

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 : 22nd April 2024—28th April 2024

Tuesday 23rd	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation—Parent Information Night
Wednesday 24th	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Board Room
Thursday 25th	: 9.30am	ANZAC Day Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 27th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—5th Sunday of Easter Year B/2
	5.30pm	Mass at Banksia Hall, Hope Island
Sunday 28th	: 7.00am	Mass—5th Sunday of Easter Year B/2
	9.00am	Family Mass—5th Sunday of Easter Year B/2 & Confirmation Session 1
	10.00am	RCIA Program—Parish Office Board Room

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: Christine Richards, Fr. Martin Larsen, Josephine Bridget Skinner, Lawrence David Buckley

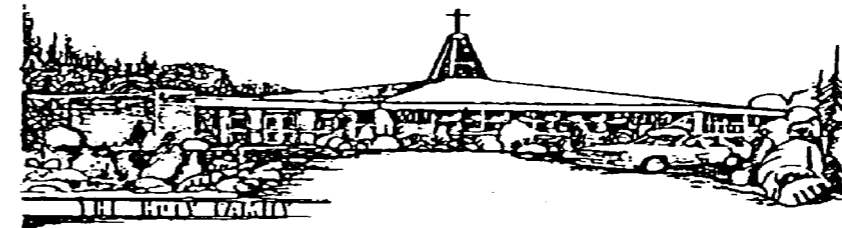
ANNIVERSARIES: Terrence Patrick Burke, Michael Pope, Celia Orozco de Delgado, Estrellita Rush-Delgado

SICK LIST: Robyn Phillips family, Mark Prain, Scott Lutgerink, Mel Delmar, Elaine Jeffrey, Robyn Levy, Beverley Robinson, David Charlton, Elsie Charles, Jacques Charles, Christopher Holley, Sophie Mitchell, Elizabeth Allanson, Ann Woodman, Carter Ford, Val Hutton, Bernard Molina, 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, 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



4th Sunday of Easter Year B/2

Sunday 21st April 2024

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Hours:
8.30am—3.00pm
Monday—Thursday
(closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3.30pm

Baptisms
Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays
after 9am Mass
Please contact the Parish Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
Principal : Ronan O'Mahony
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St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

John 10:11-18

Context Connection

Throughout the Old Testament, God is often spoken of as the shepherd of the Chosen People. You may be most familiar with this image from Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (verse 1). This image was added to after the Assyrians conquered the northern kingdom of Israel and after the Babylonians conquered the southern kingdom of Judah and exiled the Israelites to Babylon. During this time, God was often presented as the future shepherd (see Isaiah 49:8-10, Jeremiah 31:10, and Ezekiel 34:11-16).

In the New Testament, and in this week's Gospel, John uses both a present and a future image of the good shepherd, saying that Jesus is in fact the Good Shepherd right now ("I am the good shepherd" [John 10:11]), and that the good shepherd will go to the extreme and lay down his life for his sheep (see John 10:15). This will be an act of total loving, of complete self-sacrifice. It is by free choice that Jesus will lay down his own life, as he says himself. Today we know why he did this: in order to take life up again for our salvation. Jesus freely gave up his life out of love for all humankind.

John uses the term *Good Shepherd* in contrast to *bad shepherd*. A bad shepherd would be an individual who would lead those placed in his or her care into harm's way. Such a shepherd would no doubt be self-centered and therefore unable to make the kinds of sacrifices that would benefit the flock. The concept of love and concern for others would be utterly foreign to this kind of person.

By way of contrast, and according to John, Jesus is a shepherd who leads his flock in ways of truth and righteousness. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, seeks those who have lost their way in order to bring them back into the ways of truth and righteousness. He never stops practicing fidelity to his flock, his followers.

Tradition Connection

The bond between the shepherd and the sheep described in this passage is a close-knit one. In the story, the shepherd calls out and the sheep hear the voice of the shepherd and follow him. In return, the shepherd cares for and nurtures the sheep. The shepherd willingly and always places himself at the service of the sheep.

Another example of Jesus's acting as the Good Shepherd in the New Testament is found in John 13:1-15. In this passage, Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles. He models for them his understanding of how to lead, how to shepherd people. He models service. He says that he has come to serve and not to be served.

The Catholic Church uses the term *pastoral care* or *pastoral outreach* to describe the many services the parish community provides to those in need. Pastoral care includes care for the members of one's own parish community, such as visiting the sick and home bound, assisting a family as its members grieve the loss of a loved one, providing food and clothing to parish members who are laid off or are otherwise unable to find employment. Pastoral care also includes outreach to people beyond the members of the parish, such as working in soup kitchens that serve food to those in need of a meal, working in food or clothing pantries that supply people with those necessities, providing "buddies" for those in the larger community who, because of illness or other factors, may

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need a friend for companionship.

Traditionally, we call these pastoral actions corporal works of mercy or acts of charity—in other words, actions with the goal of caring for the bodily needs of other people. We are all called to follow the model of Jesus, to perform these corporal works of mercy. We are all called to be good shepherds, to be individuals who care for others by serving their needs. Some of us may have had an opportunity or many opportunities to serve through a service project in our parish or school. Some of us may never have participated in this kind of service. We must strive to practice these corporal works of mercy as much as we are able. The Gospel today reminds us that this care for others is a lifelong reality, a way of life for anyone who follows Jesus. Ask your parents, teachers, or pastor what you can do to help others in need.

Wisdom Connection

This passage is about a way of being in relationship with Jesus. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, intimately knows each of us, his flock, through his personal relationship with us. In knowing each disciple personally, Jesus is able to guide and care for the individual in a unique way. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus only wills good for those who follow him.

*Text: Youth - Scripture Reflections-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12 **This is the only name by which we can be saved.**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **.R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3:1-2 **We shall see God as he is.**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

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GOSPEL Jn 10:11-18 **The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.**

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

DATELINE FOR ENROLMENTS WILL BE MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024

Within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Confirmation is the second sacrament that children are invited to receive. Confirmation completes Baptism. **The Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Family Catholic Parish will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 6pm.**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation includes the following sessions :

Parent Information Night	Tuesday 23 rd April at 6pm
Enrolment Mass+Family Mass+Session 1	Sunday 28 th April
Sunday Sessions x 3	Sundays : 19 th May, 26 th May, 2 nd June
Last session with cuppa & practise	Sunday 9 th June
Confirmation Celebration	Tuesday 11th June 6pm
Family Mass & invite newly confirmed	Sunday 16 th June

****AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS THE PREPARATION OF THE CHILD AT SUNDAY MASS, THEREFORE THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS DURING THE PROGRAM.**