

Thank You

I would like to thank you for your prayers and generous gift of food while I've been recuperating from my shoulder surgery.

The care that you have extended to me is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Monsignor Peter Meneely

Weekly Diary : 10th July 2023—16th July 2023

Tuesday 11th	: 9.30am.	Mass Memorial St Benedict, abbot followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 12th	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board Room
Thursday 13th	: 9.30am.	Communion Service followed by Rosary
Saturday 15th	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
Sunday 16th	: 7.00am. + 9.00am.	: 15th 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: Marie-Prisca Lawkwang-Savournaden, Morgan Keller, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Margaret Tudor

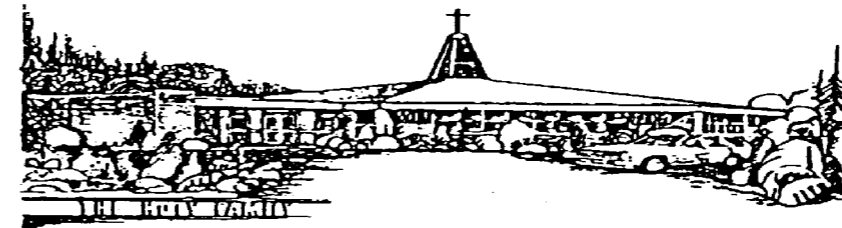
ANNIVERSARIES: Kate Medina, Winefride Pope, Mark O'Dea, Joyce McCormack, Merle McCormack, Edward McCormack, Frank Levy, Sam C Quiambao, James Peter Noonan, Carol Martin, Raymond Atama

SICK LIST: Tessa Woodward, 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'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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 9th July 2023

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8.30am—3.00pm

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Wednesday-Thursday

(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4.30pm

Baptisms

Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays

after 9am Mass

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Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Matt 11:25-30

From last Sunday's reading at the end of chapter 10 we have leapt to the end of the next. The prayer of Jesus that opens today's gospel reading begins like many biblical prayers, but it has much in common with Daniel 2:23. Daniel's Aramaic text has a two verb construction, usually translated as give thanks and praise, but Matthew's account has only one verb, the same as the Septuagint's translation for Daniel's first verb, but the Greek version translates variously to confess, profess and praise. Daniel's prayer (2:20-23) is in the first part of the first story of king Nebuchadnezzar's dreams, but this section with Daniel's prayer is not employed anywhere in our Lectionary although it might better accompany today's gospel reading than Zechariah 9:9-10, the source for Palm Sunday's image of the humble king riding a donkey. Daniel's context is important: Nebuchadnezzar was troubled by incomprehensible dreams, but he set an impossible task for his "wise men" (astrologers, magicians, sorcerers, etc.); they were both to tell him his dream and explain it without him telling them what he had dreamed. They could not do so, and they told him "no man" could, so he ordered their execution. Daniel, the wise Hebrew youth and interpreter of dreams, and his three friends (famous for their hymn of praise while in the furnace) were caught up by this edict. They sought God's mercy in prayer; the mystery was revealed to Daniel, who cries out: "Blessed be the name of God forever, for wisdom and majesty are his ... he confers wisdom on the wise and knowledge on the discerning, revealing deep and hidden things ... to you, God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise for giving me wisdom and understanding, and making known to me what we asked..." This saved Daniel, his friends, and all the witless men.

Jesus' prayer draws from Daniel's text. Its place in Matthew is of interest, for it follows directly after the lament over Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum, which had not repented even after the miracles worked in them, unlike Nebuchadnezzar, who repented at each turn and whose last words in Daniel are in praise to God. Matthew presents Jesus as another but greater Daniel; to him is revealed a greater mystery, made clear in the next verse (v.27): the mutual and reciprocal knowing of the Father and Son is unique, so Jesus knows God the Father's hidden mysteries, and in him God knows by direct experience humanity's trials. God's response is mercy. The invitation that follows (v.28-30), "Come to me..." is unique to Matthew. It is related to Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 51:23-30, the second part of the poem to Wisdom in that book's appendix which incorporates an element from Jeremiah 6:16 where the reward for returning to the true way of the covenant is finding rest for your souls. Jesus is the true way; to come to him is to walk in the way of true wisdom, understanding and surrendering oneself to God's rule, submitting to the gentle yoke of God's law of love and mercy. The two Sabbath day stories that immediately follow (Matt 12:1-14, but which are not in our Sunday Lectionary), the picking of grain and the healing of a man's withered hand, are directly linked to today's pericope. In them Jesus challenges the Pharisees' strict but unmerciful interpretation of the Sabbath law of rest. He reminds them of Hosea 6:6, "I want mercy, not sacrifice". Thus today's passage is a critical point in Matthew, for when application of its merciful teaching violates the Pharisees' understanding of the Sabbath law of

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rest, they begin to plot to destroy Jesus. The question for our communities is: Do we embody the teachings of Jesus, who himself embodies the mercy of God? If not, then why should anyone come and abide with us in whom we say the Spirit of God and of Christ has made a home (cf. Rom 8:9)?

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zech 9:9-10 See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 88 :2-3,16-19 R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my god.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.**R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.**R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:9,11-13 If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30 I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Registrations close on 12th July 2023

**Holy Family Parish, Runaway Bay
First Holy Communion 2023**

(All Sacraments will be held in the Church)

The celebration of First Holy Communion will be held on either Saturday 9th September 5pm Mass or Sunday 10th September 9am Mass.

The Eucharist is the sacrament that completes the process of Sacramental initiation. The Sacrament of Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Through this sacrament, the child can fully participate in the Eucharist (also known as the mass) by receiving Holy Communion.

Those who were confirmed in 2022, are welcomed to join in the 2023 group. Parents of children aged 9 years old and Confirmed in Holy Family parish or elsewhere are invited to enrol their children in the continuing Sacramental Journey with Holy Family Parish.

The program involves a number of **compulsory meetings/dates** and the completion of an At Home Preparation Program supported by the parents.

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

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)	Saturday 26 th August	2.30pm
	Sunday 27 th August	OR 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	4pm OR 6pm
First Holy Communion Celebration & Certificates	Saturday 9 th September	5pm Mass
	Sunday 10 th September	OR 9am Mass

**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.

A Gift for Fr. Marty

The Parish would like to present Fr. Marty a gift voucher at the Morning Tea. This weekend, envelopes will be placed on the back table for those who would like to contribute to the gift. You can place the envelope in the box labelled 'Donations - gift for Fr. Marty' placed on the back table. Or drop it in the collection plate or parish Office. All donations must be received by 26th July.