

**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 : 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023—3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass Memorial of The Passion of St John The Baptist, martyr followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
	<b>11.00am.</b>	<b>Memorial Service—Lorna May Lippold</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board room</b>
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Rosary</b>
	<b>4.00pm.</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Practise session &amp; 2nd Rite</b>
	<b>6.00pm.</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Practise session &amp; 2nd Rite</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>: 4.30pm.</b>	<b>Confession</b>
	<b>5.00pm.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass-22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am.</b>	<b>Mass-22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I</b>
	<b>9.00am.</b>	<b>Mass-22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I</b>

**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:** Victoria Zoe Griffith, Lorna May Lippold, Esther Therese Kent, Beverley Anne Morand, Kenneth Maurice Evans (Tony) , Cameron Johnston, Kathleen Lund

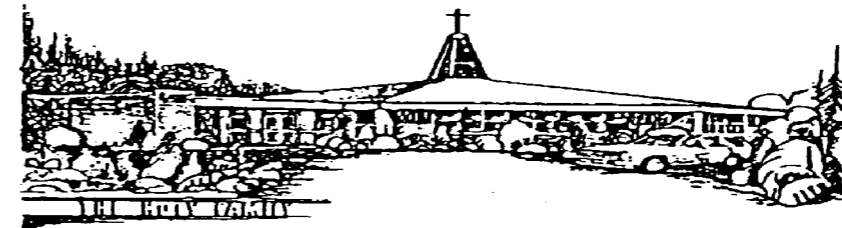
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Valerie Crowe, Martha Betros, Philomena Sleba, Barbra Bou-Saumra, May Stephens, Nonie Frances Moore, Richard Moore, Renee Nolan, Geraldine Kelly, The Vizon Family, The Balasabas Family, The David Family

**SICK LIST:** Rico C. Cadayona, Evelyn Tan, Yeo Toon Joo, Vicky Umythy, Tessa Woodward, Gerry Boerlage, 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), Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riary Chandler, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, 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**



**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

after 9am Mass

**Please contact the Parish Office.**

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**Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**

Michael Nicholson

**Context Connection**

The setting for this Sunday's Gospel is in "the district of Caesarea Philippi" (16:13). The city of Caesarea Philippi is located in the most northern region of Israel on the southern slopes of Mount Hermon, an area that is a major source of water for the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River. It is in this city that Jesus asks his disciples a very important question: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (16:13). The disciples initially respond with speculations they have heard others voice: Jesus is John the Baptist come back to life (Matthew 14:1); Jesus is Elijah who was taken up into heaven in a fiery chariot and has now returned to accompany the coming of God's Kingdom (Malachi 4:5-6); Jesus is one of the prophets, in particular the prophet Jeremiah (Matthew 2:17; 16:14; 27:9). This last claim is unique to Matthew's Gospel, which often points out the similarities between Jesus and the prophet Jeremiah.

Jesus then questions his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (16:15). Jesus is not concerned with what others have to say about his identity, but what his disciples believe and say about his identity is very important. Peter gives a clear and succinct response to Jesus's question: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16). Jesus blesses Peter for his response because Peter's understanding is due directly to a revelation from God the Father and not to human speculation.

Because Peter professes belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus places his trust in Peter and builds the Christian Church on the rock-hard foundation of Peter's faith. Jesus promises that as long as faith is strong, not even "the gates of Hades" will prevail against it (16:18). *Hades* is a Greek term that describes the underworld, or the world of death. In Greek mythology, the three sons of the Titans Cronus and Rhea—Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades—divided the world among themselves. Zeus received the sky. Poseidon was given the seas. Hades's portion was the underworld. In Hebrew, *Hades* is translated as "Sheol," which is the place of the dead.

Jesus further emphasizes the power he is bestowing on Peter and the church: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (16:19). The word *keys* has multiple meanings: a key can be used to unlock a door, to find the correct answer to an exam, or to make the Kingdom of heaven on earth a reality. The keys to making God's Kingdom a reality on earth are for Jesus's followers to love God completely and to love their neighbour as themselves. The passage closes with Jesus's ordering the disciples not to tell others of his true identity as the Messiah—not yet.

**Wisdom Connection**

Jesus's question to the disciples is a question all Christians need to answer, often many times, in their faith journey. Just as Peter's relationship grows during the three years he travels with Jesus, our relationship with Jesus grows continuously. Each opportunity that deepens our relationship with Jesus brings new insights into his true identity. Jesus blesses Peter and makes him a model for all Christians of what it means to trust in God completely. Jesus is so convinced of Peter's authentic faith that he says, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church" (16:18). For one critical moment, Peter opens himself to the truth and is forever changed.

Jesus asks us the same question: "Who do you say that I am?" (16:15). How will you respond? Do you recognize Jesus as the Son of the living God, or do you share the speculations of others? Are you willing to take the risk of professing your belief in Jesus? Do you dare to speak the truth? In truth, we are changed. Jesus seeks those who are willing to take risks and who honestly profess their belief in him. They are the rock on which Jesus continues to build his Church.

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## 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

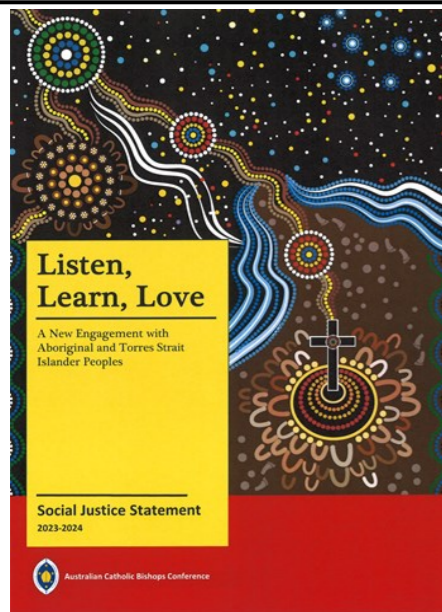
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or drop it in the collection plate.

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.



### Social Justice Sunday 2023

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Social Justice Sunday calls all Catholics, in light of the Social Justice Statement and the current focus on a referendum, to use this opportunity to listen and learn from First Nations People.

May love guide us as we listen deeply to our own hearts and those of others. Let the love of God fill our hearts as we walk together towards justice and peace.

The challenge of the day is to read and discern the wisdom for you in the Social Justice Statement 'Listen, Learn, Love.'

Access the Social Justice Sunday Statement 2023-24 at <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

### Sacramental Program—First Holy Communion

Practice session **including** celebration Of the Gift of God's Mercy (**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite for Reconciliation**)

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 4pm  
**OR**  
 6pm

**\* (all candidates must attend) \***

### First Holy Communion Celebration & Certificates

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 5pm Mass  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 9am Mass

**Next Anointing Mass** will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 9.30am. 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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Is 22:19-23 **I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.**

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
 I remove you from your post,  
 and the same day I call on my servant  
 Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
 I invest him with your robe,  
 gird him with your sash,  
 entrust him with your authority;  
 and he shall be a father  
 to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
 and to the House of Judah.  
 I place the key of the House of David  
 on his shoulder;  
 should he open, no one shall close,  
 should he close, no one shall open.  
 I drive him like a peg  
 into a firm place;  
 he will become a throne of glory  
 for his father's house.

**RESPONSORIAL** Ps 137:1-3,6,8 **R.** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 11:33-36 **From him, through him, and in him are all things.**

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 16:13-20 **You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.