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Parish Bank Details :

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Weekly Diary : 4th November 2024—10th November 2024

Tuesday 5th	: 9.30am	Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 6th	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Office
	10.30am	Funeral Service—Donald Brown
	6.00pm	Sacrament of Penance Celebration
Thursday 7th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
	10.00am	CWL Meeting-Parish Office
Saturday 9th	: 4.00pm	Vigil Mass—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B2
	5.30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 10th	: 7.00am	Mass—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2
	9.00am	Mass—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2
	10.10am	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: Nick Nicholls, Donald Brown, Justine Thompson, Malcolm Gilbert, John Wright, Angelina Vizon, Jean Haberle, Ramir Tulagan, Andzej Filipczak, Margaret Therese Stephens

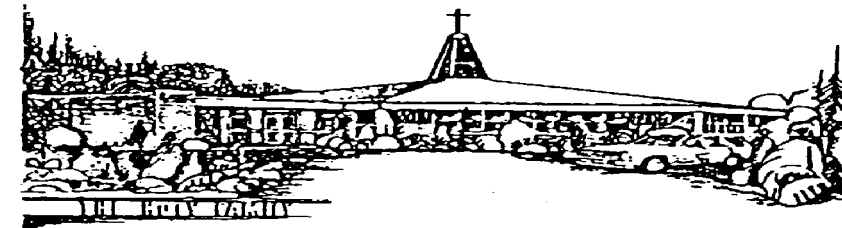
ANNIVERSARIES: Margherita Zarafa, Ivan Ho, Violeta C. Quiambao, The La Rance Family, Jenny Ho, Jesus P Balasabas, Bruce Gilbert, Ian Andrew Birkbeck

SICK LIST: Sheilah O'Neill, Mac Gilbert, 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



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2

Sunday 3rd November 2024

<p>PARISH PRIEST Monsignor Peter Meneely pp</p> <p>PARISH STAFF Audrey Ho <i>Parish Secretary</i> Email : rbay@bne.catholic.net.au Jan Levinge <i>Marriage Coordinator</i></p> <p>Parish Office: 16 Simbai St PO Box 125 Runaway Bay Q4216</p> <p>Website : www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au</p> <p>FOR ALL ENQUIRIES: Tel: 07 5537 4320 Emergency : 0434 825 260 Facebook : holyfamilycatholicchurchrunawaybay</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8.00am—3.00pm Friday 8.00am-12noon Reconciliation: Saturdays 3.30pm</p> <p>Baptisms Every 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays after 9am Mass Please contact the Parish Office.</p> <p>St Francis Xavier School: Principal : Ronan O'Mahony Tel: 5537 2633</p> <p>St. Vincent De Paul Helpline 1800 846 643</p> <p>Nerida Smith Minister to the Sick Mobile : 0417 606 639 Email : nerida.smith@bigpond.com</p> <p>Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Michael Nicholson lsr.rbay@bne.catholic.net.au</p>	<p>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34</i></p> <p>A difficulty with dividing each synoptic gospel into sequential pericopes for a year's reading from January through to November is that the feasts of the Lord's birth and death, along with their preparatory periods, are then always read out of sequence. Mark's account of blind Bartimaeus that was read last Sunday is the immediate prelude to Jesus entering Jerusalem that we read also on Palm Sunday. So from last Sunday the Lectionary leaps over the whole of chapter 11, which includes the account of the cleansing of the temple, itself framed by the story of the fig tree that portends the end. We take up again half way through chapter 12. Mark's scene for the question about the first or greatest commandment of the Law differs in one significant way from Matthew's (read on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A) and Luke's (read on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C). While all three locate it in the midst of contentions with various Jewish parties, Matthew and Luke have it arise as challenge to test Jesus. Mark, in a detail unfortunately omitted from the opening verse in the Lectionary's pericope, has the scribe observe Jesus arguing with the Sadducees and he admires how well Jesus answers them. This context suggests simply that he appreciates what Jesus says, and his question lacks any sense of challenge; he is presented as one honestly seeking an opinion for its hoped for insight. Moreover, after Jesus answers the scribe approvingly repeats it and adds that this double commandment is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice – an observation that would put him at odds also with the Sadducees, a sect associated with the Temple and its priesthood and sacrifices. Jesus in turn notes that the scribe has spoken wisely. We have here in a context of contention a peaceful episode of mutual recognition and appreciation that is quite fitting for the nature of the commandment to love God and others; these two have found a common ground.</p> <p>By coincidence that gospel episode is linked now in our Lectionary to the Christian rejection of the Temple and its worship as testified to in the second reading, Hebrews 7:23-28. Hebrews does not, however, completely reject priesthood and sacrifice, but rather makes the case for the temporary earthly forms now being replaced by the real thing, Christ the eternal and only sinless priest whose self-offering is therefore incomparably more effective than any of the former dispensation. This association allows us to read the two-fold first of the commandments in a new way: loving the neighbour as one's very self and offering one's whole self in love to God is the sacrifice par excellence and the fulfilment of the Law. This Christ does, and since we too easily fail in it ourselves, it is accomplished for us in him. In the Eucharist the ordained priest and the people together offer the sacrifice of praise because they are the body of him who offers himself perfectly.</p> <p style="font-size: small;"><i>Text: Youth-Scripture Reflections-Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B</i> <i>LITURGLIA © Copyright Liturgy Brisbane 2024</i></p>
<p>Month of November</p>  <p>During the month of November, we especially remember all the faithful departed. You are invited to write the names of your deceased family and friends in the Book of Life. They will be prayed for at all our Masses during November.</p> <p>The book is placed on a table next to the Paschal candle, a powerful symbol of Christ's resurrection and also ours.</p> <p>If you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones during November, envelopes for <i>Mass for the Holy Souls</i> are placed on the table at the back of the Church. Please forward your envelope to the Parish Office, drop it in the collection plate or in the box placed on the back table. I will organize the mass intentions to pray for at each weekend, Tuesday and Thursday masses.</p>	

