

**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 : 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023—7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Anointing Mass Memorial of St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass (No Rosary after Mass) Catholic Women’s League Meeting—Parish Board Room</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 4.30pm. 5.00pm.</b>	<b>Confession : 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A/1</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am. + 9.00am.</b>	<b>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A/1</b>

**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:** Ann Daly, Tina Dey, Samir Abdallah, Romulo Salilig

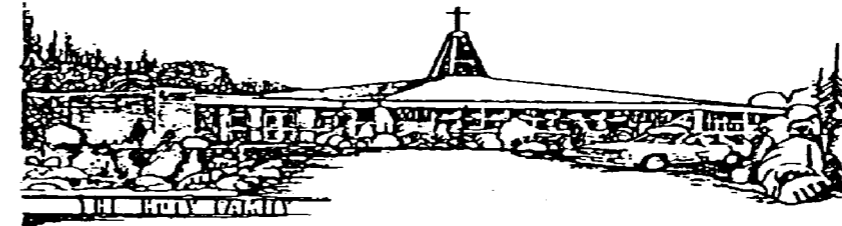
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Glenn Winstanley, Angelo de Luca, Anthony Stephens, Tony Stephens, Hannah Norman, Fred Betros, Terrence Patrick Burke, Wilfred Pope, Bill McNamee, James Leslie Collett

**SICK LIST:** June Molloy, Angela Byron, 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, Rianny Chandler, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O’Donnell, 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**



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A/I

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Fr. Marty Larsen (on leave)  
**ADMINISTRATOR**  
Monsignor Peter Meneely

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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 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**

*John 10:1-10*

**Context Connection**

John’s most forceful line for this Sunday’s Gospel is: “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (10:10). The access to this abundant life is through Jesus: “I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture” (10:9). The metaphor John uses is that of a shepherd, an image well known in the Old Testament. God is often spoken of as the shepherd of the Jewish people, as are leaders, especially kings. During the exile in Babylon, the Jewish prophets spoke of God as the future shepherd of the people. They also hoped for a future Davidic leader who would shepherd the people of Israel (see Jeremiah 3:15, Micah 5:4, Micah 5:3 [NAB], or Zechariah). Ezekiel describes this future shepherd as a good shepherd, one who cares for his flock (see 34:11-16).

John interjects something new. When he says that “the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (10:11), he presents a key insight that says Jesus is the Davidic good shepherd, the hope of the Jews since the Babylonian captivity. Jesus is the good shepherd because of his freely chosen sacrifice on the cross. It is Jesus’s act of self-giving that brings about the salvation of all.

Psalm 23 is the responsorial psalm for this Sunday. It is familiar to us. After the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, Christians read into this psalm the importance of being nurtured through the Eucharist as sheep in the pasture. To find pasture is to find life. Those who seek pasture through Jesus find life in abundance. As the good shepherd, Jesus leads us to green pastures and refreshing water, an abundance of life. It is here that Jesus restores our souls, our broken spirits, and gives us direction toward righteousness in our lives. Even in times that challenge us, we believe Jesus is there to guide us and comfort us. Through the sacraments, Jesus continues to strengthen us for the journey of life. Our heads are anointed with oil to show how precious we are in the eyes of God. The Eucharistic banquet is prepared to nurture us. Our God is a generous God and thus our cup overflows. Because Jesus came to give us life, and to give it in abundance, we are called to share it with others: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life” (Psalm 23:6).

**Wisdom Connection**

John sets forth in his Gospel the image of the good shepherd’s serving the Christian community as a way to assess the present leadership. The example for leadership given to us by Jesus is one of servant leadership, placing the good of another before our own personal gain. A servant-leader washes the feet of all members of the community. A servant-leader provides pastoral care for each member of the Christian community, even if it means seeking out the lost and restoring them to the community. The model of leadership John presents in the image of the good shepherd and in the washing of the feet in chapter 13 clearly shows that leadership in the Christian community should be based on service to others and not on power over others.

*Text: Youth—Scripture Reflections Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A  
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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Acts 2:14,36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15:1-2,5,7-11 : 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 1 Pet 2:20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Jn 10:1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;

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but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Confirmation Preparation has begun! After our Parent Information Night on Wednesday, 26 April, over 50 children received their at Home Preparation for Confirmation Handout/Packs which will guide them and their parents through the program, towards the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. We ask all parishioners to keep these children and their families in their prayers. May they open their hearts and minds to the light and love of God as they seek to learn more about the gifts of the Spirit. May our whole Parish family be inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit alive among us, today and always.

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND RITES OF ENROLMENT:

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 9:00am Mass**

The Rite marks the beginning of the formal preparation of the children for the sacrament of Confirmation. It will take place at the Parish Sunday Mass following initial meetings with parents.

Each candidate **decorates a card with their name and brings it to the Rite of Enrolment on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of May at the 9am Mass.** These Children and their family begin formal preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that the Holy Spirit will help the children and their families to grow in faith, hope and love.

### FAMILY WORKSHOP & CONFIRMATION PRACTICE:

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10:30am**

### CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION:

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6:00pm**

**\*\*AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS THE PREPARATION OF THE CHILD AT SUNDAY MASS, THEREFORE THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS DURING THE PROGRAM.**

All meetings are requirements and will be held at **Holy Family Catholic Parish, Runaway Bay.** If you require further information, please contact Maria Blancia on 5537 4320 every Wednesday from 3pm to 5:30pm. *Please check the parish or school newsletter and 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.

**An Anointing Mass** will be held next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 9.30am. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered during the mass to those present that day who are sick and also those in need of spiritual healing.

The **Catholic Women's League (CWL)** meeting will be held next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.