

## Parish News

**Christmas gathering:** The Parish Council, along with Fr John extend to all parishioners an invitation to join us for a Christmas get together on Monday evening 17 December at 6pm. All drinks will be provided, however, we would appreciate anyone who is attending to please bring along a plate of 'Finger Food' to share. Please mark this date in your diaries. We would love to see as many of our parishioners as possible in attendance.

**Advent has a twofold character**, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

### Christmas Time Masses:

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Monday:

6 pm. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord. \* **No Nativity Play**  
9 pm. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Tuesday Christmas Day Solemnity

9.30 am. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord  
5.30 pm. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Dec Wednesday

9.30 am Feast of St Stephen, the first martyr

## Weekly Diary : 03<sup>rd</sup> —08<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> : 08.00 am. Memorial of St Francis Xavier, priest, followed by Novena.

Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
: 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Bupa Aged Center, Runaway Bay

Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

**Thursday 06<sup>th</sup>** : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

**: 6.30 pm. Graduation Liturgy of Year 6 2018**

Friday 07<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Memorial of St Ambrose, bishop, doctor, followed by Rosary.

**Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, followed by Rosary.**

**Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> : 5.30 pm. : Second Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Second Sunday of Advent Year C**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of January will be on the 06<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. : Epiphany Sunday Year C**

## Mass Duty Roster : December 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Pierrette Serra Clive Broughton	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Pierrette Serra Jean Di Benedetto, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Charmaine Battiss Biance Battiss	John Carter, Bernadette Swindley Danielle Carter, Rose Hessen	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Ronnie Wilson Gina Abra	Ronnie Wilson, Pam Nelson, Rose Lopez Jose Morales, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Jamili

## Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (03/12/2018)

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1021.10	\$1465.65	\$55.50	\$46.60

**God is more moved by the offering of our heart, than by the gifts we bring to the altar.  
Let's give with happiness and we will receive more in joy.**



Holy Family Catholic Parish  
Runaway Bay



**First Sunday in Advent**

02<sup>nd</sup> December 2018—Issue No. 304

## “Life Itself Is a Waiting Room”

**Leaves in Autumn that fall** from the trees have always been seen as an image of human destiny. We are as leaves on the trees in autumn. Man, once he passes, never again returns to this world. ... Advent Sunday's readings help us to give an answer to this most anxious of human questions. They invite us to stop for a moment and reflect and ask ourselves some essential questions: “Who are we? From whence do we come? And, above all, where are we going?”

In the First Reading we hear these words of Jeremiah: *“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot. ...”* This expectation is realized in the glorious return of the Messiah at the end of time. *“The powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”*

These apocalyptic images give a message of consolation and hope. They tell us that we are not heading for an eternal void and an eternal silence, but we are on our way to an encounter, an encounter with him who created us and loves us. We are on the way to an entering into a wedding feast where God, at the threshold of the life to come, waits for us to wipe away the last tear from our eyes.

**From the Christian point of view**, the whole of human history is one long wait. Before Christ, his coming was awaited; after him, we await his glorious return at the end of time. For just this reason the season of Advent has something very important to say to us about our lives. Life is expectation! A person who no longer expects anything from life is dead. Life is expectation.

We await one who has already come and who walks by our side. Advent is the time in which we must learn to experience his presence among us: John the Baptist says, *“In your midst, there is one whom you do not know!”* Jesus is present among us not only in the Eucharist, in the word, in the poor, in the Church ... but, by grace, he lives in our hearts and the believer experiences this.

The Christian's waiting is not empty, a letting the time pass. In Sunday's Gospel Jesus talks about the way that the disciples must wait, how they must conduct themselves in the meantime to not be taken by surprise: *“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life. ... Be vigilant at all times.”*

**Let us conclude with a legend of Easter Island**, which is in the Pacific Ocean. It tells of an iceberg that, in reality, is a ship and that passes close to the island every century or so. The king or hero can climb aboard and ride toward the kingdom of immortality. The story is narrated in a Kevin Kostner film, *“Rapa Nui.”*

There is an iceberg that runs across the course which each of us travel; it is sister death. We can pretend to not see her or to be heedless of her like the people who were enjoying themselves on that tragic night aboard the Titanic. Or we can make ourselves ready and climb onto her and let ourselves be taken to the Kingdom of the blessed. The season of Advent should also serve this purpose ...

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month

## LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 *I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25:4-14 *R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Good and upright is the Lord, therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them. **R.**

### SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4.2 *May the Lord strengthen your hearts when Christ comes among us.*

Beloved: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, as, in fact, you are doing, you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Psalm 85:7 *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 drawing near.*

Jesus spoke to his disciples about his return in glory. "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 84:13 *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lindsay Keith Lewis, Rita Ryan, Vera Constance Van Ooy, Eugene Doddy

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tony Lawson, Brian Dwyer, Anne Sutton, Cecily Agnes Kehoe, Delma Watson

**SICK LIST:** Joy Gronow, Jevon Gronow, Val Mai McErlean, Delma Watson, Theresa Pinto, Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

**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)



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