

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 : 31st July 2023—6th August 2023

Tuesday 1st	: 9.30am.	Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	12.00pm.	Funeral Service—Kenneth Maurice Evans (Tony)
Wednesday 2nd	: 9.30am.	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board room
	11.00am.	Requiem Mass—Cameron Johnston
	1.30pm.	Funeral Service—Beverley Anne Morand
Thursday 3rd	: 9.30am.	Communion Service followed by Rosary
	10.00am.	Catholic Women’s League Meeting—Parish Board room
Saturday 5th	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
Sunday 6th	: 7.00am.	Mass-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
	9.00am.	Mass-17th 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: Beverley Anne Morand, Kenneth Maurice Evans (Tony) , Cameron Johnston, Kathleen Lund, Margaret Clare Thomas, Marie-Prisca Lawkwang-Savournaden, Morgan Keller

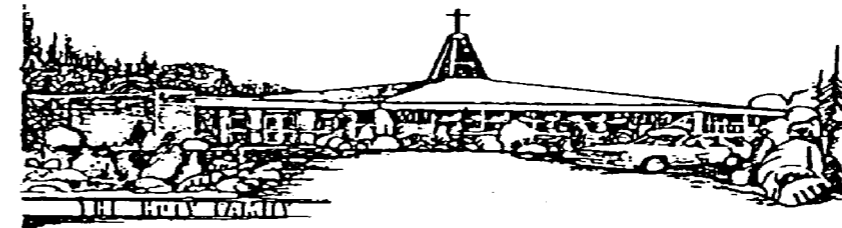
ANNIVERSARIES: Renee Nolan, Geraldine Kelly, The Vizon Family, The Balasabas Family, The David Family, Noel Marriott, Loretto Fox, Doris & Arthur Abood, Terry Abood, Jose S. Quiambao, Kate Medina, Winefride Pope, Mark O’Dea

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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 30th 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
Please contact the Parish Office.

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Michael Nicholson

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Matthew 13:44-46

Context Connection

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew once again uses parables to speak about the Kingdom of heaven. There are over fifty references to the Kingdom in the Book of Matthew. Matthew speaks about the Kingdom often because he wants to make sure the early Christian community understands the difference between the Jewish concept of the Kingdom of God and what Jesus is teaching about the Kingdom of God.

According to Jewish thought, the establishment of the Kingdom of God is directly tied to the coming of the Messiah. The Messiah, predicted to be a direct descendant of King David, would be a wise, just, moral, and courageous leader. He would come to re-establish the Jewish kingdom in the land of Israel, thus allowing the exiled Jews to return. This kingdom would be reminiscent of Israel’s golden years when David ruled as king. Through the use of parables, Matthew helps his community understand that Jesus, as the Messiah, is not a worldly leader who will re-establish the kingdom of Israel but a spiritual leader who will strengthen the Kingdom of God (heaven).

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew compares the Kingdom of heaven first to a lost treasure and then to a fine pearl of great value. In both cases, the person who discovers the treasure or the fine pearl joyfully sells everything she or he owns to gain possession of the treasure or pearl. This single-minded response to finding the Kingdom is what Jesus is calling his disciples to. In Jesus’s time, it was common for people to bury their valuables to protect them from invading armies. Because Palestine was located at the crossroads of three continents, it was a prime piece of real estate, and many wars were fought there. Also, during this time in history, pearls were in great demand and ranked as high as gold as symbols of wealth. Jesus uses the hidden treasure and the fine pearl—both valuable earthly possessions—to emphasize the value of the Kingdom of heaven. It makes no difference whether one learns about the Kingdom by accident, as in coming upon a buried treasure, or after a long time of searching, as in the merchant’s search for fine pearls. When one finds the Kingdom of heaven, he or she feels great joy and sacrifices everything to attain it. In using these two parables, Jesus illustrates for the disciples the zeal they should have in pursuing the Kingdom and asks them to wholeheartedly embrace the Kingdom of heaven. Matthew closes chapter 13 (verses 51–52) by emphasizing that the disciple who understands the value of the Kingdom of heaven must take responsibility for sharing it with others.

Tradition Connection

In this Sunday’s parables, Jesus points out that the two individuals sell everything to gain the buried treasure and the fine pearl, and that they do it with joy. Sacrificing everything for the Kingdom of heaven brings the disciple great joy because it restores hope—hope in the happiness of eternal life. Eternal life is promised to every believer who lives a life dedicated to Jesus and his teachings. This hope creates within the believer a desire or longing for the Kingdom of heaven. Through the grace of God, the believer begins living the reality of the Kingdom here on earth.

Emboldened by the hope of eternal life, believers live in a way that empowers them to follow Jesus’s teachings—to love God and others. Believers allow every

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circumstance in their lives to be influenced by the conviction that they are living as members of the Kingdom here on earth. Committed to lives of holiness, believers are filled with joy and perseverance because they are intimately connected to Jesus, here and now, and look forward to the promise of eternal life and happiness (see CCC, number 1821).

Wisdom Connection

Today's Gospel teaches us the great value of the Kingdom of heaven. The parables express the joy a person experiences in finding the great treasure of God in her or his life and the total commitment required in being a member of the Kingdom. Whether we come to know the Kingdom by accident or after a long search, we must recognize that it is priceless, and we must be ready to sacrifice everything to hold on to it. To be a disciple is to be single-hearted in accepting the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus wants his listeners to break out of their conventional way of thinking about the Kingdom of God and not confine it to a worldly kingdom that idealizes the past.

You may have heard the saying, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Luke 12:34)." Is there anything for which you would sell everything to have? The cost of being part of the Kingdom of heaven is no less than everything.

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

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Preparation has begun! 32 children attended mass over the weekend and received their Holy Communion Handout/Packs which will guide them and their parents through the program, towards the celebration of First Holy Communion on **9th September 5pm mass and 10th September 9am mass.**

The children handed in their decorated name cards last weekend and we invite the parish community to take a name card and to pray especially for that child during the weeks of sacramental preparation. The cards are placed in a basket on the back table.

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 5pm Mass OR Sunday 10 th September 9am Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 **You have asked for wisdom.**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 118:57,72,76-77, 127-130 **R.** Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:2830 **he predestined us to become true images of his Son.**

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52 **He sells everything he owns and buys the field.**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

Communion Service

No Mass next Thursday 3rd August but a Communion Service will be held.

Anointing Mass

An Anointing Mass will be held next Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 9.30am.

Catholic Women's League

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd August 2023 after the Communion Service. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered during the mass to those present that day who are sick and also those in need of spiritual healing.