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. R.

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28 This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood. There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

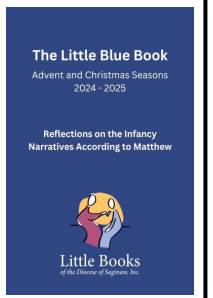
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34 This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it. One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Little Blue Book : Advent & Christmas Seasons 2024-2025:Reflections on the Infancy Narratives According to Matthew

In this time of waiting and anticipation, prepare your heart by spending time with God each day of Advent. The Little Book guides you through this season with short devotionals that will inspire you. This year's Advent book focuses on the Resurrection Narrative according to Matthew and begins November 30, 2024.

Available in the Parish Office and after Mass beginning Nov 9th/10th for \$5. While stocks last. Also available at Amazon for Kindle or Apple Books electronic devices Nov 1st.



Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

This will be held next Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 6pm in the Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



Parish News

Parish Youth Choir this Sunday 3rd November 9am Mass. All are welcome We would love for you to join us.

An Anointing Mass will be held next Tuesday 5th November 2023 at 9.30am. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered during mass to those present that day who are sick and also those in need of spiritual healing.

CWL Meeting will be held next Thursday 7th November after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

HOSPITAL CALLS - AROUND THE DEANERY -

HELP THE PRIESTS OF THE DEANERY RESPOND TO URGENT CALLS EFFECTIVELY BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING PARISHES FIRST.

To efficiently and speedily deal with the pastoral needs around the Catholic parishes of the Gold Coast, the parishes within this Deanery have the practice of having the first call for emergencies go to the priests of the parish where the hospital is located. Here is a helpful guide to the hospitals and their attendant priests. A nursing home call also follows this procedure, where the first priest to call is a priest from the parish within which the Nursing Home is located. Please help us service the region effectively and help prevent delays in response by calling the nearest parish.

- Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish. 5576 6466
Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish. 56717388
John Flynn Hospital - Coolangatta-Tugun Parish. 5598 2165
University & Gold Coast Private Hosp.- Southport Parish. 5510 2222