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Parish Bank Details :

Runaway Bay Parish  
Commonwealth Bank  
BSB: 064 786  
Acc# 100 006 388  
REF : PG/LAST NAME

**Weekly Diary : 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024—8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am</b>	<b>Anointing Mass Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am</b>	<b>Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group—Parish Office</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 9.30am</b>	<b>Mass followed by Rosary</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 3.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/1</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>: 7.00am</b>	<b>Mass—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/1</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/1</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Baptism</b>

**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

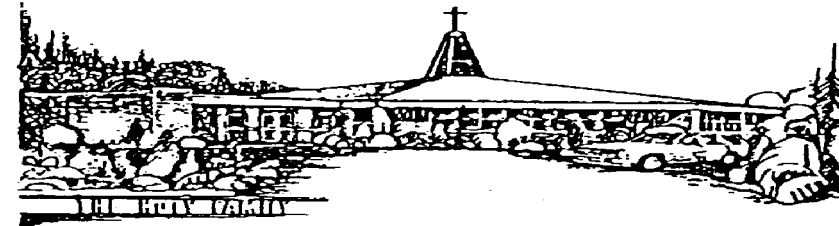
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Angiolina Grasso, Margaret O’Farrell, Mary Porrill, Margherita Zarafa, Ivan Ho, Violeta C. Quiambao, The La Rance Family

**SICK LIST:** Gabby Mehmet, 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**



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C/I

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**PARISH PRIEST**  
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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday—Thursday**  
8.00am—3.00pm  
**Friday**  
8.00am-12noon

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays 3.30pm

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

**St Francis Xavier School:**  
Principal : Ronan O’Mahony  
Tel: 5537 2633

**St. Vincent De Paul Helpline**  
1800 846 643

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**Minister to the Sick**  
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**Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**  
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My dear people,

I would like to thank you for your prayers and support during my recent surgery to correct a shoulder injury that has persisted for some years. This is the third time they have performed surgery on this shoulder and I'm very hopeful it will be the last. It will be some months until the healing is fully completed.

As Advent begins this Sunday, we enter again into that period of reflective prayer. I'm listening to God's voice speaking to each of us in different ways and inviting us to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives, the life of our community and the life of the world. As the Isaiahan readings call us to come out of the shadows and become hope for a world that is often marred by self-centredness, greed and arrogance. We, the people who have at times walked in darkness, God has promised that we will see a great light. May this great light that comes with the Nativity of our Lord enlighten our way so that we can confidently proclaim on Christmas morning Amen for all that has been and yes to all that God calls us to in the year ahead.

I invite you to join the Our Lady of Hope community at the Banksia Hall on Saturday evening the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 6PM for a special Christmas Carols prayer celebration.

In the coming weeks, the Church of the Holy Family will be transformed through lights and sound each night leading up to Christmas as we celebrate family and faith.

Many blessings in the week ahead.

Monsignor Peter Meneely PP

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday CHRISTMAS EVE 24<sup>th</sup> December :** 4:00pm Children’s Christmas Family Mass

Our Nativity Play for 2024 will be part of our 4pm Children’s Christmas Family Mass celebrated in Holy Family Catholic Church. Children are invited to dress in their favourite biblical character associated with the Nativity of the Lord.

**Wednesday CHRISTMAS DAY 25<sup>th</sup> December :** 7:00am & 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

**MASSES AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, **Feast of the Holy Family :** 4:00pm Vigil & 5.30pm at Banksia Hall, 27 Crescent Ave, Hope Island

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Feast of the Holy Family :** 7:00am & 9:00am

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025, **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God :** 9.30am Mass

*\*Regular mass times will resume from Tuesday 7th January 2025\**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David. See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. R. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. R.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2 When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness. May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 84:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Your redemption is near at hand. Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Christmas Roster

COMMUNION MINISTERS, SACRISTANS and READERS are needed for Christmas Masses. Our regular ministers may be away over Christmas, we ask if you could look at the roster placed on the back table to see if you can help. This is much appreciated. Thank you.

Parish News

Our Lady of Hope, Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 6pm. Held at Banksia Community Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island. All are welcome.

Parish Volunteers Christmas Evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation before Christmas Held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

CWL Hamper Tickets will be on sale from 7<sup>th</sup> December before and after each Mass. Tickets are at \$1 each. 4 prizes to be won.

ROSIES would like to thank all the parishioners who have generously continued to donate to Rosie's. There are many people in need at the moment, not only the people on the streets but many families are also living in tents and cars. Items that are always needed are : Any non perishable food items, such as cans with ring tabs, spaghetti, baked beans etc. Personal items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors and deodorants are also very welcome. As Christmas draws near, maybe some treats like chocolate biscuits, mini Christmas puddings, things that we normally take for granted would mean so much to them during this time. St Vincent de Paul is also collecting items to help those in need, so we are all working together to make some people's lives a little bit better this Christmas. God bless.

Lay volunteers providing pastoral care to the sick in hospitals are invaluable as part of holistic patient care. The foundation for this ministry lies in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Centacare provides accredited training for compassionate men and women who would like to explore if this ministry is where God is calling them to practical Christian action in their lives. The next training course will start in February 2025. To express your interest or to find out more about the course and the volunteer role please email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

On the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December, Holy Family Conference will be conducting our annual Christmas Appeal. This appeal is an important source of funding for the conference as it enables us to carry out our vision of "providing a hand up not a hand out" to the people in need in our area, especially during the Christmas season

If you will not be attending Mass that weekend and would like to donate you can do so in the following ways.

- ◆ Pick up an Appeal Envelope from the Church or the Parish Office and return it with your donation to the office or put it on any of the collections at Mass. If required, please include details for the receipt.
◆ Direct Debit to the Conference bank account; BSB : 064-786, Account Number : 100025973, Account Name : SVDP Holy Family Runaway Bay, Reference : Christmas Appeal and your name. If you require a receipt please Email your details to our conference email HF4216@svdpqld.org.au

Thanks to all Parishioners for your generosity. May God Bless you all.

Peter Fox
President