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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: 6th November 2023—12th November 2023

Tuesday 7th : 9.30am. Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 8th : 9.30am. Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Board room Thursday 9th : 9.30am. Mass Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica followed by

Confession

: 4.30pm.

Saturday 11th

5.00pm. Vigil Mass—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/1

Sunday 12th : 7.00am + 9.00am Mass—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A/1

10.00am Baptism

10.00am RCIA Program—Parish Board Room

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

<u>PRAYER</u>: 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: Peter Lyons, Jean Di Benedetto, Billy Joy Langga, Wylma Pascoe, Dorothy June Molloy, Rosie Yim, Catherine Wee, Yeo Toon Joo,

ANNIVERSARIES: Fred & Selina Betros, Mick & Eulina Cook, Morrie Betros, Ivan Ho Kew, Eugene Doddy, Hazel & Andrew Wilkie, Jack & Catherine McVeigh, Jenny Ho, Lennie Crowe, Bruce Gilbert, Ian Birkbeck, Efren C. Cadayona, Enid Marriott, Nigel Mark Short, Socorro Jacob, Audrey Dwyer

SICK LIST: Mark Devlin, Margaret Cotton, Rico C. Cadayona, Evelyn Tan, Vicky Umythy, Tessa Woodward, Gerry Boerlage, Gay Frazer, 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, , 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





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Sunday 5th November 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

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Michael Nicholson

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Matthew 23:1–12

Context Connection

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees. As you may know, the scribes are skilled at interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures in order to make them relevant to everyday life. The Pharisees, whom you have learned much about in recent weeks, belong to a religious sect that prides itself on fellowship (communal meals) and on strict observance of the Law of Moses. The scribes and the Pharisees are two distinct groups.

Jesus says of his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it" (23:2-3). Remember that the teachings and precepts found in the Law of Moses can prove helpful in leading a Christian life; in fact, much of the Christian tradition is rooted in the Law. Jesus is not attacking the Law when he speaks these words of warning: "But do not do as they [the scribes and Pharisees] do, for they do not practice what they teach" (23:3). In Christianity, one finds a direct corollary between what one believes and how one acts. People of faith value the connection between belief and behaviour. They live by the words "practice what you preach." The scribes and Pharisees fail to make this connection, and Jesus refuses to excuse their hypocrisy. He objects to their narrow interpretation of the Law, or Torah, which makes observing or living the Law very difficult for the average person. God intends observance of the Law to free people, but the scribes and Pharisees, through their literal interpretation, make it into a burden, which, over time, imprisons people spiritually.

Jesus also objects to the way the scribes and Pharisees perform their religious duties; from his perspective, they do everything for show. Their tricks are not lost on him. He points out that they make their ritual objects large so everyone will see them. They have no humility; it is all about them. Jesus finds their lack of humility appalling: "They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi" (23:6–7).

Jesus teaches his followers, then and now, to embrace humility by putting others first—a stark contrast to the behaviour of religious elites: "The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted" (23:11–12). Christians should aspire to serve, to be servants to all. Every baptized member of the Church, including the Pope, is called to be a servant. In fact, one of the titles by which the Pope is known is Servant of the Servants of God.

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Catholic Mission Appeal

Thank you everyone for your generous donations. You can place your appeal envelopes in the collection basket or bring it in to the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket in the coming weeks.



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at <u>catholicmission.org.au/timor</u>. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10 You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL Ps 130 *R*. In you, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.R.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. R.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. R.

SECOND READING 1 Thess 2:7-9,13 We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 23:1-12 they do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Parish Youth Choir

This Sunday we have our inaugural youth choir.

If you have young ones who love to sing \mathscr{L} (no experience necessary) or play an instrument, we would love for you to join us.

If you are interested, please see Lynne after the 9am Mass or contact her at 0406 794 343. For our initial performance, the young ones will be singing the entrance song.

We hope to have this choir sing on the first Sunday of every month next year 🥒

An Anointing Mass will be held next Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 9.30am. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered during mass to those present that day who are sick and also those in need of spiritual healing.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will be held on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 6pm in the Church. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Book of Life During the month of November, we especially remember all the faithful departed. You are invited to write the names of your deceased family and friends in the Book of Life. They will be prayed for at all our Masses during November. The book is placed on a table next to the Paschal Candle.

If you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones during November, envelopes marked Mass for the Holy Souls are placed on the table at the back of the Church. Place your envelope in the box marked 'Prayer Intentions'.

Guest speaker at the Catholic Women's League meeting on 16th November, will be Scottish Australian Jenna Robertson. Jenna is an internationally award winning singer, writer, creative director and producer across opera, music & film.

Please, everyone, feel welcome to come along and enjoy Jenna's sharing of her story at 10.30am in the Marian Room. Afterwards, join us for a cuppa and take the opportunity to chat with Jenna.

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