

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A/I

FIRST READING: Is 11:1-10 : He judges the poor with justice.

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13, 17 : R. Justice shall flourish in this time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: Rom 15:4-9 : Christ, the hope of all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths : all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! (Lk3:4,6)

GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12 : Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Weekly Diary : 5th December 2022—11th December 2022

Tuesday 6th	: 9.30am.	Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 7th	: 9.30am.	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Office Board Room (last meeting for the year. Will resume on 25th January 2023)
Thursday 8th	: 9.30am.	Mass Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Rosary
Saturday 10th	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	: 3rd Sunday of Advent C/2
Sunday 11th	: 7.00am. + 9.00am.	: 3rd Sunday of Advent 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: Beverly Holley, Colin Munsie, Markus Raab, Leslie Von Holt, Theodorus Boerlage

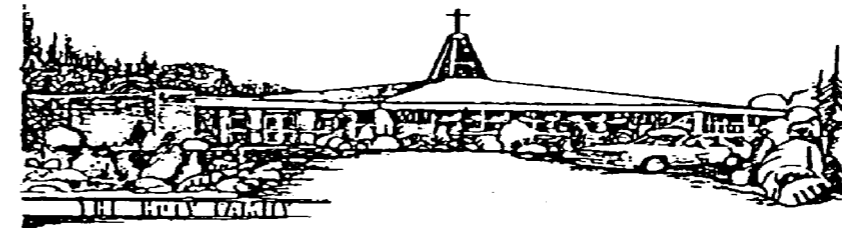
ANNIVERSARIES: Gilbert Smith, Jenny Hamilton, Brian Dwyer, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Julia Bosch, Olga Smith, Winefride & Wilfred Pope, Michael & Lawrence Pope

SICK LIST: Pat Crotty, Colin Goldup, Gabriel Cabral, Keith Murphy, Victoria Scotchford, Michael Murphy, Ryder Forbes, Alan Robinson, 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, 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, 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

Acknowledgement of Country - This is Kombumerri Country - The Traditional Custodians of this region.

We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First People of this country. We pay our respects to the Kombumerri people, who are the traditional custodians of these sacred lands that we live and work upon. We acknowledge Elders, past and present and emerging, as they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of our Indigenous people.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



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Sunday 4th December 2022

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8.30am—3.00pm
Monday—Tuesday
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Wednesday-Thursday
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Saturdays 4.30pm

Baptisms
Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays
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As we take another step into Advent, the First Reading introduces one of the main themes of this period of the year: Peace. Isaiah paints a picture of the whole world, of people and animals living together in harmony, led by a King who has all the qualities to rule justly. The Psalm, too, speaks of this hope for peace and justice for all.

St Paul, when he writes to the Romans, also mentions the hope that can be found in Scripture. All the more reason, then, for us to be tolerant of one another, so we can all give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist appears by the River Jordan to entreat people to repent and prepare a way for the one who is to come. He tells them that being a son or daughter of Abraham will not be enough to be sure of being saved. There is no room for complacency. People are to repent; to change their way of life.

Mindful of this week's readings, we can perhaps look around us and, by word or deed, encourage people to set out on their journey to meet Jesus at Christmas. We continue to pray for all those who live in countries where there is no peace.

REFLECTION

As I prepare to celebrate the Lord's coming, I am grateful to find a few moments to spend with him. Wherever I am, I acknowledge his presence, and tell him about my mood and why I feel the need to be with him today.

When I have found some inner quiet, I spend a few moments reading this familiar text. What strikes me particularly today? Maybe there is a word or expression I haven't 'heard' before?

I read of the attributes of this perfect King, on whom the spirit of the Lord rests. Who comes to mind, particularly in this Advent period? Maybe there are people around me, or people that I know, who have many of these qualities? I give thanks for them.

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The picture of a world where there is no hurt or harm may challenge me. In what ways can I contribute to make it a little more real? What words or actions would help? I speak to the Lord and I listen to him. Slowly, I bring my prayer to a close . . . *In the name of the Father . . .*

REFLECTION

After spending some time coming to inner quiet, I read the text several times to become really familiar with it so I can put it aside. What are you going to show me today, Lord? I may want to imagine myself by the River Jordan, with John the Baptist's followers. I look at him, listen to him, and reflect.

John calls me to repentance – that is to a radical change of path. In what ways do I need to change within myself, in my dealings with my family, my colleagues, my community?

Perhaps I find myself among the Pharisees and Sadducees. How do I feel when John addresses us? Maybe I see in myself some of the complacency John objects to. I ponder . . . and then tell the Lord what is in my heart. He knows, he understands. I listen to him.

As I wait for the coming of the One who follows John, I look ahead. What can I tell him of my desire to be of service to others, to help bring about a better world? When I am ready, I close my prayer with my own words of thanks.

*Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK
From the Scripture Reflection : Prepare a Way for the Lord, Australian Catholics Online*

Catholic Women's League

Raffle tickets for the CWL Christmas Hamper will be drawn after the 9am Mass on 18th December 2022.

Anointing Mass Tuesday 6th December 2022 9.30am

Anointing Mass will be held next Tuesday at 9.30am.

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered during the mass to those present that day who are sick and also those in need of spiritual healing.

Gluten Free Hosts

Gluten free hosts are available in this Church. Please see Monsignor Peter or the mass coordinator before mass. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

10th & 11th December 2022

Next weekend 10th and 11th December, 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

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

Peter Fox
President

Mass Times—Christmas and New Year

24 th Dec Saturday	Christmas Eve 5.00pm Vigil Mass
25 th Dec Sunday	Christmas Day 7.00am & 9.00am Mass
30 th Dec Friday	Feast of The Holy Family 9.30am Mass
31 st Dec Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass
2023	
1 st Jan Sunday	New Year's Day & Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God 7.00am & 9.00am Mass
7 th Jan Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass
8 th Jan Sunday	Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord 7.00am & 9.00am Mass