

Signs of Hope-People of Faith. Concerts with Peter Kearney - songwriter, singer, guitarist. Songs, stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world. Three venues: **1. THE GAP.** Monday 31st July, 7.30pm in St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Hall. **2. BURLEIGH WATERS.** Wednesday August 2nd, 7.00pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church. **3. WAVELL HEIGHTS.** Thursday August 3rd, 6.30pm in St Paschal's Catholic Church. No set \$ admission. Donations welcome at interval. Peter's hymns and songs have been published in fifteen albums. His best-known compositions include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where is Your Song my Lord?'

Weekly Diary : 24th July 2023—30nd July 2023

Tuesday 25th	: 9.30am.	Mass Feast of St. James, apostle followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 26th	: 9.30am.	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board room
	10.00am.	Memorial Service—Nancy Vibar Oxenham
Thursday 27th	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 29th	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
Sunday 30th	: 7.00am.	Mass-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
	9.00am.	Mass-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I followed by a Farewell Morning Tea for Fr. Marty

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: Margaret Clare Thomas, Marie-Prisca Lawkwang-Savournaden, Morgan Keller

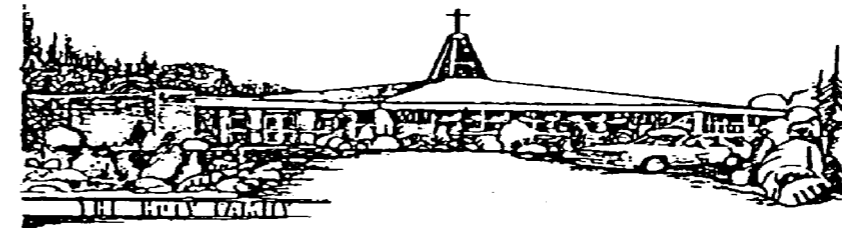
ANNIVERSARIES: Noel Marriott, Loretto Fox, Doris & Arthur Abood, Terry Abood, Jose S. Quiambao, Kate Medina, Winefride Pope, Mark O'Dea, Joyce McCormack, Merle McCormack, Edward McCormack

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 23rd 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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Matthew 13:24-30

Context Connection

This Sunday's Gospel is another parable that involves a farmer and the sowing of seeds. The landowner takes great care to sow good seed. However, by the cover of night, an enemy comes and sows weeds in the same field. The landowner is surprised to discover that weeds are growing among his good seed. At the time of Jesus, it was common for families to feud with other families. Sometimes one family would even sabotage the crops of the family they were feuding with in order to decrease productivity.

Now that the landowner has discovered the weeds, he has to make some decisions. He knows that the seed he purchased and used to plant the field was good, so he does not have to confront the person who sold him the wheat. The servants advise him to immediately pull out the weeds, avenging the action of his enemy who planted the weeds and thus correcting the wrong. In a surprising response, the landowner says, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest" (13:29-30). On the surface, it seems that the landowner admits defeat. But appearances can be deceiving. In reality, the landowner is a shrewd man and a wise farmer. From his experience, he knows the wheat is strong enough to compete with the weeds for nourishment and water and that it will grow to maturity; therefore, at harvest he not only gathers the grain into his barn but also gathers the weeds as an unexpected source of fuel.

In a society more familiar with "an eye for an eye" rather than reconciliation, the landowner's victory in the end—despite what seems like a passive response—is powerful. Another lesson is that God's Kingdom on earth has already arrived and that goodness and evil coexist. The story of the wheat and weeds illustrates that all people have not accepted the teachings of Jesus, but that Jesus's word is good and nothing is able to change that fact. From the landowner, we learn the virtues of tolerance and patience. Just as the landowner asks his servants not to pull out the weeds for fear of destroying the good wheat, God asks believers to restrain from forcibly rooting out what may, from our limited experience, seem to be evil.

Tradition Connection

The Church is comprised of many different kinds of people, but all are on the way to holiness. Another way to say this is that the Church is a gathering of sinners who are caught up in the salvation of Jesus because of the cross and who, together, are helping one another become holy (see CCC, number 827); therefore, we acknowledge the existence of sin in our world and in ourselves for we are all in the process of journeying toward perfection. It is a process of becoming in which good and evil exist simultaneously within each of us. The option of choosing good or evil always exists because God created humans and angels as creatures with intellects and free will; sometimes our choices, however, do not lead to perfection. In light of the revelation of God's Word, we call this sin.

Sin does exist, and for us to deny that is to be less than truthful. In our relationship with Jesus, the Word made flesh, we come to recognize this reality in

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our own lives. When a believer is able to recognize sin in her or his life, she or he then has the option of making a choice to conduct her or his life more consistently with the message of Jesus—to love God and one another more fully (see CCC, number 386).

Salvation is an active process that we can choose to participate in each day. Conversion can happen at any stage in the life of a human being; therefore, we need to be patient, like our heavenly Father is patient, as God's plan of salvation unfolds in each of our lives.

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Youth-Scripture Reflections-Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

Don't forget, next Sunday's mass and farewell Morning Tea for Fr. Marty. We invite school parents and parishioners to attend the 9am mass then join in a morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Donations for Fr. Marty's gift can be placed in the Donation box, otherwise, drop it in the Parish Office no later than 26th July.

**First Holy Communion
Rite of Enrolment weekend
Saturday 22nd July 5pm Mass
Sunday 23rd July 9am Mass**

This rite marks the beginning of the formal preparation of the children for their first reception of holy communion.

Each child will bring their decorated name card to the Rite of Enrolment mass.

This weekend we welcome the children at the 5pm and 9am masses and they will hand in their name cards and will be given their workbooks.

IMPORTANT DATES

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	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
	Sunday 10 th September	9am Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wis12:13, 16-19 In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:26-27 The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-30 Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."