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Weekly Diary : 13th January—19th January 2025

Tuesday 14th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 16th	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 18th	: 3.30pm	Confessions
	4.00pm	Vigil Mass—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/1
	5.30pm	Mass at Our Lady of Hope, Banksia Park Hall, 27 Crescent Avenue, Hope Island
Sunday 19th	: 7.00am	Mass—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/1
	9.00am	Mass—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/1

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

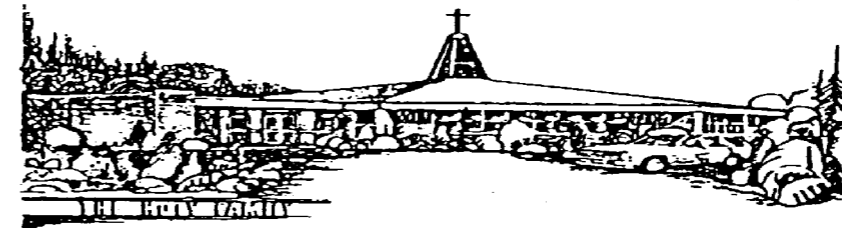
ANNIVERSARIES: Glendon Dale, Carmen Vizon, Helen & Harold Regan, D'Arcy Sloane, Ross Michael Bycroft, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Angiolina Grasso

SICK LIST: Dean Smith, Jan Staunton, Monica Grant, 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

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



Feast of The Baptism of the Lord Year C/I

Sunday 12th January 2025

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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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My dear parishioners,

As this is the first newsletter for 2025, I would firstly like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas celebrations such an enlightening and prayerful experience. So, to our parish office staff, our readers, Eucharistic ministers, mass coordinators, choirs and the young children of the parish and all who assisted in the celebrations, I say thank you.

I thank in a special way, Lann and Bianca who took charge of the external lighting up of the church and surrounds. It was a lot of work and I'm very grateful for their efforts. I hope this project will become an annual event in the Parish's life.

I am also very grateful to many people who sent me cards and gifts over the days of Christmas. You're very kind and they are lovely gestures. I really do love being in this parish.

Becoming a Catholic
 Last year we offered a number of short programs to welcome people who were seeking to know more about our Catholic life and mission of our Holy Family faith Community. In February this year, we will conduct another program to welcome those who wish to enquire more deeply into life within the Catholic Church and become a member of our Catholic family. The program will take place on Sunday mornings at the conclusion of mass and each session will be about one hour. At the conclusion of the program, (five or six weeks), I will meet with each of those who have enrolled in the program and discern with them what the next steps might be. If you are interested in this program or know someone who would benefit from it, simply contact Audrey in the parish office and she'll provide you with the details needed to participate.

A new choir
 One of the great charisms of this parish has been the energy that's gone into providing good music and singing during our liturgies. In my experience this is one of the better Parishes for its dedication to providing quality music for worship. The 4 pm Vigil mass has for some time been struggling to find an Organist and leadership for this choir that supports our celebration of mass. Therefore, I have decided to look towards the establishment of a new choir for the Saturday night vigil mass. I'm very grateful to the many men and women over the years who have helped music flourish in this parish and now I invite forward a new generation of parishioners who might take up this essential ministry in the life and worship of the parish. In the coming weeks I will make further announcements about the establishment of this new choir but in the meantime if you have an interest in it, please contact Audrey in the parish office and she can record your interest and we can meet to carry things forward.

Christmas Collection
 The Christmas collections this year were extraordinary, raising from the generosity of all of you a total of \$8236.70. Thank you and I'm sure God will bless you for your generosity. As I indicated at the masses, half of this will go to 2 very worthy causes. One to Gaza, the Catholic parish of the Holy family which has been under fire. The other quarter of the collection will go to Hopewell hospice for the dying, located close by in Arundel and run by the Wesley mission. I'm sure that many will benefit from your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
 Monsignor Peter Meneely PP

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.**

'Console my people, console them,'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30 **R.** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch our the heavens
like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the
sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they
have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are
created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 **He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we
have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained
and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will
come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order
to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition
except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned
with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that
he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so

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generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his
grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 **When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.**

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven
opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Catholic Women's League Christmas Hamper Raffle

President Jan and Catholic Women's League members would like to thank parishioners, visitors and friends for their
generous support in the Christmas Hamper raffle. We chose to give 5 prizes for more winning chances.

The Christmas Hamper plus \$50 cash first prize was won by Patrick who generously donated the \$50 to the Christ-
mas Church Appeal and the Christmas Hamper to someone in need, so it was donated to Rosies. Judy Ivey, wife of
the founding Principal of St Francis Xavier won the \$30 second prize. Suzanne won the third prize of \$20 and gen-
erously donated her winnings to the Christmas Church Appeal. Fourth prize, a Soap & Candle basket donated by
Jan was won by Alice, and fifth prize, a box of potted herbs donated by John Schaefer was won by Joan.

With thanks and appreciation to each and everyone of you from Runaway Bay Catholic Women's League.

THROUGH KINDNESS COMES HOPE FOR THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF GOD

Parish Blessing of Chalk

CHALK MARK	WORDS TO BE SAID AT HOME
	Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. Amen. <i>Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11</i> The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: <i>Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.</i> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
C	THE THREE WISE MEN
M	CASPAR
B	MELCHIOR
	BALTHASAR
	FOLLOWED THE LIGHT OF THE STAR TO FIND JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, WHO CAME TO LIVE AMONG US
20	TWO THOUSAND
25	AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.
+	MAY CHRIST BLESS OUR HOME TODAY AND
+	REMAIN WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
	Let us pray. God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.