

Readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C/2

FIRST READING: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 : You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.
Ps 39:2-4,18:R. Lord, come to my aid!
SECOND READING: Heb 12:1-4:Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia! (Jn10:27)
GOSPEL: Lk 12:49-53: I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Weekly Diary : 15th August 2022 — 21st August 2022

Monday 15th : 8.00am. Mass Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 17th : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 18th : 9.30am. Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 20th : 5.00pm. : 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C/2
Sunday 21th : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 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)

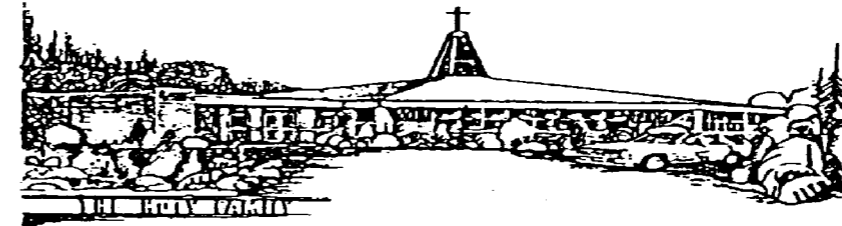
Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: John O'Toole, Joseph Kozelj, Juliet Wee, Sebastian Vaz

ANNIVERSARIES: Megan Lionnet, Mary Therese Maloney, Don Menardo, Jacinto C Cadayona, Joan Spittle

SICK LIST: Keith Murphy, Victoria Scotchford, Michael Murphy, Vince Johnson, Ryder Forbes, Alan Robinson, Thomas Cooper, Geoffrey Eaborn, Margaret Cotton, Frank Balinas, Lavinia Azucena, Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Gerard Bijoux, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, Ann Daly, 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, , Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, 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, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

Sunday 14th August 2022

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



I have found myself doing a lot of spiritual reading at the moment. It's probably because its winter and its easy just to curl up at home with a good book. Having said that, we are doing relatively well here in Queensland with co-vid. As you well know, Melbourne and Sydney do not have the mild weather which we have. None the less, Eucharist should never be taken for granted. Although sometimes, a good distraction could be the best thing we need. (See below...)

Distracted at Mass? The science says you shouldn't feel (too) bad by [James Lang](#)

After being distracted at Mass one morning by a bird that flew into the church, a young boy in the pew near me playing video games on a phone and two teens surreptitiously taking Snapchat photos of themselves on their phones, I walked out of church wondering whether I should have bothered to come at all. Wouldn't I have been better off praying at home, where I could concentrate in peace and quiet?

I am not the only one who has been fretting lately about our increasingly distracted world. A 60-year-old friend complains that he no longer seems able to pay attention to things like he used to. "I start reading a novel and I don't get more than few pages before I put it down and go do something else." He blames the problem on the omnipresence of technology in his life, including and especially his phone.

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Hours:
 8.30am—3.00pm
Monday—Tuesday
 8.30am-1.00pm
Wednesday-Thursday
(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:
 Saturdays 4.10pm-4.35pm

Baptisms
 Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
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Writers and educators lament that our modern devices have decreased our ability to train our attention on one thing at a time. They point to college students texting and watching videos in class, adults sneaking peeks at their phones during dinner dates and children (and adults) becoming unable to entertain themselves or fend off boredom without the help of electronic devices—even in church.

But neuroscientists tell us that, contrary to what modern curmudgeons might like to believe, distraction is our natural state. They argue that humans have always been a distracted species. Human brains evolved to scan our environments for novelty. This feature of our brains was an extraordinarily helpful one when we lived in grasslands environments and had the dual responsibility of searching for food sources and avoiding predators who wanted to make us their next meal. The advent of modernity, with our predators tamed and our food in supermarkets, has made this aspect of our minds a frustrating one. We want to focus our attention on our work, our spouse, our children, our God—and we find ourselves unable to resist distraction.

However much we train our minds in the challenging art of focus, we will always be somewhat constrained by the fundamental architecture of our brains. The mind pines for distraction—especially when we least want it to, including and perhaps especially in church. Mass-goers can perhaps take solace from the hope that at least some of our distractions have their source in God and have something to teach us. Perhaps that bird, for some of my fellow pew-dwellers, served as a joyful reminder of God's presence in nature.

This past Sunday morning, a harried young mother with a toddler and a baby arrived in church just before the service began. Throughout Mass, she held the baby on her shoulder, and he beamed and gurgled in all his slobbering glory at the woman behind him. She spent most of the service smiling back at him and trying to repress her laughter. She was distracted all right, but she was also full of wonder and joy at the beauty of that baby. That seems to me like an experience God would love us to have in church, distracted or not.

Monday 15th August 2022

Solemnity of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be held at 8.00am. It is a Holy day of Obligation.

