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

Weekly Diary : 23rd December 2024—7th January 2025

Tuesday 24 th	: 4.00pm	Children’s Christmas Family Mass
Wednesday 25 th	: 7.00am	The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) Mass
	: 9.00am	The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) Mass
Saturday 28 th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—Feast of The Holy Family Year C/I
	5.30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 29 th	: 7.00am	Mass—Feast of The Holy Family Year C/I
	9.00am	Mass—Feast of The Holy Family Year C/I
Wednesday 1 st	: 9.30am	Mass Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Saturday 4 th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—The Epiphany of the Lord Year C/I
	5.30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 5 th	: 7.00am	Mass—The Epiphany of the Lord Year C/I
	9.00am	Mass—The Epiphany of the Lord Year C/I
Tuesday 7 th	: 9.30am	Anointing Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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)

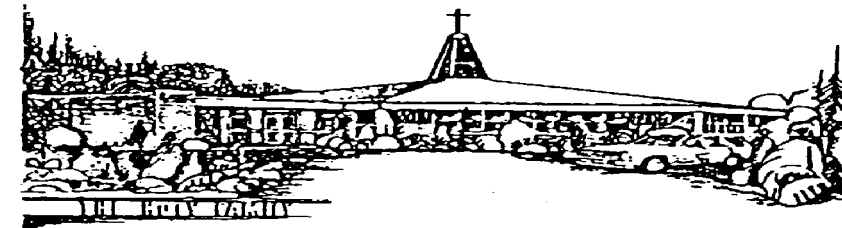
Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Archbishop Emeritus Nicholas Chia, David Charlton, Angelina Vizon, Nick Nicholls, Donald Brown, Justine Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES: Glendon Dale, Carmen Vizon, Helen & Harold Regan, D’Arcy Sloane, Ross Michael Bycroft, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Angiolina Grasso

SICK LIST: Paul Ellis, 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, Rianny Chandler, Simon Stretton, Margaret Kwong, Bernie Pack

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



4th Sunday of Advent Year C/I

Sunday 22nd 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 people,

As the celebration of Christmas approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back family members and friends who may be visiting over the days of Christmas. You are always welcome in Holy Family Church, your family home.

Last year, I recommended to the Parish Finance Council that we give away half of the Christmas collection to places who are more in need of financial assistance than we are at this time. I have included in the newsletter this weekend, a letter from the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem advising us that over 1000 individuals received assistance from the money that we collected last Christmas and sent to the Parish of Holy Family in Gaza. It has been a terrible year for the Parish and for the families that make up the Community in this war torn city. Your generosity has lifted some burdens from their shoulders and created a bond between our Parish and theirs and this bond will be lifelong. So this year I've recommended that we again give a part of the Christmas collection to the Catholic families of Gaza, who continue to struggle amidst the violence and poverty of war.

I've also asked the Finance Council to approve the sending of a quarter of our Christmas collection to a palliative care hospice called Hopewell that is located close by in Arundel. Hopewell is a hospice for the dying, a place where people in the last days of their lives can be supported, in a caring and dignified way as they make their way to the Lord. For those of you who have already experienced the care that Hopewell offers, you will know of the extraordinary kindness that the dying and their family members receive in the last days of their lives.

So this year I have proposed half of our Christmas collections would go to Gaza and to Hopewell. Please give generously to these appeals and I assure you that the money will be well spent.

On Boxing Day, one of our parishioners, Jacques Emmanuel Charles, who was born on 26 December 1924 will celebrate his 100th birthday. It's a remarkable achievement for anyone and we wish Jacques and his family every blessing on this special day. Jacques came from Mauritius with his wife Elsie and made their home in Australia in 1969. They've raised five children in this country and are now surrounded by grandchildren and great grandchildren who love him deeply.

Today we give thanks for the blessing of Jacques' long life and pray that the Lord will bless him and his large family on this great day. So Jacques Happy 100th birthday !!! Ad multos annos (and many more years).

Feliz Navidad.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peace filled New Year.

Monsignor Peter
 Parish Priest

Sunday 22nd December 2024—4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Micah 5:1- 4 **Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.**
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 **R. Lord, make us turn to you;let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 **I am coming to do your will.**

Gospel Acclamation : Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord : may his will for me be done. Alleluia!
 Gospel Luke 11:39-44 : **Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?**



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Mons. Peter Meneely PP
Holy Family Catholic Parish
RUNAWAY BAY QLD 4216

18th December 2024

Dear Mons. Meneely,

I wanted to write thank you and the Parishioners of the Holy Family Parish, Runaway Bay, for their generosity to those in dire need in Holy Family Parish, Gaza.

In a real and practical sense you have made a difference, with support being given to Christian families sheltering at the Holy Family Church and St Porphyrius Orthodox Church. This includes cash, food, job creation, food and fuel. **Beneficiaries 176 families (1,150 individuals).**

The financial aid to date has had profound and far-reaching impacts on Christian families across the Holy Land. It has been a lifeline to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Moving forward programmes are being designed to maintain the fabric of Christian communities in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. The holistic approach has been essential to preserve hope and dignity and laying the groundwork for a more stable future and an ongoing presence in the region.

Sami el-Yousef, CEO of the Latin Patriarchate has sent the following note of thanks on behalf of the Parish:

“Thank you very much for your generous contribution to support our brothers and sisters in Gaza. It is truly appreciated. We will use the funds to support our work in Gaza during this ugly war. United in prayer that the war will end immediately; that humanitarian supplies be allowed in Gaza without further delay; and that a track be established to end this decades old conflict once and for all for the sake of all involved.”

The challenges facing the Christian communities in the Holy Land are ongoing, but so is our commitment to supporting them. Every contribution, no matter how large or small play a critical part in this vital mission of immediate relief and the continuity of a rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Thank you, Runaway Bay Parish for your support.

Yours in the Risen Christ,




Michael Greene K.C.*H.S.
Lieutenant of Australia - Queensland



GRAND MASTER – Cardinal Fernando Filoni
GRAND PRIOR – Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, D.D, K.C.*H.S

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. This mass will be livestreamed.

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

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20th December 2024. No newsletters during this period. The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 6th January 2025.

Parish mass times are available on the back page of the newsletter.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Thank you parishioners for your kind donation to the appeal over the weekend of 14th/15th December 2024.

If you were unable to attend mass last 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

May God Bless you all.

Peter Fox
President