

Readings for Sunday of the Resurrection C/2

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34,37-43 : We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23: R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING: Col 3:1-4 : Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (1 Cor 5:7-8)) Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 24:1-12 : Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

Weekly Diary : 18th April – 24th April 2022

Monday 18th : 8.00am. No Mass
Wednesday 20th : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 21st : 9.30am. Mass with Bishop Tim Norton SVD
Saturday 23th : 5.00pm. : 2nd Sunday of Easter C/2
Sunday 24th : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 2nd Sunday of Easter 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)

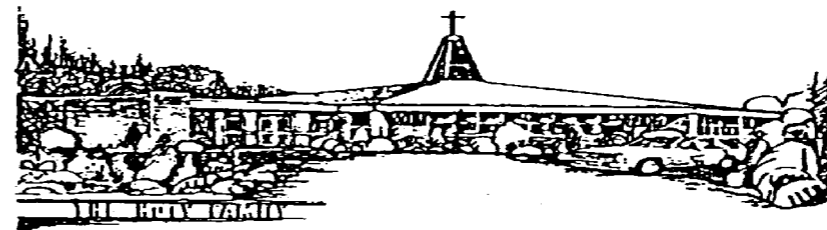
Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marina Valdez Tucker, Kevin O'Doherty, Diane Yeo

ANNIVERSARIES: Ian (Tom) Gibb Edgar, Fermina C. de Luna, Annie Maloney, Glenn Winstanley, Reginald John Fisher Clarke, Emilio Vizon, Patricia Vizon, Tiling Vizon, Amparo Vizon, Apolonia, Sebastian & Betty Garcia, Gene Dale, The Balasabas Family, Ta Turing Ventura, Bill McNamee, James Leslie Collett

SICK LIST: Thomas Cooper, Geoffrey Eaborn, Margaret Cotton, Frank Balinas, 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, 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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



Sunday of the Resurrection Year C/2

Sunday 17th April 2022

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Monday—Tuesday
8.30am-1.00pm
Wednesday-Thursday
(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:
Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms
Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish Office.

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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

Happy Easter everyone.

I thought this article might be a good reminder of what we celebrate, yet also to acknowledge that Easter is not always festive, as the secular world would have us believe. I still find it astonishing that Good Friday now has football games on it. Where is the sense of the sacred??? This might be a good opportunity to focus on what is important.

(Story unknown) Several years ago, late on a Sunday night, I received an email from one of my nephews. Three of his close friends had just been killed in a senseless automobile accident. He was beside himself with grief, and with questions: “Why?” “What does one say in a situation like this?” “What do you say to their families?”

I’m old enough to know that there are no simple answers to those questions at a time like this. Those questions are hard enough to answer when the person who has just died has lived a long, full life and has died with loved ones holding his or her hand and giving permission to let go and move on. They are paralyzing in the face of this kind of tragedy, a senseless accident where someone’s carelessness takes three young people out of this world in a totally unnecessary fashion. So what does one say in the face of this?

Initially, for the first days after a tragedy of this kind, there is almost nothing we can say that is helpful. We have the words we need, drawn from our faith: “They are with God!” “We believe in the resurrection!” “They are in gentler hands than ours!” “They are still alive in another place!” “We will meet them again some day!” Those words eventually will bring the consolation they contain, but in the first hours and days after a tragedy they don’t carry their full power or sometimes much

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power at all; not because they aren't true, but because, like a seed, they need time to take root and grow.

But, because our words are inadequate, doesn't mean that there is nothing we can do. What's needed more than our words is our presence, our sharing in the helplessness, and our sharing in the waiting. In the first hours and days that follow a tragedy we don't need to speak a lot, we need to touch a lot. We simply need to be there.

Moreover the words that we do speak need to honour how deep and resistant to consolation the wound is. They should not be an untimely balm, good medicine but bad timing. They must speak honestly to the senselessness of the situation and how disconsolate it leaves us. I like the words that Rainer Marie Rilke sent to a friend who was beside himself with grief: "Give that heaviness back to the earth; the seas are heavy, the mountains are heavy, the earth is heavy."