PARISH FINANCES

The Financial Reports for the six months ending June 30th 2022 are attached for Parishioner's information. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Peter Fox
Chair—Parish Finance Committee

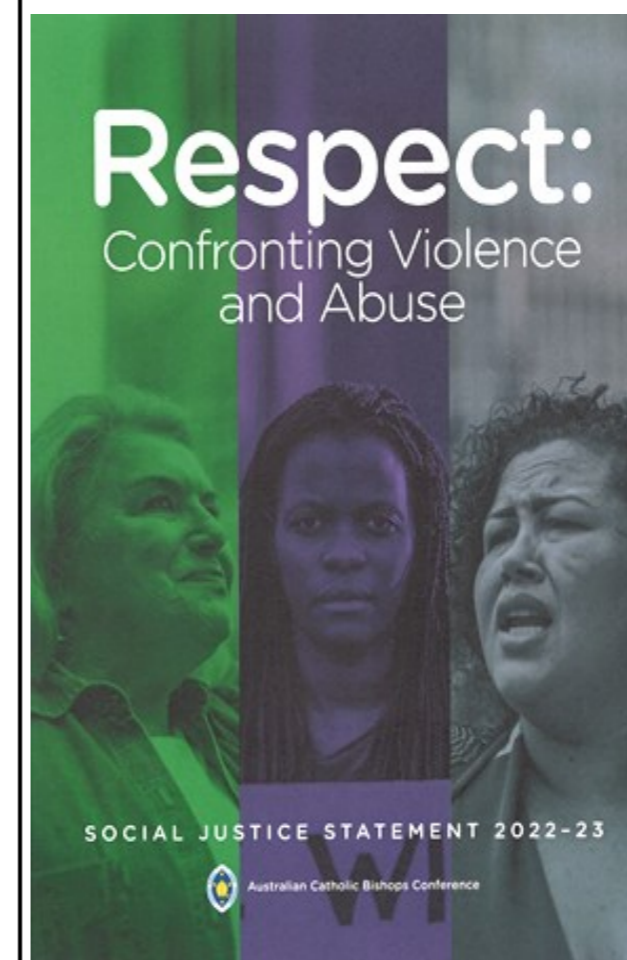
ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN—AUGUST 20TH/21ST 2022



Our parish will hold the Annual Catholic Campaign next weekend.

The Campaign envelopes are available this weekend. This will allow you time to take it home and fill in your details. You can either pop it in the mail or return it on the Campaign weekend. Of course, if you have a pen in your bag, feel free to fill it in today and place it in the collection plate. Thank you and God bless.

Social Justice Statement Launch in Brisbane



This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, is released on-line. Its focus is on domestic violence against women and children. You can find the statement, along with a range of resources, including a prayer and action card and liturgy notes for Social Justice Sunday (August 28), at:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

You are also invited to the Brisbane launch of the Social Justice Statement by Bishop Tim Norton on Tuesday 23 August at 7:00 PM for 7:30 PM at St. James Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Guest speaker will be Karyn Walsh, CEO of Micah Projects.

To help St. James Parish to arrange seating, etc., please RSVP your attendance to:

cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au

The link is also available on our Parish website www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au

Holy Family Parish

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Half Year ending 30th June 2022

Income	
Collections and Giving	76,814.20
Liturgy Offerings	2,676.00
Rent	
Ministry & Evangelisation	4,514.45
Operating Activities	22,229.04
Total Income	106,233.69
Less Expenses	
Office	10,097.56
Property and Occupancy	33,136.03
Liturgy	1,160.39
Ministry & Evangelisation	2,408.88
Clergy	29,037.12
Motor Vehicle	3,467.24
Staff	23,824.27
Diocesan Levies	10,310.44
Total Expenses	113,441.93
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,208.24)

Holy Family Parish

Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2022

	This Year	Last Year
Current Assets		
Special Fund	383,546.86	383,071.96
Columbarium	5,046.22	5,039.97
Working Accounts	59,544.00	67,424.82
Total Current Assets	448,137.08	455,536.75
Fixed Assets		
Buildings, Plant & Equipment	338,511.55	336,366.55
less Accumulated Depreciation	(60,909.41)	(60,909.41)
Total Fixed Assets	277,602.14	275,457.14
Total Assets	725,739.22	730,993.89
Current Liabilities		
GST Collected	171.00	367.55
GST Paid	(2,394.21)	(4,544.33)
Leave Provisions	16,164.08	16,164.08
Total Current Liabilities	13,940.87	11,987.30
Non Current Liabilities		
Columbarium Reserve	5,020.00	5,020.00
Total Non Current Liabilities	5,020.00	5,020.00
Total Liabilities	18,960.87	17,007.30
Net Assets	706,778.35	713,986.59
Equity		
Retained Earnings	713,986.59	677,884.23
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	(7,208.24)	36,102.36
Total Equity	706,778.35	713,986.59