

<p>Roster—Easter Ceremonies Readers, Communion Ministers, Coordinators, Altar Servers</p> <p>The volunteer roster is available for you to fill in. It will be placed on the back table near the main entrance of the Church.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY THURSDAY 6.00pm GOOD FRIDAY 3.00pm EASTER VIGIL 5.00pm EASTER SUNDAY 7AM & 9AM MASSES</p>	<p>Caritas Lenten Speaker This weekend at all masses, we welcome Andrew Knife who will share the stories of Caritas and the wonderful work that they do.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Stations of the Cross</p> <p>During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led by Monsignor Peter after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays.</p> <hr/> <p>CWL Day Cruise Anyone interested in a Gold Coast to Brisbane Day Cruise on 'MV Lady Brisbane', 12/4/2023, with the CWL members. Please contact Jan Levinge on 0419 019 877 for more information.</p>
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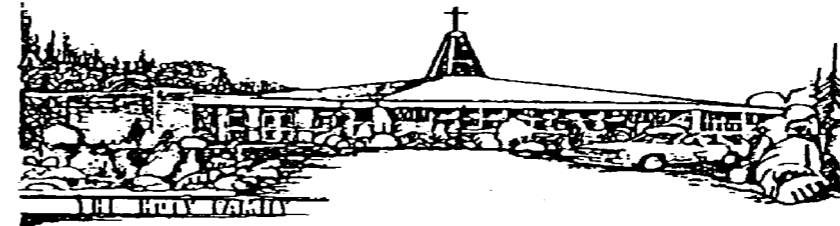
Weekly Diary : 13 th March 2023—17 th March 2023	
Tuesday 14 th	: 9.30am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 15 th	: 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 16 th	: 9.30am. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross with Monsignor Peter
Saturday 18 th	: 4.30pm. Confession
	: 5.00pm. : 4 th Sunday of Lent Year A/1
Sunday 19 th	: 7.00am. + 9.00am. : 4 th Sunday of Lent Year A/1

<u>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED</u>	
<p>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)</p> <p>Prayers have been requested for the following :</p>	
<p>RECENTLY DECEASED: Samir Abdallah, Romulo Salilig, Mark White, Derrick Nunis, Maryann Hunter</p>	
<p>ANNIVERSARIES: Bill McNamee, Sol Betros, Anthony Abood, Trevor Norman, Liwanag C. de Luna, Peter Donellan, Harry Vivian Power</p>	
<p>SICK LIST: Vince Johnson, Gerard Brennan, Jan Dodds, 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, 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</p>	

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 of Lent Time Year A/I

Sunday 12th March 2023

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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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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'? The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ex 17:3-7 give us water to drink.
Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2,6-9 : R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

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O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
R.

SECOND READING Rom 5:1-2, 5-8: The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

**Holy Family Parish
Runaway Bay
Sacramental Program Dates 2023**
(All Sacraments will be held in the Church)

Confirmation (Grade 3 or age 8)

Parent Information Night (Compulsory)	Wednesday 26th April	6pm
Enrolment Mass weekend (Compulsory)	Saturday 6th May	5pm OR
	Sunday 7th May	9am
Parent/child Home sessions (4 weeks)	8th May – 29th May 2023	
Family workshop & Practise session (Compulsory)	Sunday 4th June 2023	10.30am
Celebration Rite + certificates	Wednesday 7th June	6pm
	<i>(Registrations close on 21st April 2023)</i>	

First Holy Communion (Grade 4 and child has been Confirmed)

Parent Information Night (Compulsory)	Monday 17th July	6pm
Enrolment Mass weekend (Compulsory)	Saturday 22nd July	5pm Mass OR
	Sunday 23rd July	9am Mass
Parent/child Home sessions (4 weeks)	24th July – 21st August 2023	
Family workshop (Compulsory)	Sunday 27th August	10.30am
Practice session including celebration Of the Gift of God's Mercy (2nd Rite for Reconciliation) (all candidates must attend)	Thursday 31st August	6pm
First Holy Communion Celebration + Certificates	Saturday 9th September	5pm Mass OR
	Sunday 10th September	9am Mass
	<i>(Registrations close on 12th July 2023)</i>	

Penance for Older Children (Candidates who enrolled for Holy Communion last year and this year. Candidate must be 10 years and older)

Parent Information Night (Compulsory)	Monday 9th October	6pm
Enrolment Mass weekend (Compulsory)	Saturday 14th October	5pm Mass OR
	Sunday 15th October	9am Mass
Sessions 1 & 2 (Church)	Monday 16th October	4.00-5.30pm
Sessions 3 & 4 (Church)	Monday 23rd October	4.00-5.30pm
Celebration	Thursday 9th November	6pm
	<i>(Registrations close on 26th September 2023)</i>	

Please visit the Parish website for more important information on the registration process.
www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au