

Weekday Masses

There will be no weekday masses between 26th December 2022 - 6th January 2023 EXCEPT on :

The Feast of The Holy Family held on Friday 30th December 2022 at 9.30am.

The Parish Office reopens on Monday 9th January 2023 and regular weekday masses will resume on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 9.30am.

Weekly Diary : 26th December 2022—1st January 2023

Friday 30th : 9.30am. Mass Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 31st : 5.00pm. : Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday 1st : 7.00am. + 9.00am: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

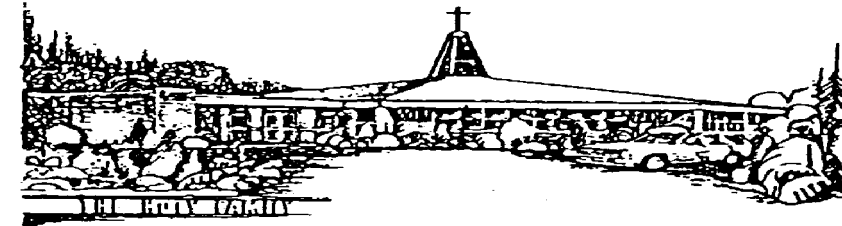
ANNIVERSARIES: Henry Blake, Peter Boswell, Ettie Irene Johnson, Walter Harding, Anthony Hannaby, Ross Michael Bycroft, Margaret Catherine Paterson, Graham Warwick Paterson, Raymond John Paterson, Gilbert Smith, Jenny Hamilton, Brian Dwyer, Cecily Agnes Kehoe

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



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Year A/I

Sunday 25th December 2022

PARISH PRIEST
Fr. Marty Larsen (on leave)
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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 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays
after 9am Mass
Please contact the Parish Office.

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My dear brothers and sisters of Runaway Bay Parish,

In September this year, I was not expecting to have the privilege of leading this community into Christmas 2022. I am delighted to be able to write to you and wish you and your families every blessing as you celebrate Christmas together in the Lord's protection and guidance in the New Year ahead.

This time of the year is alive and filled with excitement as well as apprehension. We, followers of Jesus Christ and his disciples have been given the eyes of faith through which we enter in these days and carry that hope into the lives of others.

On behalf of Father Marty Larsen your Parish Priest, who is on sick leave at this time, I wish you every blessing this Christmas and may the Lord be close to you and your families as we embark upon a year of faith and life.

Many blessings Peter.

Mass Times—New Year

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7 *A son is given to us.*

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1-3,11-13 *R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14 *God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, Alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world : today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14 *Today a savior has been born for you.*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring

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you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

**Happy and Holy Christmas
From the Parish Finance Committee**

This year, the Holy Family Parish had several unforeseen changes and events that caused the parish to deviate for the pastoral path that was planned for 2022.

We have overcome these issues and have struggled through with the active help of the Parish Administration, volunteers, and Monsignor Peter Meneely.

From a financial perspective, I would like to heartfully thank all **parishioners** for their weekly contributions and donations that helped us run and operate the parish successfully. I would like to also thank two people for their generous donation of a new sound system for the church.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the St Francis Xavier Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) for their quarterly financial contribution – the contributions will enable renovations the parish house floor which is in urgent need of repair.

May God bless you all over this Christmas and New year period

Peter Fox
Finance Committee Chair

Holy and Happy Christmas – Safeguarding All

We are almost at the time of the birth of Jesus and into a new year – 2023. Hopefully it will be, from a pastoral perspective, better year than 2022.

Volunteers are the backbone of any Parish and organisation. The Holy Family Parish has a team of volunteers who provide practical, tactical support and dedicated service to the daily operation of our parish. Thank you all for your dedication and service over the past 12 months.

We thank Monsignor Peter Meneely who has provided the guidance and spiritual support over the last few months – excellent and thank you for your past contribution and your on-going contribution to the parish during 2023.

On behalf of the Holy Family Parish, we wish you all - parishioners, **volunteers**, parish administration and Pastoral Support people, a very happy and holy Christmas and a successfully and healthy 2023.

God Bless you always
Safeguarding Holy Family Parish

Congratulations to Nina, winner of the Christmas hamper Raffle. The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone for their support.