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Parish Bank Details :

Runaway Bay Parish
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Weekly Diary : 18th November 2024—24th November 2024

Tuesday 19th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 20th	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Office
Thursday 21st	: 9.30am	Communion Service followed by Rosary
Saturday 23rd	: 4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B/2 Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 24th	: 7.00am 9.00am	Mass—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B/2 Mass—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 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: David Charlton, Nick Nicholls, Donald Brown, Justine Thompson, Malcolm Gilbert, John Wright, Angelina Vizon

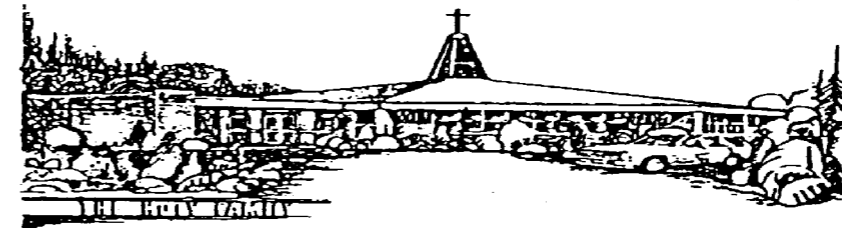
ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret O'Farrell, Mary Porrill, Margherita Zarafa, Ivan Ho, Violeta C. Quiambao, The La Rance Family, Jenny Ho, Jesus P Balasabas

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, 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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B/2

Sunday 17th November 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
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mark 13:24-32

Context Connection

The particular literary style that Mark uses in chapter 13 is called apocalyptic. Apocalyptic literature is unique because of its figurative and symbolic language. This literary style, which emerges during a time of a people's persecution, exhorts the faithful to remain true to God. A recurring theme foretells a cataclysmic battle between God and the forces of evil, with a victorious God in the end.

This Sunday's passage must be viewed in the context of the whole chapter. The part of the chapter that precedes this Sunday's reading sets the stage: Jesus has taken Peter, James, John, and Andrew with him across the Kidron Valley, and they are sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the Temple (see 13:13). Jesus has just predicted, "Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down" (13:2). He is describing the destruction of Herod's Temple—an event that is to occur in AD 70. For first-century Jews, the destruction of the Temple means the end of the world as they know it because their whole socio-political system centers around the Temple.

Verses 24 and 25 tell us that the end will have two dimensions. First, we will experience suffering as a result of earthly events such as war, earthquakes, and famine. Second, cosmic events, such as the sun and moon not giving light and stars falling from the heavens, will cause a further round of suffering. After these events, the Son of Man will come in clouds. Jesus will send the angels to gather the elect (those who have lived righteous lives). Jesus reassures the disciples, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Mark 13:31). The words of Jesus are eternal.

Mark ends the passage with a statement that bears close attention: "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (13:32). Only God the Father knows the day and the hour. When individuals or groups claim to know the exact time of the end of the world, remember that only God the Father knows, and God isn't telling anyone, not even the Son.

Tradition Connection

As Catholics, we believe that at death, the soul separates from the body and goes before Jesus Christ for judgment. No one knows how or when this resurrection of our bodies after death will occur. We call the time when all the dead will be raised the last day or the final judgment. Who will be raised from the dead? Christ will separate those who have followed his will by caring for others from those who did not follow his will because they lived only for themselves. Every person will be accountable for his or her own deeds. Those who followed the will of Christ will be welcomed into God's eternal, heavenly Kingdom. Those who failed to serve Christ in needy and suffering people will be sent to eternal punishment.

What will heaven be like? Heaven will have no pain or crying and will be a union in Christ of the whole human race. This community will live in the presence of the beatific vision. Hell, on the other hand, will be reserved for those who have chosen not to love God (see CCC, number 1033).

Wisdom Connection

No matter what happens, we need to remain faithful to the Word of God, for even though heaven and earth pass away, the Word of God is eternal and will not pass away. God's Word is the only sure thing. Mark tells his community that in times ahead, they will experience suffering and pain and that events will make the world a dark place. But Mark cautions Christians to never lose hope, the hope grounded in their faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for those who remain faithful, in spite of world events, will be with Christ in eternity. Mark warns us that as Christians, we will have to profess our faith by the way we live, and in times of persecution we may even have to die for our faith. But at the Second Coming of Jesus, the faithful will be gathered by Jesus as a community to eternally live in the holy presence of God the Father. Mark also tells us that no one knows when the Second Coming of Jesus will happen. In fact, Mark gives us great advice: "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither

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the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (13:32). So why worry about it? Not even Jesus the Son knows. We should live our lives each day as faithful followers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is something we can control.

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

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3 **When that time comes your own people will be spared.**

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 15:5, 8-11 **R.** Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 **By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-32 **He shall gather his elect from the four winds.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Parish News

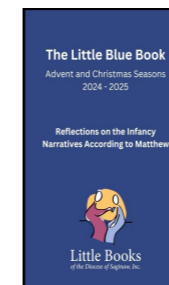
During Monsignor Peter's recovery from surgery, the following masses will be celebrated. We pray for his speedy recovery :

Saturday 16 th November	4.00pm - Holy Family Church. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher. 5.30pm - Our Lady of Hope. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher.
Sunday 17 th November	7am & 9am Holy Family Church. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher.
Tuesday 19 th November	9.30am Mass. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher
Thursday 21 st November	9.30am Communion Service
Saturday 23 rd November	4.00pm - Holy Family Church. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher. 5.30pm - Our Lady of Hope. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher.
Sunday 24 th November	7am & 9am Holy Family Church. Celebrant : Fr. Bernard Gallagher.
Tuesday 26 th November	9.30am Prep. Nativity Play. NO WEEKDAY MASS. 11.30am Prep. Nativity Play

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. While stocks last. Also available at Amazon for Kindle or Apple Books electronic devices Nov 1st.



Parish Volunteers Christmas Evening. Thursday 12th December 2024 I would like to invite all volunteers involved in parish ministry over the past years to a special Christmas celebration. This will be held from 5pm—7pm in the function room at Bayview Shores Apartments, 5 Bayview St, Runaway Bay. This will provide an opportunity for me to thank you for all your assistance in the pastoral care of this Parish and for those involved in the ministries to come together and share their experiences. For catering purposes, please contact or email Audrey at 07 55374320/rbay@bne.catholic.net.e.au God bless, Monsignor Peter.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation before Christmas Please pencil in the date, **Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 10.00am.** This is a communal service with individual absolution. It's a beautiful celebration before Christmas to come and ponder your life before God.

Individual Confession will be available for an hour after the 9.30am mass on **Tuesday 17th December & Thursday 19th December 2024.**

Fr. Nicholas Okafor sends his wishes to Monsignor Peter and the parishioners of Holy Family :

Dear Msgr. Peter,

I wish to thank you Immensely for the opportunity you granted me to celebrate with and for your parishioners. I am very grateful.

The parishioners were amazing. It's a lively and lovely parish. Their hospitality and friendliness was one in a million! I particularly enjoyed and appreciated the commitment of the volunteers. They were very efficient. I enjoyed the youth Mass too. Seeing young people in that number getting involved in the Church's activities is a great hope for the Church.

I arrived Germany safely last Wednesday and have commenced academic work immediately.

Could you please pass on my sentiment of gratitude to the entire parishioners of Holy Family Runaway Bay too.

All the very best and God bless.

Nicholas