

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 : 14th August 2023—20th August 2023

Tuesday 15th	: 9.30am.	Mass Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 16th	: 9.30am.	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board room
Thursday 17th	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 19th	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
Sunday 20th	: 7.00am.	Mass-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
	9.00am.	Mass-20th 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: Esther Therese Kent, Beverley Anne Morand, Kenneth Maurice Evans (Tony) , Cameron Johnston, Kathleen Lund, Margaret Clare Thomas, Marie-Prisca Lawkwang-Savournaden, Morgan Keller

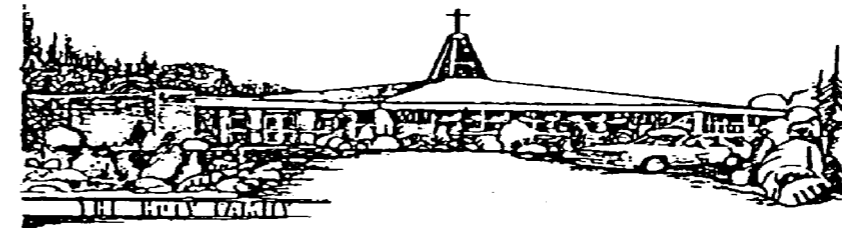
ANNIVERSARIES: Renee Nolan, Geraldine Kelly, The Vizon Family, The Balasabas Family, The David Family, Noel Marriott, Loretto Fox, Doris & Arthur Abood, Terry Abood, Jose S. Quiambao, Kate Medina, Winefride Pope, Mark O’Dea

SICK LIST: Evelyn Tan, Yeo Toon Joo, Vicky Umythy, 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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 13th August 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.

St Francis Xavier School:
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St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
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Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)
Michael Nicholson

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Matthew 14:22-33

Context Connection

This Sunday’s Gospel story flows directly from last Sunday’s Gospel of Jesus’s feeding a large crowd. After feeding the crowd, Jesus has his disciples take him across the Sea of Galilee to a place where he can pray. Jesus then goes up a mountain alone to pray while the disciples remain in the boat. A storm with a fierce wind comes during the night and pushes the boat out into the sea. Some translations use language that indicates that the waves were violent and the boat was being tossed about. The disciples’ fear evolves from seeing what they perceive is a ghost walking toward them. Because humans don’t normally walk on water, this seemed like a logical conclusion. Jesus, however, is quick to identify himself: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid” (14:27). Peter continues to question the identity of this being who is walking on the water: “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water” (14:28). Jesus commands Peter to do so with the imperative, “Come!” (14:29). Peter gets out of the boat and begins to walk on the water toward Jesus, but when Peter allows his attention to focus on the strong winds of the storm rather than on Jesus, he becomes frightened and begins to sink. Peter cries out, “Lord, save me!” (14:30). “Jesus immediately reaches out his hand and catches Peter, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’” (14:31). Jesus recognizes that the disciples do have faith; even though it might be “little faith,” it is not absent. As Jesus and Peter get into the boat, the storm ceases. Then those in the boat give witness to Jesus’s true identity based on their experience.

In this story, Matthew is drawing some parallels between Jesus’s walking on the water and God’s power over the chaos of the waters of the sea in the Old Testament (see Exodus 14:21-29, Job 9:8, and Psalm 77:16-20). When Jesus identifies himself so the disciples will know he is not a ghost, he says, “It is I” (14:27). In the Old Testament, Moses comes to know God as “I AM WHO I AM” or “I AM” (Exodus 3:14). Matthew is pointing to the true identity of Jesus as God by having him say, “It is I” (14:27). The disciples give testimony to Jesus’s true identity by responding, “Truly you [Jesus] are the Son of God” (14:33).

Wisdom Connection

If we believe Jesus is the Son the God, then we need to place our faith in him. Encouraged by Jesus, Peter is able to step out of the tiny boat and walk on the stormy water. Peter’s “little faith” is strong enough to enable him to begin the walk toward Jesus. Peter’s faith allows him to be open to God’s presence and power in his life. As long as Peter keeps his focus on Jesus and does not allow the other stormy things around him to be a distraction, Peter does not falter. Is this not our story as well? In faith, we begin to walk toward Jesus, but we also encounter distractions that cause us to lose our focus. It is precisely in this moment that Jesus reaches out to us and catches us. God stands with us on the journey of life, asking us to place our faith in God. Each of us is challenged to respond to Jesus’s invitation to “come.” We must leave our safe places as Peter leaves the boat, believing that God’s love will conquer every fear. During those times when we may be afraid or overcome by doubts, Jesus is there reaching out to us, strengthening us for the journey toward the light.

Youth—Scripture Reflections

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Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

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**Annual Catholic Campaign
Weekend 19th/20th August 2023**

Next weekend, our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection.

More giving envelopes are placed on a table at the back of the Church.

Thank you and God bless.

First Holy Communion

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Information Session on Marriage Annulments

There will be an information session on marriage annulments in the Catholic Church, given by staff of the Regional Tribunal for Queensland. What is an annulment? Who needs one? What's involved? FAQ's answered and the chance to have your own questions answered. Tuesday 22 August 2023, Mary Immaculate Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley (parking adjacent), 7:45pm. Enquiries to tribbris@bnc.catholic.net.au or 3324 3033.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13 **Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 84:9-14 **R.** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 9:1-5 **I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 14:22-33 **Command me to come to you over the water.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Parish Updates

Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be held next Tuesday 15th August 2023 at 9.30am.

We are looking for Readers and Communion Ministers for the 9am Mass. Thank you to the new volunteers who have recently contacted the Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please see Peter after mass or contact Audrey/Michael in the Parish Office. Volunteers will need to comply with Safeguarding requirements (not onerous).