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Holy Family Planned Giving

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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 : 9th December 2024—15th December 2024

Tuesday 10th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 12th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
	: 5-7pm	Parish Volunteers Christmas Evening at Bayview Shores Apartments, Function room, 5 Bayview Street
Saturday 14th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—3rd Sunday of Advent Year C/I
	5.30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 15th	: 7.00am	Mass—3rd Sunday of Advent Year C/I
	9.00am	Mass—3rd Sunday of Advent Year C/I
	10.15am	Baptism

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

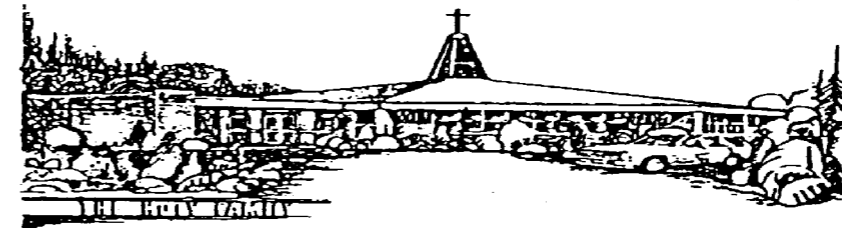
ANNIVERSARIES: Ross Michael Bycroft, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Angiolina Grasso, Margaret O'Farrell, Mary Porrill, Margherita Zarafa

SICK LIST: Jared Fox, 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



2nd Sunday of Advent Year C/I

Sunday 8th December 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.

St Francis Xavier School:
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1800 846 643
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Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)
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Dear Parishioners,

This week we farewelled Year 6 graduates from St. Francis Xavier, having now completed their primary education. We wish them and their family God's richest blessings in all that lies ahead.

Of particular note, 4 young parishioners who took out most of the awards at the graduation ceremony were :

Leo C. (son of Jennifer & Travis) Terry Ivey Quiet Achiever Award
Valerie S. (daughter of Aryanto & Fenty) Division 4 Community Award
Charlotte L.(daughter of John & Kimberley) & Jack K. (son of Ronan & Christina) joint winners of State Member for Broadwater Citizenship Awards.

Well done good and faithful servants!

God bless,
Monsignor Peter Meneely PP

Live Stream—Christmas Eve Vigil & Nativity Pageant

Please join us for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and Nativity pageant on 24th December. For those who are unable to attend in person, a live stream will be available from the church at 4pm which is accessible via our Parish Facebook page or the Holy Family website www.holyfamilyrunawaybay.org.au

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday CHRISTMAS EVE 24th 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 25th December : 7:00am & 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

MASSES AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

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

Wednesday 1st 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 Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
 put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
 wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
 put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
 since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,
 since the name God gives you for ever will be,
 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
 Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
 and turn your eyes to the east:
 see your sons reassembled from west and east
 at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
 Though they left you on foot,
 with enemies for an escort,
 now God brings them back to you
 like royal princes carried back in glory.
 For God has decreed the flattening
 of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
 the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
 so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
 And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
 for Israel at the command of God;
 for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
 with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 125 R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:1- 6 All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:
 A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
 make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
 every mountain and hill be laid low,
 winding ways will be straightened
 and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

14th & 15th December 2024

On the weekend of 14th and 15th 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

Parish News

Our Lady of Hope, Carols by Candlelight this Saturday 7th December 2024, 6pm. Held at Banksia Community Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island. All are welcome. For extra seating, please bring a foldable chair.

Parish Volunteers Christmas Evening on 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 Held on **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**.

CWL Hamper Tickets will be on sale from this weekend 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