When we are in the middle of a storm we shouldn't pretend that the sun is shining or, indeed, that there is anything we can do to stop the storm. The task is to wait it out, together, hand in hand, offering each the assurance that we aren't alone.

Waiting it out is precisely what is required. The Book of Lamentations tells us that there are times and seasons when all you can do is "put your mouth to the dust and wait." That's bitter, stoic advice, but it imparts real hope rather than false optimism. What it tells us and draws us to is the fact that, right now, for this immediate time, this pain must be borne, however crushing. There is nothing to be done. Consolation will come eventually, but it must be waited for and, in the meantime, we need to keep "vigil". And that is why we call the service before funeral a "vigil". We gather not just to celebrate the deceased life, but to, together, "put our mouths to the dust and wait."

And that waiting can be very painful, a time when we see everything through the dark prism of our loss and where for awhile we sincerely believe that we will never find joy again. This kind of waiting brings to the surface a frightening kind of loneliness that reveals to us how fragile and vulnerable it all is.

But that is exactly what we need to accept and process. And so we shouldn't be afraid to feel afraid, nor despair about feeling despair. Neither negates courage or faith. As Kierkegaard put it, "courage isn't the absence of despair and fear but the capacity to move ahead in spite of them."

We believe in life after death, in the resurrection, in the communion of saints, and in God's infinite tenderness and mercy. Faith can be trusted. What it tells us is true. In the end there is consolation. However our God, it would seem, doesn't always save us from tragedy, but instead eventually redeems tragedy. Jesus didn't save his friend Lazarus from death, he raised him up from death after he had died. In the end, no doubt, "all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well", but in the meantime, especially in those moments right after tragedy, senseless accidents, senseless deaths, and senseless loss of all kinds, the consolation and peace of God have to be waited for and we are meant to do that, hand in hand.

Holidays in May 2022

I'll be taking my holidays from Sunday 1st May 2022 (after Mass) to Tuesday 31st May 2022. Fr Stephen, who is well known in this Parish, will say Mass every weekend starting on 7th/8th May and Mondays 8am mass. No mass on Thursdays during this time. Due to a prior engagement, Fr Stephen is unavailable on 21st/22nd so I'll return and celebrate mass that weekend.

There are no baptisms scheduled for this month, and you will need to plan carefully if a funeral arises. You can always do a memorial mass later when I come back. If there is an urgent funeral, speak to other parishes, and if that cannot work, SEEK out funeral celebrants. So, keep that in mind. Patience will be required during this month. For hospital calls, there is a Hospital Chaplain at the GC University Hospital.

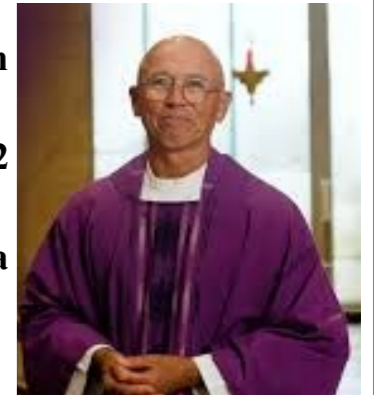
Bishop Tim Norton SVD

Please join us next week and welcome Bishop Tim Norton SVD to Holy Family Catholic Parish.

Bishop Tim will celebrate Mass on Thursday 21st April 2022 at 9.30am.

After mass, there will be a meet and greet with Morning Tea held in the undercover area outside Church.

Bishop Tim will then proceed to visit the Parish School.



Communion Ministers to Nursing Homes

On Tuesday 26th April at 10am, there will be a meeting of interested people who would like to help out with Communion to the Nursing Homes. Please join us if you are able to volunteer your time with those in the Aged Care.

Please note that volunteers will need to be triple vaccinated, have a Blue card and police check. Don't hesitate to contact Audrey in the Parish Office if you have queries. We look forward to meeting you.

Mass Times

Easter Monday 18th April 2022	No Mass
Thursday 21 st April 2022	9.30am Mass with Bishop Tim Norton SVD
Monday 25 th April 2022	8.00am ANZAC Day Mass
Thursday 28 th April 2022	9.30am Mass
Monday 2nd May (Labour Day)	No Mass