

**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 : 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023—5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> : 9.30am. Mass Memorial St John Bosco, priest followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> : 9.30am. Mass Feast of The Presentation of the Lord followed by Rosary**  
**:10.00am. Catholic Women’s League Meeting—Parish Office**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> : 4.20pm. Confession**  
**5.00pm. : 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A/1**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> : 7.00am. + 9.00am. : 5<sup>th</sup> 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

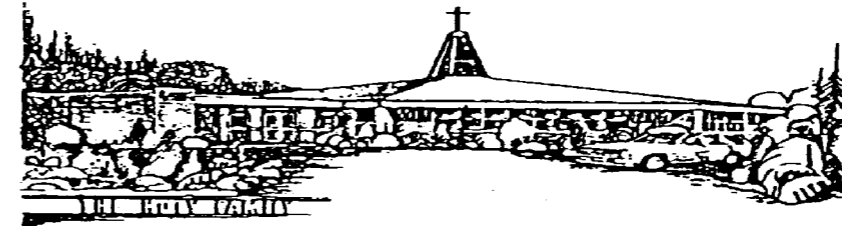
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lawrence Pope, Daniel Pope, Margaret Paterson, Julia Bosch, Joan Manning, Silvestra C Quiambao,

**SICK LIST:** Gerard Brennan, 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**



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I  
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matt 5:1-12**

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr. Marty Larsen (on leave)  
**ADMINISTRATOR**  
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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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I think those who write self-help books and work as life coaches would find today’s gospel passage baffling and ridiculous. Today we hear from chapter 5 of Matthew’s Gospel, the first of the discourses or preaching of Jesus, which is known as the Sermon on the Mount, and in these nine sayings of Jesus, the nine Beatitudes, we have a summary of what it is to be Christian. A life coach, for those who want to spend the money, tries to help you to identify areas of your life you want to change, to develop your goals and an action plan, to develop new skills to achieve those goals and overcome blockages that prevent you from reaching your potential, and to make you feel happier and more content. As Christians, we already have our life coach; we already have our path to happiness, and these nine Beatitudes are it.

Yet for those of us who believe that happiness comes from what we earn or what we own, that self-worth comes from what we achieve and from being a success, then the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes are hard to swallow. Who wants to be a peacemaker when it is easier to fight back? Who wants to be gentle and stepped on? Who wants to stand up for what is right when it is easier to go with the flow? Who wants to be sad? Who wants to be abused? Who wants to be merciful and forgiving when our natural instinct is to get even and punish someone who has hurt us? Who wants to be persecuted? Who wants to be pure in heart when there is too much fun to be had? Who wants to be poor?

The great fifth-century North African bishop, Augustine of Hippo, realised the paradox of the Christian life. Fulfilment comes not from filling up our lives but from emptying them. The new life that Jesus brings comes from dying to self, not buying ‘to’ self. This is what Augustine said (Sermo 53A): ‘Why are you afraid of being poor? Think of the wealth of the kingdom of heaven. People are afraid of poverty; let them be afraid, rather, of iniquity. After the poverty of the just, in any case, will come great prosperity, because there will be complete security; here, on the other hand, the more you increase what are called riches but are really not so, you also increase fear, and you don’t put an end to greed. You can find me many rich people, can you find me one who has no worries? He’s in a fever to go on getting, he’s in a sweat about losing. When can such a slave ever be free?’

Today we are thankful that God loves us who are poor and weak. We are thankful that God loves us who are humble and foolish. We are thankful that God loves us who are common and ignored. We are thankful that God loves us who endure the unendurable, who forgive the unforgivable, who protect the unprotected, who are faithful to the faithless, who are just to the unjust, who shelter the homeless, who find the good in the bad, who encourage the dispirited, who love the unlovable. We thank God who loves us for those who build up rather than tear down, who bring together rather than divide, who give rather than take, who share rather than hoard, who understand rather than judge.

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Let us thank God that God is our wisdom and virtue, that God is our holiness and freedom. To us who follow Jesus through the power of the Spirit, to us who allow our bodies to be broken thanks to this broken bread that we eat, and to us who allow our lives to be poured out in service for others, thanks to this wine poured out that we drink, God promises the happiness and blessedness of the kingdom of heaven. For this we give God thanks and praise.

Geoffrey D Dunn

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

### Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick

We are looking for new members to be part of this Ministry. Thank you to those who have responded to this rewarding 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 next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

### Anointing Mass

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 9.30am**

An Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Zeph 2:3;3:12-13 *In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10 *R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.*R.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.*R.*

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.*R.*

### SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:26-31 *God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia

### GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 *Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'