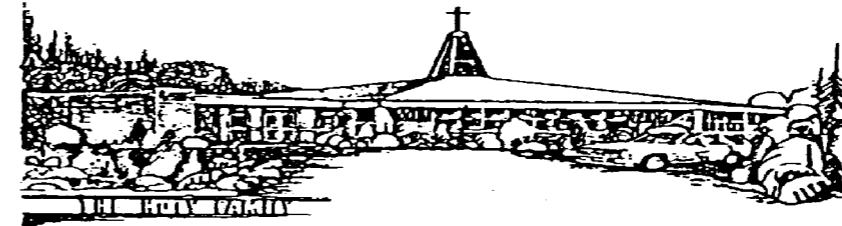


HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



5th Sunday of Lent Time Year A/I

Sunday 26th March 2023

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 : 27th March 2023—2nd April 2023

Tuesday 28th : 9.30am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 30th : 9.30am. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross with Monsignor Peter
Saturday 1st : 4.30pm. Confession
 5.00pm. : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday 2nd : 7.00am. + 9.00am. : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

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 8.30am—3.00pm
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Wednesday-Thursday
(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:
 Saturdays 4.30pm

Baptisms
 Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays
 after 9am Mass
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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

Liturgy Help
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The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the Sacraments. I am Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man possessed by demons at Capernaum, the paralytic in the house of Peter, the sinful woman pardoned, the woman afflicted by haemorrhages, the daughter of Jairus, the blind man of Jericho, Zacchaeus, Lazarus, the thief and Peter both pardoned. The Lord Jesus who dies no more, who lives forever with the signs of his Passion continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments. It is the concrete way, by means of his incarnation, that he loves us. It is the way in which he satisfied his own thirst for us that he had declared from the cross. (Jn19:28)

*Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter
 Desiderio Desideravi #11
 On the Liturgical Formation Of The People of God,
 29 June 2022*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22 : R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:8-11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11:25,26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

I am the resurrection and the life,
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me.

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But I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

COAT, JACKET AND BLANKET APPEAL

Australia is going through a housing crisis. Recently, a report was written indicating that there has been a 22% increase in homelessness in Australia during 2023.

St Vinnies supports all people in need, and provides vouchers for access to clothing in St Vinnies stores.

To support homelessness, Holy Family Parish in conjunction with SVDP Holy Family Conference, will hold *a coat, jacket and blanket* appeal / drive starting on 16 April 2023 and the collection of items will continue until 13 May 2023.

Please support the appeal / drive and donate only clean coats, jackets and blankets during this period. Make sure that your donations are also double bagged in large plastic bags.

Collection bins will be placed outside the Holy Family church for donations during weekend masses and during the week you can drop off your donations to the parish office.

Vinnies will manage the distribution of the donations to needy people and families.

God bless and thank you for your support.

Holy Family - Parish Finance Committee

Next week on Palm Sunday, we will have Palms available and they'll be placed in the Church Foyer. You are welcome to bring your own palm.

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.

Next Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 9.30am. The CWL Ladies will provide Morning Tea after mass.

A representative from the **Labrador Men's Shed**, a Not For Profit organisation, will be the guest speaker at the Catholic women's League meeting on 6th April 2023 at 10.15am. All welcome.

PASCAL TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS 2023

Holy Thursday 6th April

6.00 pm. to 8.00pm. Celebration of the Lord's 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. 9.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass
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