

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 : 17th April 2023—23rd April 2023

Tuesday 18th : 9.30am. Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 19th : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 20th : 9.30am. Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 22nd : 4.30pm. Confession
 : 5.00pm. : 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A/I
Sunday 23rd : 7.00am. + 9.00am. : 3rd Sunday of Easter 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: Tina Dey, Samir Abdallah, Romulo Salilig

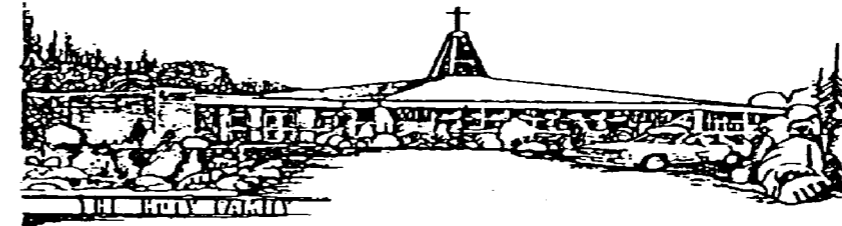
ANNIVERSARIES: Terrence Patrick Burke, Wilfred Pope, Bill McNamee, James Leslie Collett, Sol Betros, Anthony Abood, Trevor Norman, Liwanag C. de Luna,

SICK LIST: Renee Wood, 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



2nd Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) Year A/I

Sunday 16th April 2023

PARISH PRIEST
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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
Tel: 5537 2633

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
 1800 846 643

Stoplevel Service
 1300 304 550

Today is the eighth and last day of the octave of Easter. What we have been celebrating for eight days is the significance of the one paschal event. That is why our gospel passage today starts on the day of the resurrection itself. The Jesus whom the disciples saw that evening was different, yet the same. The author of the gospel presents many dimensions of what the resurrection meant for the disciples in a few short lines: the risen Christ overcomes fear, the risen Christ brings peace, the risen Christ gives the Spirit (and we may note how John, unlike Luke, does not separate these events by fifty days), the risen Christ sends us forth on mission, and our mission is to bring his forgiveness to the world.

We call this story in John's Gospel the story of doubting Thomas. That is quite unfair to Thomas, as it really only focuses on half the story. The other disciples were just as bad; they were fearful, they did not believe it was him until he showed them his hands and his side. The main point of the story is what happens next. The one who suffered fills them all with joy, Thomas and the others alike. The point of the story is not about doubt but about belief.

Then the story takes a funny twist: the focus turns to those who have not seen and yet believe. This is meant to be a statement about us. It seems that Jesus is almost being critical of Thomas for not having believed the reports of his fellow disciples and for wanting to see the risen Lord for himself. It is true that we did not know Jesus in the flesh; we did not experience his life among us in Judea two thousand years ago. Yet, Jesus is not asking us for blind faith. We do not see him in the flesh, but this does not mean that we cannot see him. Seeing is believing, as we commented on for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Where do we see Jesus today? Who carries the scars of his suffering in their own bodies for us? We see Jesus in his body, the Church. That is to say, we see Jesus in each other, in our fellow Christians. We are to be marked with signs of our Christianity just as clearly as Jesus was marked with the wounds of his crucifixion. Those holes in his hands and his feet are the proof of his uncompromising love for us and his uncompromising rejection of sin. We, who have been marked with the sign of the cross in baptism, are to make that love for others and rejection of sin visible for others to see by the way we live. St Augustine of Hippo, in his homily on this passage, in speaking of Thomas' encounter with the risen Lord, noted that 'Flesh he touched, but godhead he acclaimed' (*Sermo 145A*). He touched a person and recognised God. This gives us a challenge: we need to be Jesus for others, we need to make him visible through the way we treat others. When people encounter us, do they touch God? We see Jesus in his body and blood, in the eucharist. We thank God for the mercy that has been shown us. We thank God for the ways we have touched the risen Lord through our encounters with others. We thank God for the ways in which we have made that risen one real for those who touch us. We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song.

*Text: Homily Help - Geoffrey Dunn - Second Sunday of Easter - Year A
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 117:2-4,3-15,22-24 : R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Pet 1:3-9 He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

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Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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.

Registrations for Sacrament of Confirmation will close on 21st April 2023.

COAT, JACKET AND BLANKET APPEAL

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

Project Compassion and Holy Land Appeals

Thank you everyone for your generous donation to Project Compassion and the Holy Land Appeals.

Project Compassion

2021 - \$ 2693.95
2022 - \$ 2845.40
2023 - \$ 4634.55 (as at 13 April '23)

Holy Land Appeal

2021 - \$1194.55
2022 - \$1386.70
2023 - \$2030.80(including cheques and Credit Card)