

**Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A/I**

**FIRST READING:** Is 35:1-6,10 : God himself will come and save us..

**Ps 145:6-10 : R. Lord, come and save us.**

**SECOND READING:** James 5:7-10 : You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia! (Is 61:1 (Lk4:18))

**GOSPEL:** Mt 11:2-11 : Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

**Weekly Diary : 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022—18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> : 9.30am. Mass Memorial of St. Lucy, virgin, martyr followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> : 9.30am. Mass followed by Rosary**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> : 4.30pm. Confession**  
**5.00pm. : 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent C/2**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> : 7.00am. + 9.00am. : 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** Natividad Sonza, Beverly Holley, Colin Munsie, Markus Raab, Leslie Von Holt, Theodorus Boerlage

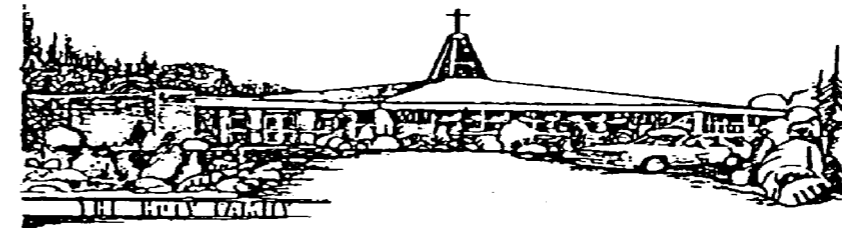
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ross Michael Bycroft, Margaret Catherine Paterson, Graham Warwick Paterson, Raymond John Paterson, Gilbert Smith, Jenny Hamilton, Brian Dwyer, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Julia Bosch, Olga Smith

**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, Rianny 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**



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A/I

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**The Presence of God in Today's World**

Fr. Daniel Berrigan S.J. spends hours in a hospice for the terminally ill, sitting quietly at the bedside of a young boy who is totally incapacitated. The boy cannot speak, hear, move, or respond in any apparent way to those around him. He lies there totally helpless and dependent on others for his very survival.

People would look upon this powerless boy as a burden to society and to himself and would choose to put closure on his life. But while sitting there attentive to the silent powerlessness of this young boy, Fr. Berrigan experiences the presence of God, a God who has chosen to be dependent on us for survival in our world today. *"What you have done to these, the least of my brethren, you have done to me."* (Mt 25:40)

As we prepare to celebrate God's presence in this world at Christmas, let us be somewhat surprised at the way God chooses to make his divine presence known to us.

When John sent a messenger to ask Jesus, *"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"* Jesus spoke not of strength or power, but of healing compassion. He said, *"The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised."*

For some, Jesus' presence among the powerless, the helpless and the dependant would be a stumbling block. They were expecting a Messiah who would sit in judgment on those who had sinned and reward the righteous with wealth and power. There were those who looked upon the circumstances of the poor and the disabled as God's condemnation of sin.

**But Jesus' way is the way of respect,** compassion and openness to the need we have for one another. He challenges John the Baptist and us to have faith in his way of relating to one another not by domination and power and conquest, but by our acceptance and compassionate presence.

Like Fr. Daniel Berrigan, let us take time to sit quietly in the presence of God in our world. Perhaps God will reveal his presence to us in the needs of the poor, the demands of the helpless, and the persistence of the dependent. Let today's liturgy disturb us and encourage us to discover an invitation from God in our relationships with one another during this week to rejoice in God's presence in our world.

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

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays 4.30pm

**Baptisms**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
after 9am Mass  
Please contact the Parish Office.

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### To Live in God's Presence

The first step of the spiritual life lies in recognizing the presence of God in all things, in every person. St Benedict defines the high point of our spiritual development as kindness of speech and serenity of soul. Humility requires that we treat all people with respect. The way we deal with others measures our real holiness.

The spiritual life is more than the development of a pious relationship with God, which is more designed to make us feel good than to make us holy. The measure of the spiritual life and its meaning depend on the way we relate to one another. Other people teach us that no one has the right to take up all the space in life. There are other ideas, other ways of doing things, other needs and desires than ours in life.

We must learn to be a peaceful presence in the world so that the world can really be a more peaceful place because of us. We have to learn to stop banging doors and to quit getting hysterical every time the schedule changes. We have to quit strutting and complaining, agitating and fomenting trouble. Where we walk, other people must be safe. When we come into a room, every stomach should not tighten in fear for their reputation or their self-esteem or their peace of mind.

**A gentle presence brings everyone to a sense of the sacred in life.**

*(Joan D. Chittister, Twelve Steps to Inner Freedom, pp. 77-82)*

### Anointing Mass Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 9.30am

It was a good turn out at the recent Anointing Mass. We hope to have you join us again in the New Year.

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.

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and reopens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. There will be no newsletters during this time.

Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> December	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> December	NO MORNING MASS

**Friday 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 9.30AM MASS  
(FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)**

### St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal Retiring Collection this weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

This weekend, the Holy Family Conference will conduct 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 this 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](mailto: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

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