

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 March 2023—26th March 2023

Tuesday 21st : 9.30am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 22nd : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 23rd : 9.30am. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross with Monsignor Peter
Saturday 25th : 4.30pm. Confession
 : 5.00pm. : 5th Sunday of Lent Year A/1
Sunday 26th : 7.00am. + 9.00am. : 5th Sunday of Lent Year 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: Samir Abdallah, Romulo Salilig, Mark White

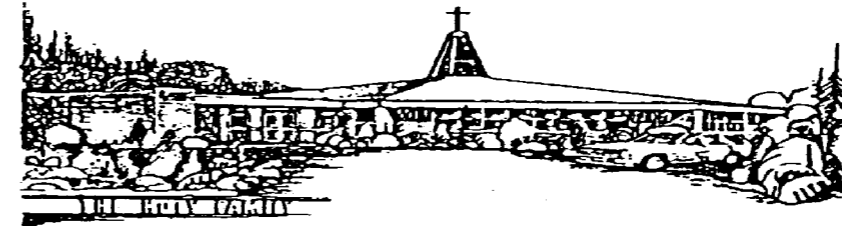
ANNIVERSARIES: Bill McNamee, Sol Betros, Anthony Abood, Trevor Norman, Liwanag C. de Luna,

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

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



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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.

St Francis Xavier School:
 Principal : Ronan O'Mahony
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 1800 846 643

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him. By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does? As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

Liturgy Help

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22 : R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14 : Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Families wishing to be involved in our Holy Family Catholic Parish Children's Sacramental Program this year should regularly check the weekly newsletter for information updates, or they can email our Sacramental Coordinator, **Maria Blancia at rbay@bne.catholic.net.au**

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION (from the year the child turns 8, Year 3)

Within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Confirmation is the second sacrament that children are invited to receive. Confirmation completes Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Holy Family Parish will be on Wednesday, 7th June 2023 at 6pm.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation includes the following compulsory meetings.

- Parent Information Night – Wednesday, 26th April at 6:00pm in Holy Family Church (Children are not required at this meeting but are welcome to attend if this assists with childminding.)
- Rite of enrolment Mass either Saturday 6th May at 5pm or Sunday 7th May at 9am.
- Family workshop and Practice – Sunday 4th June at 10:30am in Holy Family Church (Child/ren and one adult and sponsor are required to attend.)

For the celebration of Confirmation in 2023, parents of baptised children in Year 3 or older are invited to enrol their children in the continuing Sacramental Journey (that is: Confirmation, then Eucharist and lastly, Reconciliation). The Sacramental Journey in our parish involves preparation and celebration for children and their parents. It requires a small number of meetings and the completion of an **At Home Preparation Program** led by the parents and supported by the Parish Sacramental Team.

Please regularly check the parish newsletter or website for Confirmation updates and further information.

Assisi/Rome Pilgrimage Interested in a pilgrimage to Assisi, the Vatican and Rome? A unique opportunity offered by Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs will visit Assisi, Basilica of St Clare, Basilica of St Francis, Greccio, La Verna, The Porziuncola, the Vatican, St John Lateran as well as free time in Rome and Assisi. This fantastic spiritual experience is from September 14-27. The all-inclusive cost is \$6800 (inc. airfares, accommodation, meals and all transport cost)- amazing value. Contact Lee : lmeiklejohn@assisi.qld.edu.au.

Caritas Project Compassion Don't forget your appeal envelopes. They can be placed in the collection baskets or handed in to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous donation.

Stations of the Cross During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led by Monsignor Peter after the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays.

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.



PASCAL TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS 2023

Holy Thursday 6th April

6.00 pm. Celebration of the Lord's to 8.00pm. Supper followed by Adoration in the Marian Room

Good Friday 7th April

10.00 am. Stations of the Cross (Church)

3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil 8th April

5.00 pm. Easter Solemnity

Easter Sunday 9th April

**7.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass
9.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass**