in those we can turn to for support – just as the Spirit works through us when we provide a spiritual and psychological buttress for others.

### St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

This weekend, the Holy Family Conference will be conducting our annual Christmas Appeal. This appeal is an important source of funding for the conference as it enables us to carry out our vision of "providing a hand up not a hand out" to the people in need in our area, especially during the Christmas season.

If you are not attending Mass that weekend and would like to donate you can do so in the following ways.

- ♦ Pick up an Appeal Envelope from the Church or the Parish Office and return it with your donation to the office or put it on any of the collections at Mass. If required, please include details for the receipt.
- ♦ Direct Debit to the Conference bank account; BSB : 064-786, Account Number : 100025973, Account Name : SVDP Holy Family Runaway Bay, Reference : Christmas Appeal and your name. If you require a receipt please Email your details to our conference email [HF4216@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:HF4216@svdpqld.org.au)

Thanks to all Parishioners for your generosity. May God Bless you all.

Peter Fox  
President



### The Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, Holy Family Catholic Church

Just that gentle reminder as we approach the end of the year, the healing nature of this sacrament. You may just need to get that burning thought off your chest, you may just need to get an idea out of your head and voice it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be that healing you need right now. It is important to name it and to continue to invite you into the redemptive power it can have in your life.

### Thought for the week



### Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday 8th December 2021

Mass will be held in Holy Family Catholic Church, Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 8am.