

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> December 2023—17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am.	Mass Memorial of St John of the Cross, priest, doctor (No Rosary after Mass)
	10.30am	Funeral Service – Eugene Harold Morand
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	: 5.30pm.	Parish Volunteers Christmas Evening - Marian Room
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass—3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/2
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00am. + 9.00am	Mass—3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:** K M Lim, Eugene Harold Morand, 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 Szyysz, 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.



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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 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:

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Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Michael Nicholson

Tradition Connection

In both the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed, we profess belief in the forgiveness of sins. In the Apostles’ Creed, we say, “I believe in the forgiveness of sins” (*Sacramentary*, p. 369), whereas in the Nicene Creed, we say, “We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins” (*Sacramentary*, p. 368). As Catholics, we connect the forgiveness of sins with the sacrament of Baptism.

Through Baptism, all sin is forgiven, both original sin and personal sin. Unfortunately, we do not remain in this state of holiness because of our human inclination toward sin. The state of grace can be restored through the repeatable sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (see CCC, number 978).

Through the grace of Baptism, sins are forgiven, we are made pure, and we go on to receive new birth in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are made a new creation in Jesus. The renewal is ongoing and lifelong. As this new creation in Christ, the baptized person becomes an adopted son or daughter of God and a co-heir with Christ in the Kingdom of God. It is through the sacrament of Baptism that we become a temple of the Holy Spirit.

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4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5.00pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

7.00am & 9.00am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY)

24<sup>th</sup> 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)

25<sup>th</sup> December

7:00am & 9:00am.....Christmas Day Mass

MASSES AFTER CHRISTMAS

\*Regular weekday mass will resume on Tuesday 9th January 2024\*

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, Feast of the Holy Family 5pm Vigil

Sunday 31st Dec, Feast of the Holy Family 7am & 9am

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9.30am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'  
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'  
Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 84:9-14 R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

SECOND READING 2 Pet 3:8-14 We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.  
Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths : all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1:1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

This weekend, 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 are not able to attend Mass this 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](mailto:HF4216@svdpqld.org.au)

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

Peter Fox  
President

Parish News

The next Anointing and Healing Mass will be held before Christmas on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. We hope that you are able to join us in this special Sacrament of healing.



2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation before Christmas Set aside in your diary, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.30am & 6pm for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and the healing nature of this sacrament.

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