

**Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2**

**FIRST READING:** Neh 8:2-6,8-10 *They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

**Ps 118:8-10,15** *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 12:12-30 *Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Cf. Lk 4:18))** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21 *The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

**Weekly Diary : 24<sup>th</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	: 8.00am.	Mass Memorial of St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	: 8.00am.	Australia Day Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am.	No Mass
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	: 5.00pm.	: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.	: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED**

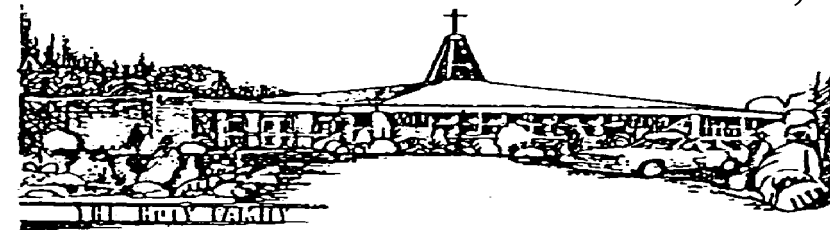
**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joan Manning, Margaret Catherine Paterson, Jose Eduardo Sanchez, Elizabeth Ives, Ida Hall, Ariel, Demy, John, Ghanie (Baldovi-No), Jun Azucena

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Philip Egan, Silvestra C. Quiambao, Cyril Weiley, Ettie Irene Johnson, Patrick Leonello, Ross Michael Bycroft

**SICK LIST:** Lavinia Azucena, 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, 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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

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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.  
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**St Francis Xavier School:**  
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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



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

We are all vulnerable on our journey and need the hospitality and understanding of others. Yet, it takes an awakened heart to identify with each other through our own needs and experiences. These are uncertain times at the moment, yet we will pull through. If you have faith in God, you will pull through this.

**Australia Day:** there will be mass at 8am. No mass on Thursday in lieu of this. We also remember Margaret Paterson, whose funeral will be celebrated at 11am on Monday. She was a long term parishioner in the parish.

Yet I constantly remind you, I remember all of your loved ones who have passed in my time here. May they always rest in the gentle presence of God.

Continue to walk gently in the presence of God.

And as I always say, "from now on I'm just going to live with what is."

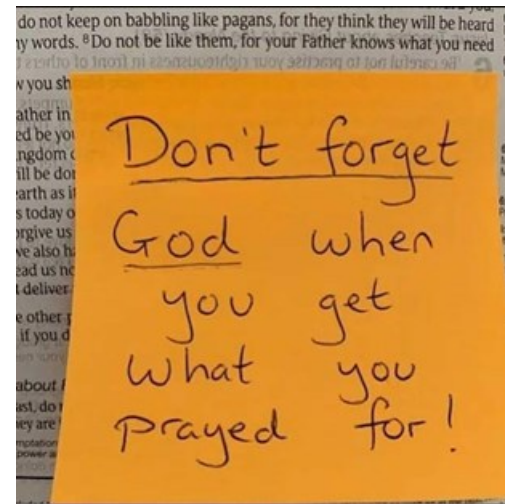
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**Thought for the week.**

I'm still conscious, we are not doing this enough. I don't hear you saying it. Yet I will change it in the next couple of weeks.

**Reflection on the Gospel**

What does the Gospel of Luke tell us about Jesus and his mission and what he came to do for us? Many sceptics question the reliability and accuracy of the Gospel accounts of Jesus. Luke tells us that his account is utterly believable because it comes from firsthand witnesses (Luke 1:2) who knew Jesus personally, heard him teach, saw his miracles, and witnessed his atoning death on the cross and his rising from the tomb to everlasting life.

Luke begins his account by addressing his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God" (Luke 1:3). In so many words Luke tells his friend (and us as well), I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known - and which many witnesses and messengers of God's word have openly explained on many occasions. Luke wants his friend and all who read his account to "know the truth" (Luke 1:4) concerning Jesus of Nazareth who was sent from the Father in heaven and anointed by the Holy Spirit to bring us the good news and power of God's kingdom.

***The "good news" of Jesus brings new life and freedom.***

The word "gospel" literally means "good news." The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the new life and freedom he has won for us through his atoning death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection to everlasting life and glory with the Father in heaven. The Gospel is the all-powerful and all-merciful word of God for us today as much as it was for the people who first heard it in Jesus' time. It's a life-giving word that has supernatural power to change, transform, and bring freedom and healing to those who accept it as the living word of God.

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Are you hungry for God's word of truth and mercy, love and forgiveness? And do you want to grow in the knowledge of God and what he has accomplished for us through his Son, Jesus Christ?

***Jesus came in the power of the Spirit.***

Luke tells us that Jesus was about 30 years of age when he began his public ministry (Luke 3:23). Right after Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22), he spent 40 days in the wilderness to devote himself to prayer and fasting (Luke 4:1-13). At the end of this period of spiritual preparation and testing, Luke tells us that Jesus "returned in the power of the Spirit to his own land of Galilee" (Luke 4:14). Jesus chose to begin his public ministry in Galilee first, rather than in Jerusalem, the holy city and temple of God. This was in fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah 9:1,2.

Luke tells us that Jesus chose to publicly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus was also known by many in Nazareth as a "carpenter" (Mark 6:3) and "son of Joseph" (Luke 4:21). When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (verses 1-2 of chapter 61) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Isaiah 61:1-2).

Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would be sent by God and anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit to preach "good news" and bring healing, blessing, and freedom to all who were oppressed (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus awakened their hope in God's promises when he announced that this word was now being fulfilled in his very own person. Luke tells us that the people of Nazareth spoke well of him and received his "gracious word" with amazement and wonder. But they also openly questioned how the "son of Joseph" would fulfill this Messianic mission (Luke 4:21). Jesus challenged them to believe the word God had spoken through the prophets and the word he now speaks in God's name through the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Jesus renews and strengthens us in faith, hope, and love***

The Lord Jesus speaks this same word to each of us today - he comes to bring us healing and restoration, pardon and freedom from the oppression of sin, despair, hopelessness, and destruction. Do you believe his word with expectant faith and trust, or with doubt and indifference? The Lord will not refuse to pour out his Spirit on all who trust in him. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the joy of the Gospel and the freedom to live each day with trusting faith, joyful hope, and fervent love.

Lord Jesus, you are the fulfilment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word. (Divine Word, 2022).