

**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 : 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023—17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board room</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross followed by Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 4.30pm.</b>	<b>Confession</b>
	<b>5.00pm.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass—24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am + 9.00am</b>	<b>Mass—24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Baptisms</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:** Yeo Toon Joo, Victoria Zoe Griffith, Lorna May Lippold, Esther Therese Kent

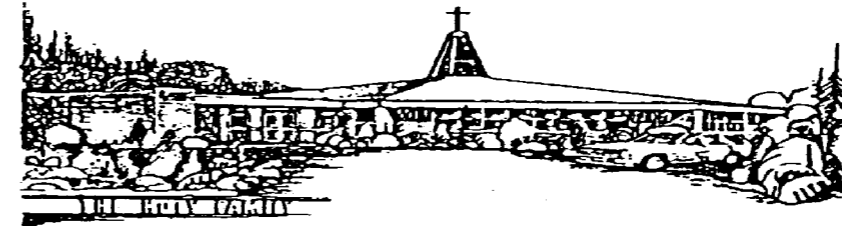
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Enid Marriott, Nigel Mark Short, Socorro Jacob, Audrey Dwyer, Felix C Cadayona, Gregorio C Cadayona, Valerie Crowe, Martha Betros, Philomena Sleba, Barbra Bou-Saumra, May Stephens, Nonie Frances Moore, Richard Moore, Renee Nolan

**SICK LIST:** Rico C. Cadayona, Evelyn Tan, 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, Riany 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**



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**PARISH PRIEST**

Monsignor Peter Meneely pp

**PARISH STAFF**

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**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES:**

**Tel: 07 5537 4320**

**Emergency : 0434 825 260**

**Facebook :**

holyfamilycatholicchurchrunawaybay

**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.**

**St Francis Xavier School:**

Principal : Ronan O'Mahony

Tel: 5537 2633

**St. Vincent De Paul Helpline**

1800 846 643

**Stopleveline Service**

1300 304 550

AOB@stopline.com.au

www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com

**Parish Local Safeguarding**

**Representative (LSR)**

Michael Nicholson

My dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome 32 young members of our community to the table of the Lord for the first time. Over the past six weeks, guided by their parents the young people have prepared well for the reception of Eucharist for the first time.

First Holy Communion is a significant event in the Catholic Church, typically celebrated around the age of seven to ten. It marks a child's initiation into the Sacrament of the Eucharist, where they receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine.

In every parish community the world over, it's a joyous occasion for families and the whole parish celebrates with Mass, prayers, and a communal celebration. The event emphasizes the importance of faith, the teachings of Christ, and the unity of the Church.

The significance of First Holy Communion lies in the belief that through this Sacrament, participants receive the grace of God in and through the reception of the Eucharist which strengthens their connection to the Church community. It's an essential step in a Catholic's spiritual journey and a memorable moment in their faith formation.

I can't help but recall my own first Holy Communion day as being a very significant event in my young life. I pray that the young people will share the joy and strength; and I hope that the love flows freely from the table of the Lord, and they receive the precious body and blood of Christ. They will also experience the power of the holy spirit in love and in your faith and helping them along the journey to become the disciples, the Lord has called them to be.

May God who has begun this wonderful work in each of them bring it to fulfilment years ahead.

I'm very grateful to Lorraine Wynne of Evangelisation Brisbane, Barbara Smith and Audrey Ho who provided the backup support to the children and their families as they prepared for the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Their help and support have been invaluable and i thank them for their generosity.

In the coming weeks, I will provide you with details of a parish based program that we will provide for those adults who wish to become members of our faith community.

The program will provide enquiring adults the opportunity to deepen their faith and be welcomed into the full life of the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of the Eucharist. We have already had four enquiries and if you know of anyone that might like to participate as a candidate in this program please speak to me about it after Mass or contact me at the parish office.

Many blessings,

Monsignor Peter Meneely pp

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Ezek 33:7-9 **If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**RESPONSORIAL** Ps 94:1-2,6-9 **R.** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.**R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**SECOND READING** 13:8-10 **Love is the fulfilment of the Law.**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 18:15-20 **If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

**Sacrament of PENANCE - RECONCILIATION  
Celebration on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (6pm)**

Penance is a sacrament of forgiveness and celebrates God's love and mercy towards us. It is about acknowledging and naming those times when we know we have done wrong, and then making peace and restoring the relationships with those who have been affected by our poor choices. The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated through the Rites of Reconciliation.

Parents of children who have completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) with Holy Family Parish are invited to participate in the program.

For those whose children received the Sacraments of Initiation in other parishes are welcome to join in the program.

Parents are invited to an Information Night held in the Church on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at 6pm.

Enrolments are \$30/candidate. Complete the enrolment form and email to [rbay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rbay@bne.catholic.net.au). Payment can be made by bank transfer to :

RUNAWAY BAY PARISH  
BSB : 064 786  
ACC : 100006388  
REF : PENANCE/FAMILY NAME

The enrolment form and program dates are available on the parish website : [www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au](http://www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au)

Please continue to regularly check the parish newsletter for updates and information on the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). For enquiries, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 07 55374320 or email [rbay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rbay@bne.catholic.net.au).

We look forward to meeting you at the Information Night.

Parish Office  
Holy Family Catholic Parish

**Penance for Older Children (Candidate must be 10 years and older)**

<b>Parent Information Night (Compulsory)</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Enrolment Mass weekend (Compulsory)</b>	<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>5pm Mass OR</b>
	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>
<b>Lessons 1 &amp; 2 (Church)</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>4.00-5.30pm</b>
<b>Lessons 3 &amp; 4 (Church)</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>4.00-5.30pm</b>
<b>Celebration</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>6pm</b>

**\*Registrations close on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023\***

**2024 Annual Publications**

Please place your order with Audrey at the Parish Office :

**Daily Mass Book 2024 @ \$28.60**

**ORDO 2024 @ \$18.15**