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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 : 16th December 2024—22nd December 2024

Tuesday 17th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Individual Confessions available after Mass
Wednesday 18th	: 10.00am	2nd Rite of Reconciliation—Holy Family Church
Thursday 19th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Rosary Individual Confessions available after Mass
Friday 20th	: 6.30pm	Holy Family Church Christmas light up
Saturday 21st	: 3.30pm 4.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass—4th Sunday of Advent Year C/I Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 22nd	: 7.00am 9.00am 10.15am	Mass—4th Sunday of Advent Year C/I Mass—4th Sunday of Advent Year C/I 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: David Charlton, Nick Nicholls, Donald Brown, Justine Thompson

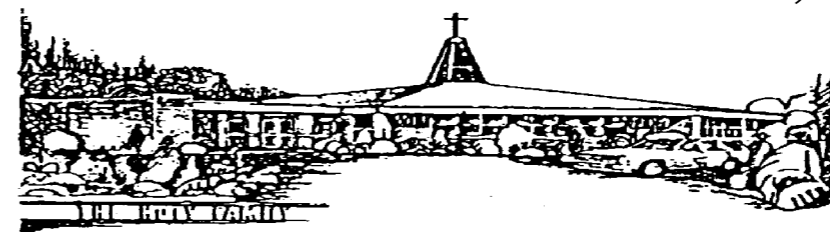
ANNIVERSARIES: Helen & Harold Regan, D'Arcy Sloane, Ross Michael Bycroft, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Angiolina Grasso

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



3rd Sunday of Advent Year C/I

Sunday 15th 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.

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My dear parishioners,

Last Saturday night we celebrated a small but vibrant carols night in the Community hall with the Our Lady of Hope community on Hope Island. I think all who were there would attest to the wonderful sense of joy and chaos as some of our youngest parishioners shared with us their version of the story of Christmas. I'm deeply grateful to Jo Vaise and her family who worked so hard to help the children prepare for this inaugural event on Hope Island. It is forever in my memory now of the smallest angel deciding to climb into the stable and join the Holy Family to get a better look at what was going on!

I'm also grateful to Michelle Hall who coordinated the event and Debbie Vivian and a combined choir who led us in the singing of carols in the acoustically superb hall on Hope Island. The children will tell the story again on Christmas Eve at the 4 pm Vigil mass and also at a **special night to light up Holy Family church at 6:30 pm on 20 December**. On that night the church will join the many other homes and businesses in Runaway bay and Hope Island in lighting up the night with more Carolling, storytelling and the Christmas illumination of Holy Family Church from 6.30pm until 8 pm. Please come and join in the fun.

The Christmas mass times are listed elsewhere in the newsletter but I draw your attention to the 4 pm Christmas Vigil mass at holy family Church at which I'd invite all children to come dressed in whatever costumes they have or their grandmother can make before Christmas that are associated with the Nativity of Our Lord. You can never have too many shepherds, kings or angels in any one place! At the conclusion of the 4pm mass, there will be champagne and soft drinks together with Christmas cake served out on the lawns. Stay behind and enjoy this festival gathering.

In the coming week, I will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation at 10 am on Wednesday morning 18 December. The Second Rite includes a communal gathering followed by individual reconciliation. Please take this opportunity to draw upon the power of Grace and mercy of God. There will be additional times for the First Rite of Reconciliation in Holy Family Church listed in the newsletter. If you feel it's the right time to make things right again, please come along to one of these celebrations.

God bless,
Monsignor Peter Meneely PP

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 Zephaniah 3:14-18 **With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
 Israel, shout aloud!
 Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
 daughter of Jerusalem!
 The Lord has repealed your sentence;
 he has driven your enemies away.
 The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
 you have no more evil to fear.
 When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
 Zion, have no fear,
 do not let your hands fall limp.
 The Lord your God is in your midst,
 a victorious warrior.
 He will exult with joy over you,
 he will renew you by his love;
 he will dance with shouts of joy for you
 as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL Isaiah 12:2-6 **R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7 **The Lord is near.**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18 **What, then, must we do?**

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal
 14th & 15th December 2024**

This 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 are unable to attend Mass this 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



**2nd Rite of Reconciliation
 Wednesday 18th December 2024
 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.**

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

ADVENT PRAYER

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 ever faithful to your promises
 and ever close to your Church:
 the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming
 and looks forward with longing
 to his return at the end of time.
 Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness
 that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope
 which his presence will bestow,
 for he is Lord for ever and ever.**

