

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and Saint Anthony Feast on the 13.06.2023. On 24.06.2023 Annual Pilgrimage of the Maltese Community in the Honour of Christ the Redeemer. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters on both days. The cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return each day.

You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573, All are welcome.

**Weekly Diary : 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023—4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
	<b>:11.00am.</b>	<b>Memorial Service—Lt. Frances Moira Hill</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting Room</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass Memorial of St. Justin, martyr followed by Rosary</b>
	<b>:10.00am.</b>	<b>Catholic Women’s League meeting—Parish Meeting Room</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>: 4.30pm.</b>	<b>Confession</b>
	<b>5.00pm.</b>	<b>: Solemnity Holy Trinity Year A/1</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am. + 9.00am.</b>	<b>: Solemnity Holy Trinity Year A/1</b>
	<b>:10.30am</b>	<b>Confirmation Family Workshop &amp; Practise session</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:** Frances Moira Hill, Ann Daly, Tina Dey

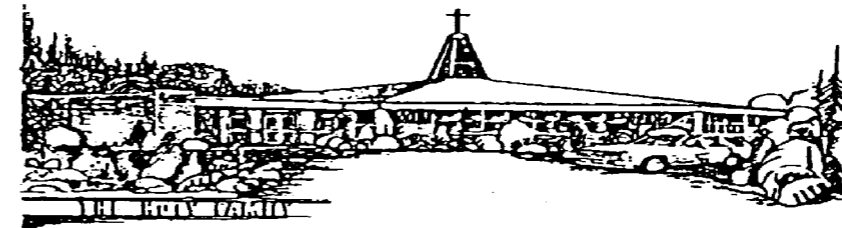
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Harley Edward Kropp, Elli Fachin, Maurice & Mary Lawson, Peg Lyon, Eric Crowe, Marguerite Giles, Anthony (Tony) Basha, Glenn Winstanley, Angelo de Luca

**SICK LIST:** Peter Lawson, Gay Frazer, 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**



**Pentecost Sunday Year A/I**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 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  
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**St. Vincent De Paul Helpline**  
1800 846 643

**Stopleveline Service**  
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**Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**  
Michael Nicholson  
**Tel : 07 5537 4320**

One of my philosophy professors told me there were two sets of alternatives at the heart of philosophy, which is another way of saying that there are two fundamental choices between two different ways at the heart of understanding life. The years have proven, at least as far as I am concerned, just how insightful this observation was. The two sets of alternatives are one and many, and being and flux. The solemn feast of Pentecost, the last day of our Easter season, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the first set: one and many. When we look out at the world, are we the kind of persons who see what we have in common with others and see what unites us, or are we the kind of persons who first notice the differences between us and other people: either our gender, or our skin colour, or our language, or our religion, or our social status, or our nationality, or our education, or our occupation? There are so many things that make us different from one another that it is a rare person who is able to focus on what makes us one.

Yet, it is our Christian vocation, given to each of us in baptism, to be people of oneness and unity. Being one is a key concept in John’s Gospel, as we see in the great prayer of Jesus, which we find inserted into the Last Supper narrative. That unity is brought about by the Spirit. In John’s Gospel the giving of the Spirit to the disciples occurs not at Pentecost, as we hear in Acts of the Apostles, but on the evening of Easter Sunday itself. While the various texts of the New Testament may not agree on their chronology, they do agree on the important point about the significance and purpose of the Spirit being given.

Augustine of Hippo expressed this significance well in one of his homilies preached to his congregation in the early years of the fifth century about how the disunity symbolised by the tower of Babel was reversed by the conferring of the Spirit:

At Pentecost, by contrast, the humble piety of believers brought all these diverse languages into the unity of the church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together. Like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love. Anyone therefore who rejects the gift of peace and withdraws from the fellowship of this unity cuts himself off from the gift of the Holy Spirit. (*Sermo 271*) [Footnote: *The excerpts from the translations of Augustine’s sermons that appear in these reflections come from Augustine, Sermons, trans. Edmund Hill, 11 vols in The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century series (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 1991-1997).*]

Acts of the Apostles shows us how the earliest Christians attempted to live this unity: it was a unity in diversity, not a unity based on uniformity. Theirs was a unity based on a common experience of the love, forgiveness, and peace of Jesus. In a fractured world, we, as Christian people, must be living beacons of unity. We know we have the Spirit when our actions lead to reconciliation, not division; when they lead to understanding, not anger; when they lead to hope, not despair. We are thankful today for the gift of the Spirit, who inflames our hearts and makes us one.

*Text: Homily Help - Geoffrey D. Dunn - Pentecost Sunday - Year A*  
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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:1-2,4-5,18-19 : R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.**R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.**R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

**SECOND READING 1 Cor12:3-7,12-13 : In the one Spirit we were all baptised making one body.**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Jn 20:19-23** As the Father sent me, so I send you : Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

**Catholic Women's League**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 after 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

**Holy Family Parish  
Registration (Census) 2023**

My dear friends,

Next weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2023, on the Feast of Holy Trinity, we will conduct a Parish Registration (Census) process so that we can update our Parish records in relation to the people who reside or worship within this Parish. We will ask parishioners to complete the registration forms on that weekend.

It has been quite some years since a Registration process has been initiated in this Parish. Therefore, our records are mostly out of date and need updating.

I am very grateful for your assistance in this process.

Many blessings,

Monsignor Peter Meneely

**Maintenance Work at the Presbytery**

In the coming weeks, much needed maintenance work is being done at the Presbytery. This is to strengthen the structural aspect of the floor and some other minor repairs.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023**

The Contribution fee of \$80/child is now due and we would appreciate if parents could finalise the payment. EFTPOS is available in the Parish Office or a bank deposit to the Parish account

RUNAWAY BAY PARISH  
BSB : 064 786  
ACC : 100006388  
REF : FAMILY NAME/CONF.

Next Sunday is the **Family Workshop and Confirmation Practise** for all candidates.

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

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION:**

**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 Parish, Runaway Bay**. If you require further information, please contact Maria Blancia on 5537 4320 or email [rbay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rbay@bne.catholic.net.au) every Wednesday from 3pm to 5:30pm. Please regularly check the parish or school newsletter for updates.