

**Farewell Morning Tea
Sunday 30th July, 9am Mass**

The Holy Family Parish would like to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to attend mass then join in a morning tea. We will say farewell and a huge thank you to Fr. Marty for the wonderful care and dedication he has provided to our community during his time as Parish Priest.
Would everyone please bring a plate to share.

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th July after the Communion Service. All are welcome.

Weekly Diary : 3rd July 2023—9th July 2023

Tuesday 4th : **No Anointing Mass. Will resume on 1st August 2023.**
9.30am. Communion Service followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 6th : **9.30am. Communion Service followed by Rosary**
CWL Meeting after Communion Service

Saturday 8th : **4.30pm. Confession**
5.00pm. : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 9th : **7.00am. + 9.00am. : 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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: Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Margaret Tudor, Bernard Toohey, Colin Goldup, Frances Moira Hill

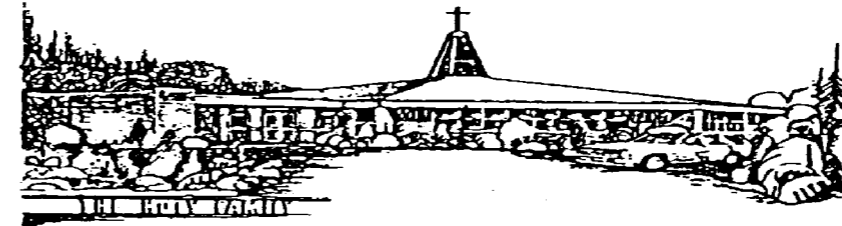
ANNIVERSARIES: Mark O'Dea, Joyce McCormack, Merle McCormack, Edward McCormack, Frank Levy, Sam C Quiambao, James Peter Noonan, Carol Martin, Raymond Atama

SICK LIST: Gerry Boerlage, Peter Lawson, Gay Frazer, June Molloy, Angela Byron, Renee Wood, Gerard Brennan, Jan Dodds, Gabriel Cabral, Keith Murphy, Victoria Scotchford, Michael Murphy, Ryder Forbes, 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, 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'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



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 2nd July 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 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays

after 9am Mass

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Last Sunday we heard part of the second discourse in Matthew's Gospel about Christian mission and today we conclude that discourse with some words of Jesus about the costs and benefits of being a person of mission. We think of a cost-benefit analysis as being such a feature of modern business practice, yet here in Matthew we find a basic form of the same thing. You do not need to spend years at university studying business administration or marketing to know that if the benefits outweigh costs then an enterprise is worth undertaking.

What does it cost being a disciple of Jesus? It costs us everything. It costs us our time and effort. Well, anything worth having does! It costs us our freedom and our families. Well, that happens to some in business and we are warned that is too high a cost to pay for anything! It costs us our lives. Well, hang on a minute! The last level was already too high a price; how can we be expected to give even more commitment? Can anything be worth giving up our very lives?

To be worth it, the benefits have to outweigh the costs, right? If we have already paid everything, what benefit can there be that makes having surrendered everything worthwhile? The cost is too high, the benefits seem to have evaporated. Where is the return on our investments? If we are put to the sword, if we take up our cross and follow him, what do we get in return? Here we must factor in the kingdom of heaven, for without it the cost-benefit analysis Jesus provides makes no sense at all. Being a Christian is not about profit-taking and short-term returns. Being a Christian is about believing that a stock market crash is about the best thing that can happen to us. This is simply crazy! If we operated like that in the business world we would soon be out of business. No wonder so many people back out of being Christian when they discover what it will cost them, and if we are not paying that price then we are not being Christian. What makes it even more crazy is that when we pay that price we do not earn anything. What we get from God is a gift, and we get that gift before we pay.

Now, just as our heads stop spinning from all this craziness, we can add in the paradoxes from Matthew's Gospel. In order to live in peace Jesus does not tell us to take up the sword but to suffer the sword. Jesus does not tell us to hate father and mother and children (at least not in Matthew's version); we are to love our family, but to love God even more. Augustine of Hippo says, in one of his homilies: 'Love your father, but not above your Lord; love the one who begot you, but not above the one who created you ... Love your mother, but not above the Church, who bore you to eternal life' (Sermo 344). If we read the last part of the passage carefully, the reward that Jesus speaks of is not the reward given to us but the reward given to those who are good to us.

