

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 : 15th January 2024—21st January 2024

Tuesday 16th : 9.30am Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 18th : 9.30am Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 20th : 4.30pm. Confession
 5.00pm. Vigil Mass—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2
Sunday 21st : 7.00am. + 9.00am Mass—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2

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: Christina MacLean, Hilary Joyce O'Leary, Lesley Goltman

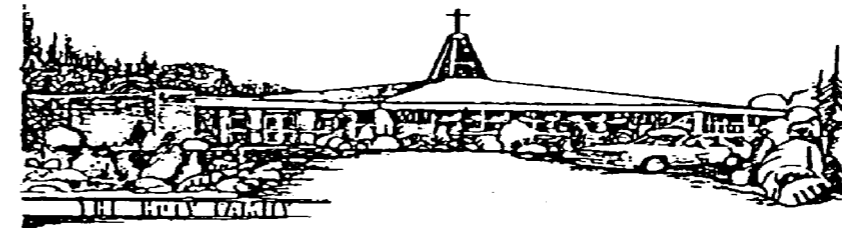
ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Paterson, Margaret Conwell, Graham Paterson

SICK LIST: Elizabeth Allanson, Ann Woodman, 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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2

Sunday 14th January 2024

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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.

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Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)
Michael Nicholson

My dear people,

Firstly, welcome back to those who have been away with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

The storm on Christmas night continues to affect our community as many families try to get back on their feet. We will continue to pray for and support victims of this recent weather event.

Following is the Qld Government website where you can apply for personal hardship assistance :

www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies

I would like to personally thank the many parishioners who sent me cards, gifts and best wishes over the Christmas celebrations. I'm very grateful for your kindness to me in so many ways.

I am also grateful to have witnessed your great generosity to the Catholic parishioners of Holy Family Parish in Gaza. During the Christmas masses, people contributed over \$4000.00 to the Parish of The Holy Family in Gaza to assist in meeting the immediate needs of the people of the parish. The money will be sent to the Parish Priest so it reaches the people most in need of our support.

May the New Year bring you peace.

Yours in Christ,
Monsignor Peter Meneely pp

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

John 1:35-42

Context Connection

In this Sunday's Gospel, two very determined individuals seek out Jesus to join him, to be close to him. It is important to put their actions into the larger context of the whole chapter to fully appreciate the message of this Gospel passage. Earlier, in verses 29-34, we read of Jesus's being baptized by John the Baptist, an event we recall at the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After his baptism, according to the Gospel, Jesus inaugurates his public life by proclaiming a message of forgiveness of sins. People begin to notice him. Two disciples of John the Baptist seek Jesus out in earnest, a development unique to the Gospel of John; in the other three Gospels, Jesus seeks the disciples out by calling them to follow him. John's rendering more than likely reflects the then common practice of searching for a distinguished rabbi to hear his teachings with hopes of becoming his disciple. In this account, John the Baptist gives his two disciples a little help in locating the one they should now follow by calling Jesus the "Lamb of God" (1:36).

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When Jesus notices these disciples of John following him, he asks them, "What are you looking for?" (1:38). The disciples respond by addressing Jesus as rabbi. What they go on to ask is both interesting and revealing: "Where are you staying?" (1:38). They most definitely want to learn more about this rabbi Jesus because they want to be physically close to him. Jesus in turn offers them an invitation: "Come and see" (1:39). After being with Jesus a whole day, which for Jews begins at sunset and ends at the following sunset, Andrew, who is one of the two disciples of John the Baptist, goes to find his brother Simon. Andrew's words, "We have found the Messiah" (1:41), convince Simon to return with him to see and listen to Jesus himself. What Jesus says to Simon upon meeting him suggests that Jesus already knows him: "You are Simon son of John" (1:42). The Gospel writer lets us know that Jesus already has special plans for this brother of Andrew. In fact, Simon's role will be so significant that Jesus changes Simon's name: "You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)" (1:42), which means "rock."

This Gospel offers us a clear model of evangelization that we can use in our everyday lives. One could call it the invitation model; that is, we bring Jesus to others by inviting them to encounter him. As previously mentioned, John the Baptist follows this model by inviting his disciples to follow Jesus. We know that Andrew employs the same model; he invites his brother Simon to meet Jesus for himself. Evangelization is *encounter*—that is, having a personal encounter with Jesus that sets the stage for a more intimate relationship with him.

Tradition Connection

In this Sunday's Gospel, John writes of the disciples' initial encounter with Jesus, which can lead to a life-changing relationship with him. For us, that encounter begins at Baptism. Through this sacrament, we become sons and daughters of God. Jesus's exemplary life, which we are called to imitate, shows us the way to holiness. The endpoint for us journeying disciples is to live in the glory of heaven after our earthly lives come to an end. We hope our lives will be characterized by a true moral maturity attainable through God's abundant grace. Jesus shares life in all its aspects with his disciples. We are invited to come and see where the Master lives and to enter into an intimate relationship with him. For those who believe in Jesus, this intimate union finds fulfilment in the Eucharist, in the partaking of the body and blood of Jesus. Believers have come to understand that, through the reception of the Eucharist, Jesus abides in them.

Wisdom Connection

In the Gospels, we learn that discipleship flows from the initiative of Jesus. Even in the Gospel of John, where the disciples make the first move by seeking out Jesus, the Master takes the initiative to forge an intimate relationship with them: "Come and see" (1:39). The Gospel of John also underscores the importance of striving to know who Jesus is. The disciples of John the Baptist first address Jesus as Rabbi, but after spending time with him come to know him as the Messiah. One of them, Andrew, wants to share what he knows to be true, and he goes off in search of his brother, inviting him to experience the truth for himself. This Gospel passage causes us to ask important questions: How well do we know and understand Jesus? What do we tell our family and friends about Jesus? Do we behave as devoted disciples by inviting others to encounter him?

Text: Youth - Scripture Reflections-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
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The Little Lenten Book Spend time with God each day of Lent. The Little Lenten Book consists of 6-minute meditations on the Passion according to Luke. The reading begins on Sunday 11th February 2024 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) and spend 3 days getting ready for Lent. The book costs \$5 each. They are on sale at the Parish Office AND before and after each weekday and weekend mass **from Monday 22nd January 2024.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Sam 3:3-10,19 **Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20 **Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.**

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:35-42 **They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.