

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 : 20th February 2023—26th February 2023

Tuesday 21st : 9.30am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 22nd : 9.30am. Ash Wednesday Mass followed by Rosary
 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room
 6.00pm. Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 23rd : 9.30am. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross with Monsignor Peter
Saturday 25th : 4.20pm. Confession
 5.00pm. : 1st Sunday of Lent Year A/I
Sunday 26th : 7.00am. + 9.00am. : 1st Sunday of Lent Year A/I

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

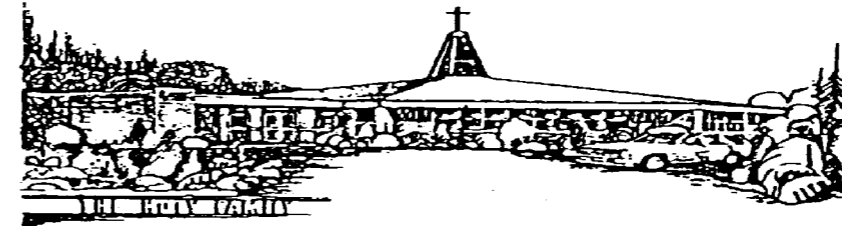
ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Donellan, Harry Vivian Power, Peter Crowe, Maurice Edward Hanrahan, Lawrence Pope, Daniel Pope

SICK LIST: Vince Johnson, Rita Macbeth, 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, 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



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

19 February 2023

Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

We continue where we left off last week. Jesus is offering us a new ethic, a new way of life that goes beyond the bare minimums listed in the Ten Commandments. 'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' We all know the saying 'An eye for an eye'. In fact, many people appeal to this maxim to justify their actions. We have translated it into modern English: 'Don't get mad. Get even'. Talk about getting the wrong end of the stick! Yes, it is to be found in the ancient Jewish law in Exodus, and even earlier in the law code of Hammurabi, the eighteenth-century BC Babylonian king, but when Jesus quotes these words, it is to reject them, not endorse them. An eye for an eye is not the way that leads to life. As Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have said, 'An eye for an eye ends up making the whole world blind'. In the case of the old 'eye for an eye', it was a matter of being proportionate: of moving from a life for an eye to an eye for an eye. Jesus takes us beyond proportionate response into the world of non-retaliation. God demands perfection from us. It is not the perfection of being even more legalistic than the scribes and Pharisees, but a perfection that comes from allowing God to enter our lives, to heal every one of our ills, to have our sins removed from east to west.

To me this has always been one of the key characteristics of Christianity. Turning the other cheek and going the extra mile are at the heart of what it is to live a Christian life. It is so easy to strike back. We see it in children from infancy. You push me and I will push you, you tease me and I will tease you, you punch me and I will punch you. It is little wonder then that in our grown-up world we find: if you attack me, I will attack you; and if you bomb me, I will bomb you. People who otherwise call themselves Christians engage in this behaviour. Have they heard Jesus' words, 'Love your enemies'? Do they not realise that every person deserves respect because each of us is God's temple, and each of us has God's Spirit dwelling within us?

Augustine of Hippo preached on this text of Matthew (Sermon 386). He said: 'When God admonishes us to love one another, is this all he teaches: that you should love the one who loves you? This mutual love does not satisfy God, for he wants us to attain to loving our enemies'.

God is the enemy of sin and yet God loves the sinful person, so much so that Jesus gave his life for sinners. For at the heart of God is a love that is forgiving and merciful. In the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus himself taught us to pray, we acknowledge that we need God's forgiveness, yet we ask that God

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(closed FRIDAY)
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 Saturdays 4.30pm

Baptisms
 Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays
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forgive us only to the extent that we are prepared to forgive others. We cannot expect the mercy of God to be shown to us unless we are truly transformed by it and allow it to flow through us to others. Our world will not believe in a God who forgives unless they see God's forgiveness at work through the way we forgive.

We can be thankful today that our God does forgive. We can be thankful that God does not punish us as we deserve, that God does not take eye for eye or tooth for tooth. We can be thankful that God does not consider us an enemy because of our sins and failings. We can be thankful that God has forgiven us in Christ. We can be thankful that we belong to Christ.

Geoffrey D Dunn

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



Ash Wednesday 22nd February 2023

On Wednesday 22nd February begins the season of penance starting on Ash Wednesday. Mass will be held at 9.30am & 6.00pm.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their **sixtieth year**; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52). *For those of you who would like to take on a simpler form of fasting, that will be fine too.*

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be led by Monsignor Peter after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays. Commencing on Thursday 23rd February.

Project Compassion Sunday 18th/19th February 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Materials will be placed at the back of the Church this weekend.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Lev 19:1-2,17-18 : *You must love your neighbor, as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10,12-13 : *R. The Lord is kind and merciful.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 3:16-23 : *All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, Alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48 : *Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'