

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Parishioners are advised that the Holy Family Church has an EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE, a FIRE BELL and EXIT POINTS. In the case of an alert, parishioners should remain calm and look for the nearest EXIT sign in GREEN. Everyone should move in an orderly fashion to the FIRE ASSEMBLY AREA outside the Church carpark and along Simbai Street. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS are located on the walls throughout the Church. They have been modified due to changes on the school grounds.

Weekly Diary : 23rd January 2023—29th January 2023

Tuesday 24th : 9.30am. Mass Memorial St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 25th : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room
:10.00am. Funeral Service-Lt. Margaret Ann Heywood
Thursday 26th : 9.30am. Australia Day Mass
Saturday 28th : 4.20pm. Confession
5.00pm. : 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/1
Sunday 29th : 7.00am. : 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/1
: 9.00am. : 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time A/1

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: Margaret Ann Heywood, Bernadette Marjorie Connolly, Elizabeth (Betty) Walsh, Billie Tayler

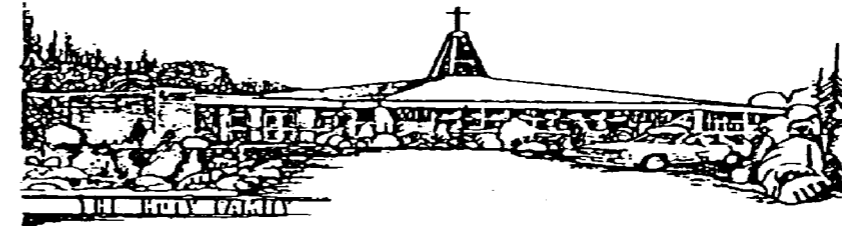
ANNIVERSARIES: Lawrence Pope, Daniel Pope, Margaret Paterson, Julia Bosch, Joan Manning, Silvestra C Quiambao,

SICK LIST: Jan Dodds, 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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 22nd January 2023

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Isa 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Matt 4:12-23

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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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The American spiritual writer, Patty Houser, wrote: 'I never listen to what a person says. I look at what a person does because what they do tells me who they really are'. We all know this as the maxim, 'Actions speak louder than words'. This maxim was first recorded in 1628 from John Pym, an English parliamentarian, whose attempted arrest in 1642 by Charles I sparked the English Civil War. We have all heard it so often that we believe it. It is certainly true that our actions reveal us to others, but I would not go as far as Patty Houser and say that I never listen to what a person says. As much as our actions are important, I think that our words are pretty important as well.

The author of the gospel in Matthew's name knew this. Whoever wrote it—scholarship generally thinks that it was written about AD 80 in Antioch, near the modern Turkish city of Antakya, near the Syrian border—was part of a community of Christian Jews who had formed around Matthew, one of the Twelve. Matthew's Gospel emphasises how Jesus fulfils the Hebrew Scriptures, and today's passage about Isaiah's prophecy about the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali is no exception. The centre of the gospel has five parts, and each part is divided into two: what Jesus does (the narrative) and what Jesus says (the discourse). Today we are hearing from the narrative of the first part. In the following five weeks we shall read from the discourse of the first part. Interestingly, whoever put our scriptural readings together seems to be telling us that words are more important than actions, since we get five weeks of words but only this one week of action. But we can leave that aside.

In our reading today we get only a small extract from the first narrative that includes the call of the first disciples (a good reason not to read the shorter form of the gospel, which even cuts out the call). We begin with a one-line summary of the central message of Jesus: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. We heard these same words on the Second Sunday in Advent on the lips of John the Baptist. We shall hear them again throughout the season of Lent. 'Repent.' It is worth saying again that the Greek imperative verb metanoeite means to turn around and head in a completely new direction. Jesus came to stop us getting lost and to point us in the right direction; he came to help us find God again. Today we meet four small-businessmen, Simon and Andrew, James and John. They have a little food-supply industry. We hear time and again these days that small business is the backbone of the economy. These four guys are making their contribution to the economic development of their community. This is what many of us also do.

Now, as important as that is for their own success and prosperity, Jesus calls them to follow him, calls them to leave that all behind. Why would he do that? And why would they listen to him? As St Augustine says in one of his homilies

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(Sermo 96), 'What the Lord has commanded seems hard and harsh, that any who wish to follow him should deny themselves'.

Why does anyone take up a sea change? It is all about finding meaning and purpose in life. It is not that there is anything wrong with working, but Jesus calls us to see that there is more to life than this. Augustine says, 'learn to love yourself by not loving yourself'. In other words, put things into perspective. This is what it means to turn around and head off in the right direction.

Today we can thank God that, like Simon and Andrew, James and John, each one of us is called by Jesus to repent, to turn around, to go in the right direction. We can be thankful that each one of us is called to follow him, to fish not for food but for life. The Eucharist of the broken body and the blood poured out is the direction we are to follow; it is the life we are to seek.

Geoffrey D Dunn

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Homily Help - Geoffrey Dunn - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick

We are looking for new members to be part of this Ministry.

The Ministry to the Sick is dedicated to the service of the sick and homebound, assuring that they can participate in the experience of the Holy Eucharist when they are unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick bring the Holy Eucharist to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

Our volunteers are adult parishioners who have discerned Jesus call in their heart to visit the home-bound, to bring them comfort, compassion, and healing, through the reception of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

This is a rewarding ministry, where one has the honour of providing the holiest of sacraments to our brothers and sisters who otherwise would not be able to receive Holy Communion.

New members are required to complete their volunteer registration through the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This will include application for a Blue Card and Police Check.

If you are interested in joining or if you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 07 55374320.

Part Time Coordinator for Sacramental Program

Planning for the 2023 Holy Family Parish Sacrament Program will be on 27 January.

Dates for the program (three sacraments) will be discussed and confirmed at that meeting. In support of Sacramental Program activities (Evangelisation Brisbane, Holy Family Parish, and St Francis Xavier School) there is a need for a part time volunteer, within Holy Family Parish, to act as a Sacramental Program Coordinator.

If you are interested in providing support this year, please contact Audrey Ho in the Parish office or Mike Nicholson on 0468663729 for details of the role and what will be required during the program.

Catholic Women's League

The CWL meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2023 after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 8:23-9:3 *In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23:1-6 *R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? *R.*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. *R.*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *R.*

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 *I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23 *He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.