

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 : 4 th December 2023—10 th December 2023		
Tuesday 5 th	: 9.30am.	Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 7 th	: 9.30am.	Mass Memorial of St Ambrose, bishop, doctor followed by Rosary
Saturday 9 nd	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass—2 nd Sunday of Advent Year B/2
Sunday 10 th	: 7.00am. + 9.00am	Mass—2 nd Sunday of Advent Year B/2
	10.00am.	Baptism

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: Mack Halverson, Peter Steinhour, Margherita Zarafa

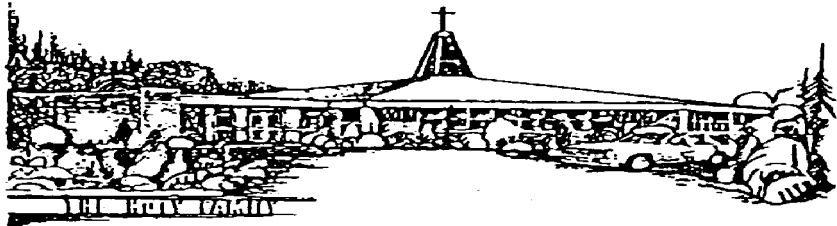
ANNIVERSARIES: Ross Michael Bycroft, Keith McDougall, Brian Dwyer, Margaret O’Farrell, Olga & Gilbert Smith, Violeta C.Quiambao, Fred & Selina Betros, Mick & Eulina Cook, Morrie Betros

SICK LIST: Carter Ford, Val Hutton, Bernard Molina, Mari Purcell, Sharon Harris, 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



First Sunday of Advent Year B/2

Sunday 3rd December 2023

PARISH PRIEST
Monsignor Peter Meneely pp

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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
Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
Principal : Ronan O’Mahony
Tel: 5537 2633

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
1800 846 643

Stopline Service
1300 304 550
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www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)
Michael Nicholson

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

Wisdom Connection
Each disciple has a part to play in spreading the Gospel, which will bring about the Kingdom of God on earth. When Jesus comes again in glory, we will have to account for how good a job we have done. The time of waiting could be compared to anticipating the return of a loved one. The very thought of meeting the Lord generates peace and joy within the faithful disciple. Nothing can compare to, or surpass, a face-to-face encounter with the long-awaited Jesus. Faithful disciples, those who spread the Gospel, do not fear death. For them, there is no fear of the next phase of experiencing God. Throughout their lives, they prepare for union with Jesus, though they do not know when it will occur.
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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5.00pm Saturday 23rd December
7.00am & 9.00am Sunday 24th December

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY)
24th December
5:00pm.....Children’s Family Mass
(children are invited to dress in their favourite biblical character associated with the Nativity of the Lord)

CHRISTMAS DAY (MONDAY)
25th December
7:00am & 9:00am.....Christmas Day Mass

MASSES AFTER CHRISTMAS
Regular weekday mass will resume on Tuesday 9th January 2024
Saturday 30th Dec, **Feast of the Holy Family** 5pm Vigil
Sunday 31st Dec, **Feast of the Holy Family** 7am & 9am
Mon 1st Jan, **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** 9.30am

Christmas Roster

We received an overwhelming response....thank you!

There are still 1 or 2 roles that need filling in so if you’re available to assist, please fill in your details.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 **Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.**
You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19 **R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**
O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**
God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again : give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:3-9 **The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.**
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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GOSPEL Mk 13:33-37 **Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.**
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal
9th & 10th December 2023

Over the weekend of 9th and 10th December, the Holy Family Conference will be conducting our annual Christmas Appeal. This appeal is an important source of funding for the conference as it enables us to carry out our vision of “providing a hand up not a hand out” to the people in need in our area, especially during the Christmas season and bearing in mind those families struggling due to rises in the cost of living.

If you will not be attending Mass that weekend and would like to donate you can do so in the following ways :

- Pick up an Appeal Envelope from the Church or the Parish Office and return it with your donation to the office or put it on any of the collections at Mass. If required, please include details for the receipt.
- Direct Debit to the Conference bank account; BSB : 064-786, Account Number : 100025973, Account Name : SVDP Holy Family Runaway Bay, Reference : Christmas Appeal and your name. If you require a receipt please Email your details to our conference email HF4216@svdpqld.org.au

Thanks to all Parishioners for your generosity. May God Bless you all.

Peter Fox
President

Parish News

An Anointing and Healing Mass will be held next Tuesday **5th December** at 9.30am. If you’re unable to attend, another Anointing Mass will held before Christmas on **19th December** at 9.30am. We hope that you are able to join us in this special Sacrament of healing.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation before Christmas Set aside in your diary, **20th December 2023 at 10.30am & 6pm** for the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. This is a communal service with individual absolution. It’s a beautiful celebration before Christmas to come and ponder your life before God.

CWL Christmas Hamper Tickets now available \$1 each. Hamper which includes a gift wish card is valued over \$100.00. Tickets will be available from 18th November before and after each mass. The draw will be held on 17th December after 9am mass.

Parish Volunteers Christmas Evening Invitations were sent out to over 80 volunteers who have assisted in the various ministries of the Parish. Monsignor Peter is looking forward to having you join him for drinks and nibbles in the Marian Room on **Friday 15th December 2023 at 5.30pm**. For catering purposes, we would appreciate if you could contact the Parish Office at 07 55374320 or email : rbay@bne.catholic.net.au to confirm your attendance. Thank you.