

**Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2****FIRST READING:** Is 6:1-8 : *Here am I! Send me.***Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 R.** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor 15:1-11: *I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Lk 4:18))** Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!**GOSPEL:** Lk 5:1-11 : *They left everything and followed him.***Weekly Diary : 7<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** : 8.00am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** : 9.30am. Mass Memorial St Scholastica, virgin followed by Rosary

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** : 5.00pm. : 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED**

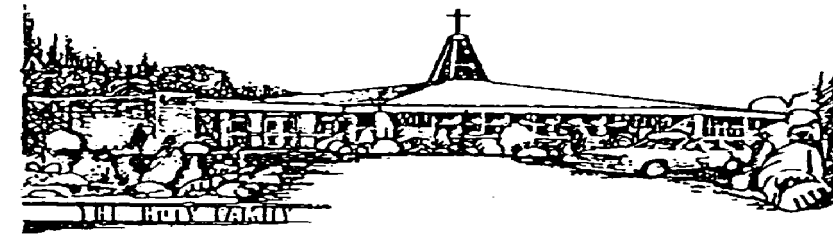
**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giuseppe Cini, Maurice Hanrahan, Mollie Dyer, Philip Egan, Silvestra C. Quiambao, Cyril Weiley

**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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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.  
Please contact the Parish Office.

**St Francis Xavier School:**  
**Principal : Paul Rees**  
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Runaway Bay Holy Family



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**HELLO! From Fr Marty**

Loving God, grant once more to men and women  
a simple childlike faith.  
Forgetting colour and creed  
And seeing only the heart's deep need...  
For faith alone can save our soul  
and lead us to a higher goal,  
for there will be one unfailing course-  
we win by faith and not by force.

*Helen Steiner Rice*



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

We welcome all the students back this week, which will be great. I am sure the staff and students will be excited to get back into a structured routine. In terms of the students coming to mass during the week, at this stage it cannot happen. Yet it will be a week by week thing to see if things can change.

I say all this because I am unable to give firm dates for the sacramental program at this stage. We are not allowed to have large group gatherings. Yet as I said, this will be reviewed as the weeks go by. We continue to struggle with the double standards of all this.

Continue to look out for one another at this time. Make sure if you have a network of friends in the parish, that you just touch base and see how they are going. It is very important we touch base with people to see how they are going.

As Ron Rosheiser reminds us "*Sometimes a trusted friend is the answer; sometimes a family that has become family to me can provide that special place, sometimes I can find that place in prayer or in nature, but sometimes I can't find it at all, and I must live with the chaos until, like a bad storm, it blows over.*"

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*There are headaches and heartaches for which there is no cure. But the soul doesn't need to be cured, only to be properly cared for. Our task is to go home, to find those people, places, and prayers that truly care for our souls at those times when our world is falling apart.*

<https://ronrolheiser.com/steadying-ourselves-in-the-storm/#.YfnDUy0Rr-Z>

As echoed by Laurie Woods in his reflection on the Gospel today, are you someone who gets in there to help others, or are you standing on the sideline? *Today's readings focus on the phenomenon of call and response. As we read these passages or hear them read we can easily remain onlookers or bystanders, and yet we are not in the audience, we are actually in the play. These readings prompt us to take stock and review our own call and response.*

### Reflection on the Gospel



This is a wonderfully human episode in a down-to-earth setting. Jesus is speaking out in the open, as he so often did, and was gathering a crowd. The acoustics were obviously wretched, so he asked Simon if he could get into his boat and then be taken out a little from the shore. Peter would have to either keep working with the oars or drop an anchor to prevent his boat from drifting while Jesus was speaking. With sound carrying nicely over the water more people could hear what he was saying. It should be remembered that village folk in those days who could take time off to listen to a speaker do not measure in the hundreds. Fifty people would be a decent crowd.

When Jesus had done his 'fishing' from the fisherman's boat he gets Simon to pull out into deeper water for a catch. This is the centrepiece of the episode where Jesus's charismatic persona is revealed. The haul of fish convinces Peter and his companions they are in the company of a prophet, a holy man, and so it becomes a life-changing event for these men. After all, his profession and his experience of the lake told him there was nothing to catch. He wasn't ready for a shock. The parallels in this story with the scene in our first reading from Isaiah 6 are worth noting. Awareness of the presence of holiness and power; the stated contrast with human imperfection; the whole impact that produces a deep desire to be somehow part of this compelling energy; a commitment to serve and follow.

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### Jesus's humility and common touch rendered him authentic

One aspect of Jesus's call to the fishermen that never seems to get sufficient emphasis is the practical nature of his strategy. It seems clear that the time Jesus spent in the wilderness after his own life-changing encounter with John in the Jordan resulted in a) his resolution to embark wholeheartedly on the role of prophet and b) his awareness that he could not do this on his own. Grounded in common sense and practical humility he knew he needed willing and committed helpers. Surely this is the essence of humility – recognising our need for others. And surely Jesus's humility and common touch rendered him authentic in the eyes of these practical, close to nature, hard-working fishermen.

It is easy to see these men just dropping everything to follow Jesus on the strength of a single incident. But this is to oversimplify bald economic statements that are so common in the gospels. In all probability they had heard Jesus speaking at some other time, in the marketplace, in some part of the town or in someone's house. The Spirit seems to allow time and reflection for an initial impact to germinate and progress towards a decision. Weighing up the issues and consequences is wisdom at work. This requires deep listening with body, mind and inner self.

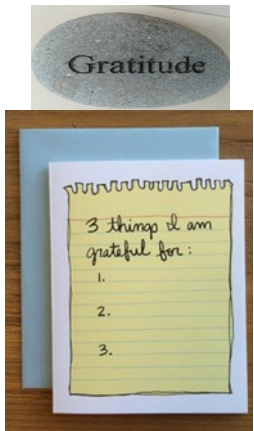
Reading these accounts from a Jewish point of view we can see that the sound response to the divine call is tempered by wisdom and understanding and not driven by feelings. The Hebrew word for emotion or feeling is *regesh*, which also means noise or commotion. The point is we can be thrust in all kinds of directions if we are led by feelings that go unexamined. Feelings can lead us astray. Isaiah, Jesus, the Galilean fishermen were not acting on impulse or feelings, but after mature discernment. (Laurie Woods, 2022)

### Thought for the week.

**You can tell  
when people  
are truly happy.  
Their energy  
is genuine.**

AUTHOR  
ALEX ELLE

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



**Keep remembering to be grateful.**