

**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> December 2023—24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am.	Anointing Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	: 10.30am.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation
	6.00pm.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	: 9.30am.	Mass
	10.00am	(No Rosary after Mass) Renewal of Vows
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	: 4.30pm.	Confession
	5.00pm.	Vigil Mass—4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/2
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00am. + 9.00am	Mass—4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/2
	5.00pm.	Children’s Family Mass—The Nativity of the Lord

**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

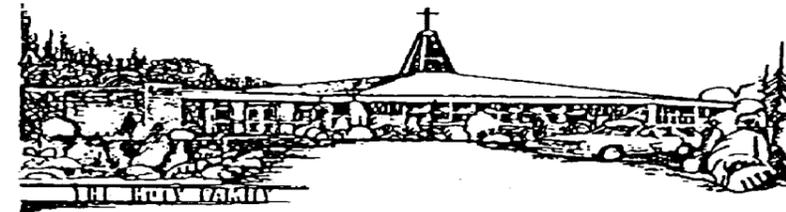
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Graham Paterson, Ross Michael Bycroft, Keith McDougall, Brian Dwyer, Margaret O’Farrell, Olga & Gilbert Smith, Violeta C.Quiambao

**SICK LIST:** Vince Johnson, 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**



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B/2

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

**PARISH PRIEST**  
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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

**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

**Wisdom Connection**

John the Baptist is called to be the voice crying out in the wilderness to make straight the path of Jesus the Messiah. The importance of his role in salvation history, of which the Gospel writer reminds us, cannot be stressed enough. As a prophet, a truth sayer, John testifies to the light that is Jesus. “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:5), says our Lord. The fact that John can see this awesome light says much about his character. We are the Baptist’s heirs. Each of us must be a voice crying out in the wildernesses of our world, in the places seemingly devoid of God. Each of us must make straight the paths that lead to the hearts of those around us. If we do our part, we make it easier for Jesus to touch, and thereby change, the lives of others.

The world still needs prophets like John the Baptist. Let’s take a look around. Who are the prophets of today in our Church, in our world, in our family? During this season of Advent, let us pray for more prophets, let us pray that we live out the responsibilities of our Baptism by becoming prophets who not only speak the truth but actively listen to it as well.

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 **I exult for joy in the Lord.**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

#### RESPONSORIAL Lk 1:46-50,53-54 **R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R.**

#### SECOND READING 1 Thess 5:16-24 **May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

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#### GOSPEL Jn 1:6-8,19-28 **There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.**

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### Parish News

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

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

**SVDP Christmas Appeal** If you missed out on the appeal, envelopes are available on the table at the back of the Church. You can place the envelope in our collection baskets or drop it in at the Parish Office. Otherwise, the SVDP Conference bank details are :

- 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)

Thank you for your generous donations.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation



This is held next Wednesday **20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.30am & 6pm**

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.