

**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 : 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023—24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am.</b>	<b>Mass Feast of St Matthew, apostle, evangelist followed by Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>: 4.30pm.</b>	<b>Confession</b>
	<b>5.00pm.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass—25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am + 9.00am</b>	<b>Mass—25<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:** Catherine Wee, Yeo Toon Joo, Victoria Zoe Griffith, Lorna May Lippold, Esther Therese Kent

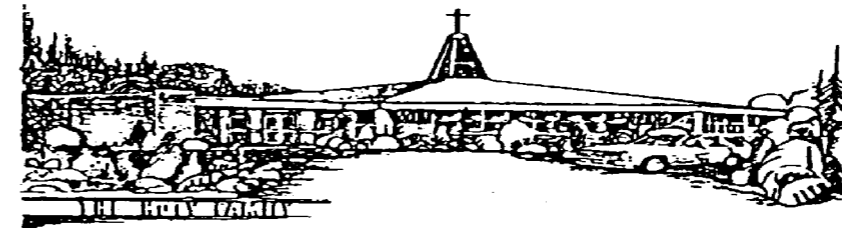
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Enid Marriott, Nigel Mark Short, Socorro Jacob, Audrey Dwyer, Felix C Cadayona, Gregorio C Cadayona, Valerie Crowe, Martha Betros, Philomena Sleba, Barbra Bou-Saumra, May Stephens, Nonie Frances Moore, Richard Moore, Renee Nolan

**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**



24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Monsignor Peter Meneely pp

**PARISH STAFF**  
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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@stopleveline.com.au  
www.bneatholic.stoplevelinereport.com

**Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**  
Michael Nicholson

My dear parishioners,

One of the most sacred places in the grounds of this parish is the Columbarium, which holds the cremated remains of many of our brothers and sisters who have become part of the communion of saints. They continue to be part of the community as they intercede for us and our needs before God.

The present columbarium walls have run out of space for the future. After taking advice and at the request of parishioners, we looked into the extension of the current columbarium. I'm happy to announce that we will be extending the columbarium later this year to include 96 new places, for those who wish to have their cremated remains interred within the Parish precinct.

If you would like to make inquiries about the new columbarium walls, please contact Mrs Audrey Ho in the parish office, and she'll be able to provide you with the information.

I am very grateful to Michael Nicholson for the extensive work he has done in maintaining the Columbarium and his assistance with its expansion.

Last weekend was a moving celebration of the first holy communion for some of our parish children. I'm very conscious that the excellent music provided in the parish is the result of the dedication and generosity of many parishioners, who assist with the music at 5 pm mass and at the 9 am mass. I'm very grateful for the support they offered during the mass for the celebration of first holy communion and many of the liturgies throughout the year.

In the coming weeks, I will call a meeting of the Hope Island Catholics to discuss future church provision in that area. We are living in extraordinary times and the number of people that move to the Gold Coast is very significant. Our Parish, as you know, stretches from Runaway Bay to Helensvale and the M1. Hope Island will be a major development centre in the coming years. It is important that the church is present in these areas of significant development. Once I know the date and time for this meeting with the Hope Islanders, I will let you know.

Many blessings,  
Monsignor Peter Meneely pp

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

Matthew is very clear in his understanding of God's mercy. If you wish to receive mercy from God, then you must show mercy toward others. To those who refuse to be merciful, God will show strict justice. In short, we will be judged as we judge others.

As Christians, we are called to imitate God by showing generous mercy to our brothers and sisters. We know that God's mercy is indeed generous. Out of generous mercy, God sent his Son, Jesus, to bring forgiveness for all sins. You may be asking yourself, "How do I know whether the mercy I show others is truly generous mercy?" If your forgiveness comes from the heart, if it is freely given, unearned (a person doesn't have to earn it), and without limitation, then it can be characterized as generous mercy. As Christians, we are able to forgive others seventy-seven times because we have experienced the generous mercy of God.

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Sirach 27:30-28:7 **Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**RESPONSORIAL** Ps 102:1-4,9-12 **R.** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 14:7-9 **Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment : love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 18:21-35 **I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023\***