What is the reward God offers us? What is the gift God has given to us already even before we have paid the price? The Spirit is the gift of God. The Spirit incorporates us into life, an eternal and divine life lived in love. True love is not about what we get from others but about what we give to others. The cross is true love. If you want to love your wife, give your life on the cross. If you want to love your husband, give your life on the cross. If you want to love your children, give your life on the cross. If you want to love your parents, give your life on the cross. If you want to love your brothers and sisters, give your life on the cross. If you want to love your neighbours or love strangers, give your life on the cross. If you want to love your enemies, give your life on the cross.

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We are thankful today for the cross of Christ, for the cross is the way to resurrection, it is the way to life, it is our way to respond to the gift of love God has given us. It is the strength to sustain us. In that same homily Augustine says, 'But let us have confidence, because the one who instituted this contest does not watch his own champion without helping them, nor does he encourage us to rely on our own strength' (Sermo 344). The help of God is given to us through the Spirit, the help of God is given to us in bread that is broken and in wine that is poured out. The help of God is given to us through the body of the Lord that was broken and the blood of the Lord that was spilled. We thank God for the gift of eternal life found only through the cost of discipleship. This is our mission, sisters and brothers: to lose everything to gain it all.

Text: Homily Help - Geoffrey D Dunn - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16 That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 88 :2-3,16-19 R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 10:37-42 Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**Annual Peter's Pence Collection
Weekend of 1st/2nd July 2023**

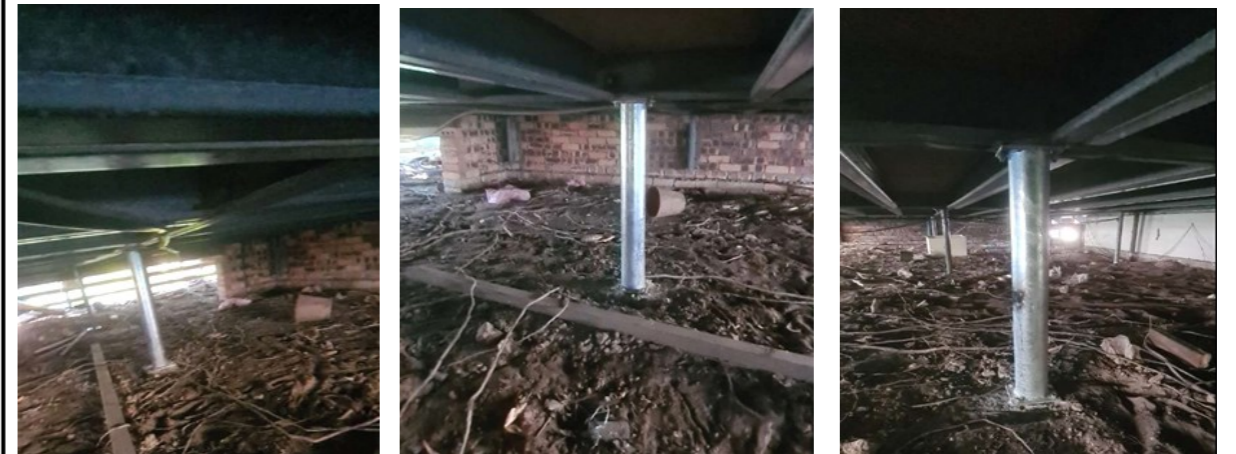
This weekend, the Annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up as a retiring collection at all masses.

- ◆ It is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.
- ◆ The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

Maintenance Work at the Presbytery

Over the past few weeks, work was done at the Presbytery to improve the structural aspect of the floor. The posts will be painted in 2 coats of Durabild and Weathermax. We are pleased to report that the works are now completed.



**Holy Family Parish, Runaway Bay
Sacramental Preparation Dates 2023**

(All Sacraments will be held in the Church)

First Holy Communion (From 9 years old and child has been Confirmed)

Parent Information Night (Compulsory)	Monday 17 th July	6pm
Enrolment Mass weekend (Compulsory)	Saturday 22 nd July	5pm Mass
	Sunday 23 rd July	OR 9am Mass
Parent/child Home sessions (4 weeks)	24 th July – 21 st August 2023	
Family workshop (Compulsory)	Sunday 27 th August	10.30am
Practice session including celebration Of the Gift of God's Mercy (2 nd Rite for Reconciliation) (all candidates must attend)	Thursday 31 st August	6pm
First Holy Communion Celebration & Certificates	Saturday 9 th September	5pm Mass
	Sunday 10 th September	OR 9am Mass

Registrations close on 12th July 2023

Please visit the parish website www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au for more details. The enrolment form is available on the parish website.