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Holy Family Planned Giving

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Parish Bank Details :

Runaway Bay Parish
Commonwealth Bank
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Acc# 100 006 388
REF : PG/LAST NAME

Weekly Diary : 7th October 2024—13th October 2024

Tuesday 8th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	6.00pm	Sacrament of Penance - Parent's Information Night (Church)
Wednesday 9th	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Office Board Room
Thursday 10th	: 9.30am	Mass
Saturday 12th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B2
	5.30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 13th	: 7.00am	Mass—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2
	9.00am	Family Mass+Sacrament of Penance Enrolment Mass—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2
	10.30am	Baptisms

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: Andzej Filipczak, Margaret Therese Stephens, Anthony Ernest Eden

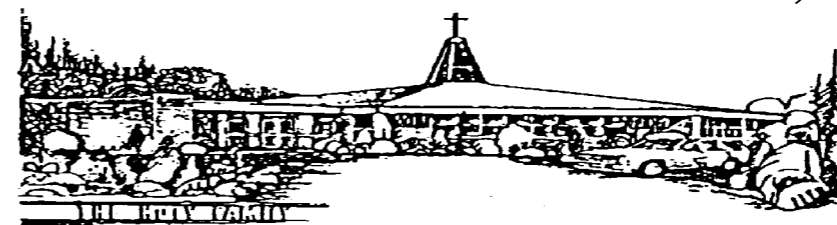
ANNIVERSARIES: Jesus P Balasabas, Bruce Gilbert, Ian Andrew Birkbeck, Joyce Mary Hanrahan, Lennie Crowe, Zaldy F. Cadayona, June Molloy, Enid Marriott, Jan M^cNamee, Nigel Mark Short

SICK LIST: Dallas Blackledge, Alex Scott Jr, Jane Cooper, Ho Chun Leung, Elaine Massy, Robyn & Phillip Trevanna, Gerry Boerlage, Yvonne Collett, Lorna Avis Whitehouse, Paul Bartlett, Robyn Phillips family, Mark Prain, Mel Delmar, Elaine Jeffrey, Beverley Robinson, David Charlton, Elsie Charles, Jacques Charles, Christopher Holley, Sophie Mitchell, Elizabeth Allanson, Ann Woodman, Carter Ford, Val Hutton, Bernard Molina, Mark Devlin, Margaret Cotton, Rico C. Cadayona, Evelyn Tan, Vicky Umythy, Tessa Woodward, Angela Byron, Renee Wood, Gerard Brennan, Jan Dodds, Gabriel Cabral, Keith Murphy, Victoria Scotchford, Michael Murphy, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Sasha Whelan, Marie Roberts, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Riany Chandler, Simon Stretton, Margaret Kwong, Bernie Pack

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2

Sunday 6th October 2024

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Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday
8.00am—3.00pm
Friday
8.00am-12noon
Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3.30pm

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

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October 6th 2024—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, ‘Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him.” Mark 10:2

If love is to be pure and holy, it must rise above erroneous interpretations of love and be lived in the way it was intended to be lived. Pure love is always self-giving. It is sacrificial. It always looks to the good of the other. Love is total and must be irrevocable. Love forges a bond that should never be broken. It must endure everything and is possible only when it is grounded in the love that God has for us.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you love. Does the hardness of your heart lead you to misinterpret the love God wants you to share with others? Do you minimize the requirements of love? Is your love total, irrevocable, and freely given? Is your love self-seeking or self-giving? Reflect upon the pure and holy nature of the love God has offered to you, and recommit yourself to offer this same depth of love to God and to others so that the covenants that result from your love will always endure.

Text : Clergy and Parish Bulletin Vol 22#18

Context Connection

The topic of Sunday's Gospel—divorce—touches each of our lives either directly or indirectly. Divorce was an issue in Jesus's day, and it is an issue in contemporary society. In Jesus's day, the father of the bride, the groom, and the groom's father usually arranged the marriage, which was finalized by writing and signing a marriage contract. Once the marriage contract was agreed upon, the couple was betrothed and then had about a year to get to know each other before the actual marriage ceremony took place. Unlike our custom today, the betrothal was not a dating or engagement period. Once the contract was signed, the couple was considered married.

Divorce was a concession for those situations in which the arrangement did not work out. The certificate of divorce, given to the woman by the man, allowed the woman to remarry (see Deuteronomy 24:2).

What did Jesus have to say about the divorce concession? This Sunday's Gospel opens with the Pharisees' testing Jesus with the question, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” (10:2). Does that question sound strange? The “Law” the Pharisees are referring to is the Mosaic Law, which was founded on the Ten Commandments. In good rabbinic style, that is, answering a question with a question, Jesus responds, “What did Moses command you?” (10:3). When the Pharisees say, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her” (10:4), Jesus has a few things to say in response.

First, though, it is important to know that in Jesus's day, serious abuses of the divorce concession were occurring. Divorce was being granted for all kinds of reasons, from the very trivial charge that a wife had cooked a dish badly to the more serious accusation of adultery. So in response to the Pharisees, and in light of the ongoing abuses of the divorce concession, Jesus challenges them to reexamine the original intent of marriage. He says to them: “From the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh” (10:7–8).

Wisdom Connection

Jesus protests against the attitude about divorce that has developed within his society. He raises his protest by focusing his listeners on the original purpose of marriage. He emphasizes the sanctity of marriage and the commitment of a man and a woman to grow together through a perpetual and exclusive relationship.

The challenge for each couple is to go beyond the concessions in the law and to nurture a covenantal relationship with each another. Because marriage is a sacrament, which makes it a commitment between a man and a woman before God, Jesus asks us to consider marriage a contract for life.

Text: Youth-Scripture Reflections-Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24 **They were two in one flesh.**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 127 **R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11 **He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-12 **What God has joined together, no one must divide.**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

Catholic Mission Appeal—5th/6th October 2024

This weekend we welcome guest speaker Jane Doogan who will talk about the Catholic Mission Appeal. Envelopes are available on the back table. Please take home an envelope and you can place it in the collection plate or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

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Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



We have parishioner, Colleen McCormack, who would like to share her faith. She will be handing out and displaying leaflets, devotionals, including scripture, rosary cards and rosary beads.

Colleen will be available after these Masses :

6th October 2024 : 7am & 9am Mass

12th October 2024 : 4pm Vigil & 5.30pm Our Lady of Hope

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - RECONCILIATION Celebration on Wednesday 6th November 2024 (6pm)

The Parent's Information Night is held in the Church next Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 6pm.

Please read the parish newsletter or visit the parish website www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au for updates and information on the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). For enquiries, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 07 55374320 or email rbay@bne.catholic.net.au. We look forward to meeting you next Tuesday.

Penance (Years 5 & 6) Confirmed and Received First Eucharist

Parent Information Night	Tuesday 8 th October at 6pm
Enrolment + Family Mass	Sunday 13 th October at 9am
Sunday Sessions x 2 (this involves Sunday 9am mass attendance and sessions thereafter)	Sundays : 20 th October, 27 th October
Celebration	Wednesday 6th November from 6pm. *Candidates are given rostered times.