

### 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 : 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023—21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 4.30pm.</b> <b>5.00pm.</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>: Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am. + 9.00am.</b>	<b>: Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord</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

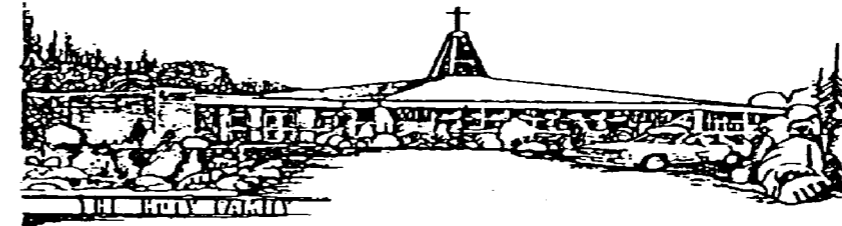
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eric Crowe, Marguerite Giles, Anthony (Tony) Basha, Glenn Winstanley, Angelo de Luca, Anthony Stephens, Tony Stephens, Hannah Norman, Fred Betros, Terrence Patrick Burke, Wilfred Pope

**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., 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

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A/ISunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 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 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

Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Today, on our thirty-sixth day of the Easter season, our attention shifts from the risen Lord to the promised Spirit. We are thankful today because we are people of hope. What is the basis of that hope? One of the grounds for our hope is the fact that all the earth can cry out to God with joy. The purpose of Acts of the Apostles is to show that the good news brought by Jesus is not limited or restricted in any way: it does not belong to one people but to all people. The author outlines how the gospel reaches to the ends of the earth.

We hear about the first step in that expansionary process in chapter 8 of Acts. We met Philip last week, like Stephen, one of the seven chosen to help with the distribution of food to the widows among the Hellenists in the Jerusalem community. These Hellenists were Greek-speaking Christian Jews who seem to have been discriminated against on cultural grounds. The ministry of service exercised by the seven would later be seen as the basis for the ministerial order of deacons. Philip is to be distinguished from Philip who was one of the Twelve. Interestingly, while chapter 6 of Acts presents the seven being chosen so that the Twelve could devote themselves to preaching, here in chapter 8 we find Philip also engaged in preaching.

He is in Samaria. We know that, after the death of Solomon, according to the biblical accounts, the kingdom had been split into two: the kingdom of Israel in the north and the kingdom of Judah in the south. Two hundred years later (720 BC), the Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom and some of the people were taken away in captivity. The land later became known as Samaria and the people living there regarded as foreigners, even though they worshipped the same God as the Jews.

Philip baptised, but the author of Acts says that the people did not receive the Spirit until Peter and John laid hands on them. This is a little odd, since elsewhere we are told that baptism conferred the Spirit. It seems that what the author wanted to emphasise is that Philip's practice of taking the Good News outside the borders of Judaea was confirmed by the Twelve. It is a statement about the unity of the followers of Jesus, whatever their background. This piece of Scripture would become the later justification for the separation of baptism and confirmation in our western tradition.

What happens to the person who receives the Spirit? John's Gospel, recounting the words of Jesus in the discourse at the Last Supper, says that such a one is united in truth and united in Christ. The indwelling of the Spirit is the indwelling of the Trinity and the unity of the community. To have the Spirit is to be driven towards unity; it is to be impelled towards care for others, all others. In the fifth century, Augustine told the newly baptised what it meant for them to be filled with the Spirit in loving God and keeping God's commandments. 'Thus, before all else, Christ came so that they might learn how much God loves them, and might learn this so that they would catch fire with love for him who first loved them, and so that they would also love their neighbour as he commanded and showed by his example—he who made himself their neighbour by loving them

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when they were not close to him but were wandering far from him.' [Footnote: *De catechizandis rudibus* 4.8. The excerpts from Augustine's *De catechizandis rudibus* come from Augustine, *Instructing Beginners in Faith*, trans. Raymond Canning (Hyde Park, NY: New City, 2006).] Let us give thanks to the Lord for that Spirit who makes us one. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

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Text : Homily Help - Geoffrey Dunn - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

A message from the Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge :

The Lord's Day

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

✠ Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8,14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:1-2,4-5,18-19 : R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

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'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

**SECOND READING 1 Pet 3:15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Jn 14:15-21 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

### Holy Family Coat, Jacket and Blanket Appeal

This week, the Holy Family Parish COAT, JACKET AND BLANKET APPEAL has closed.

St Vinnies will now manage the collection of your contributions and will distribute them to the appropriate St. Vinnies stores.

Thank you for your donations and generous contributions.

Holy Family Finance Committee