

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 : 25th September 2023—1st October 2023

Tuesday 26th	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 28th	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 30th	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
Sunday 1st	: 7.00am + 9.00am	Mass—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I
	10.00am	Baptisms

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 :

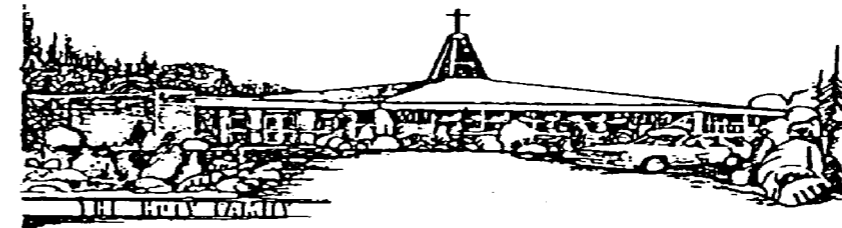
RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosie Yim, Catherine Wee, Yeo Toon Joo, Victoria Zoe Griffith, Lorna May Lippold, Esther Therese Kent

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/I****Sunday 24th September 2023****PARISH PRIEST**

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Hours:

8.30am—3.00pm

Monday—Tuesday

8.30am-1.00pm

Wednesday-Thursday**(closed FRIDAY)****Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 4.30pm

BaptismsEvery 2nd/3rd/4th 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

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1300 304 550

AOB@stoplevel.com.au

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Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Michael Nicholson

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

*Matthew 20:1-16a***Context Connection**

The parable of the landowner in this Sunday's Gospel begins just before the start of the passage: "But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first" (19:30). The essence of this is restated at the end of the parable, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" (20:16). As we read the parable, Matthew wants us to remember that God's justice is gracious and full of mercy. As Christians, we are called to live out this justice in our daily lives.

The parable compares the Kingdom of heaven to the landowner who hires labourers for the vineyard. The landowner agrees to pay the first group hired the "usual daily wage" (20:2), which was one denarius. A few hours later, at nine o'clock, the landowner hires more labourers, telling them he will pay them "whatever is right" (20:4). The landowner does the very same thing each time he hires more labourers, which he does at noon, at three o'clock, and at five o'clock. "When evening came" (20:8), which would have been about six o'clock, the landowner began to pay everyone who had worked for him that day. At this time and place, it was customary to pay workers daily not weekly. He begins with the labourers he hired last and ends with the ones he hired first. Everyone receives the same amount, which is the usual wage for a day's worth of work. The group that was hired in the early morning gives the landowner an earful: "They grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat'" (20:11-12). The landowner replies by addressing one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" (20:13). The labourers cannot not argue with him; they have been paid what the landowner promised. The landowner has been just, and he goes on to ask, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" (20:15).

This parable reveals something of the last judgment. God's justice will be fair and generous, and those who love and serve their neighbours as themselves will benefit. Whether a person lives an unselfish life matters; what doesn't matter is when he or she begins to live such a life. It is not our place to make comparisons, to try to determine who deserves what. We must always trust in the generous mercy of God. In short, the labourers in the parable say yes and go to work. How long they spend on the job isn't important.

Tradition Connection

Jesus's main message is that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Everyone! Through Baptism, we are committed to Christ. With the gift of his grace, we labour together with our fellow Christians to strengthen and build up the Kingdom of heaven. That Kingdom is open to all peoples. God invites everyone to come inside.

Jesus often speaks about the Kingdom of heaven belonging to the poor and lowly, those who are meek of heart and righteous before God, referring to those who have accepted the message of Jesus Christ with a humble heart (see CCC, number 544). In his ministry on earth, Jesus shows to his followers the boundless mercy of God and the desire of God that all people be saved. The challenge to the Christian community is not to judge others but rather to be about building the Kingdom of heaven here and now.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Is55:6-9 **My thoughts are not your thoughts.**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
 call to him while he is still near.
 Let the wicked man abandon his way,
 the evil man his thoughts.
 Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
 to our God who is rich in forgiving;
 for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
 Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
 as my ways are above your ways,
 my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 144:2-3,8-9,17-18 **R.** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 1:20-24,27 **For me to live is Christ.**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of you Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt20:1-16 **Why are you jealous because I am generous?**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

RCIA Program—Rite of Christian Initiation

As I've mentioned in the newsletter, we are starting a parish based program that will provide an opportunity for those adults who wish to become members of our faith community to deepen their understanding of discipleship and the life of the Church.

This program will commence on Sunday 15th October 2023 after the 9am mass and will run for 6 weeks. Initiation will take place on Sunday 26th November 2023 at the 9am Mass.

If you know of anyone who might like to participate, please register your interest via the Parish Office at 07 55374320 or email:rbay@bne.catholic.net.au

**Sacrament of PENANCE - RECONCILIATION
 Celebration on Thursday 9th 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 9th October 2023** at 6pm.

Enrolments are \$30/candidate. Complete the enrolment form and email to 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

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.

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)

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

Registrations close on 4th October 2023