8th September 2019 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Principal - Josie Vescio - Phone: 9982 1467

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 15th September ___

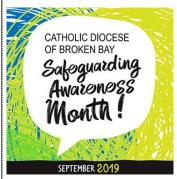
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Child Protection Sunday - 8 September

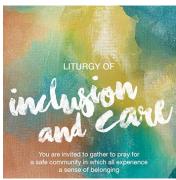






This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

Throughout the month of September the agencies of the Diocese of Broken Bay, CatholicCare, Catholic Schools Office, Chancery Offices and Parishes, promote scheduled events that highlight the importance of Safeguarding.





Safeguarding month of September puts into focus the importance of inclusion, by celebrating the theme; A safe community is one in which ALL experience a sense of belonging. Being inclusive is a broad idea, that usually refers to ensuring all various kinds of people truly feel welcome and active participants of what goes on in our schools & parishes.

Child Protection week will be

celebrated in the first week of Safeguarding Month this year. We will be celebrating the theme that "Parenting is like navigating waters".

There are a number of events that have been organised to be held in the Diocese of Broken Bay, and Schools. We hope you will join with us and celebrate Safeguarding Month / Child Protection Week in 2019



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Pope's September prayer intention: For protecting the ocean



For the month of September, Pope Francis calls our attention to the regions that "contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, and also most of the immense variety of living creatures": the seas

and oceans. Worried by the current state of many of these waters, he asks all Catholics to pray and take action, so that politicians, scientists, and economists will work together to establish protective measures.

"We need to pray as if everything depended on God's providence, and work as if everything depended on us."

This month's **Pope Video** launched within the inauguration of the Season of Creation, the annual global celebration that unites Christians from around the world. Pope Francis prays that politicians, scientists and economists will work together. Scientists are in the best position to identify what is happening to the oceans. Economists can estimate the financial benefit that the oceans bring to human beings around the world, the costs of pollution and of exploitation of the oceans and the resources saved by quick action. Politicians can publicise and endorse the results of research, and ensure that those who have polluted the oceans, melted the ice, used the seas as rubbish bins and exhausted the stocks of fish are prevented from continuing to do so. Pope Francis invites us all to pray and act to protect the oceans, and he especially calls Catholics to remember that "our solidarity with the 'common home' is born from our faith. Creation is a project of love given by God to humanity." https://www.popesprayer.va/

STAND FOR LIFE (again) IN OPPOSITION TO THIS EXTREME ABORTION BILL!

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated again in the Legislative Council from Tuesday 17th September.

Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

Hyde Park (meet at the Archibald Fountain) Sunday 15th September 2:30 pm

Under this Bill:

- Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy;
- Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated;
- There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability;
- Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life;
- The devastating impact of abortion on women and the real needs of women facing an unplanned pregnancy have been ignored.

This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash.

This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill. We need you there. All welcome, including families.

Parish Pastoral Council

I would like parishioners to consider if they wish to be on the new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). PPCs are one of the structures strongly recommended by the Bishops of the Second Vatican



Council. The PPC is to assist the parish priest and the parish community in the Church's apostolic work in the field of making the Gospel known.

PPCs witness to the basic equality of dignity of all members by reason of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, highlighting the role of all to share in the Saving mission of Jesus.

During the Easter Season our readings focused on the Acts of the Apostles and the growth of the Early Church after the Resurrection. It is a good time for our parish to look at how we grow our parish.

So if you feel that is an appropriate way for you to focus your talents in the parish, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

I will have a gathering of those interested to open up more as to what the PPC can do for the parish and the commitment it will Involve.

Fr Robert

Plenary Council - Listening and Discernment

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on

Let's Listen & Discern

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the National Themes for Discernment.

Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Genuine Encounter in the Digital World



This formation event marks Social Justice Sunday, and will allow participants to begin to engage with the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement "Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World".

Presented by **Dr Anthony Maher**

Date: Saturday 28 September 2019

Time: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant

Hills Rd, Pennant Hills





KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick: Pauline Bedford, Margaret McNamara, Margaret Collins, Wendy Ochs, Tony Adrian, Berna Banister, Mandy Rossetti, Sharon Frazer, Elizabeth (Betty) Borg, Trish Townley and Fr Gerry Ryan.

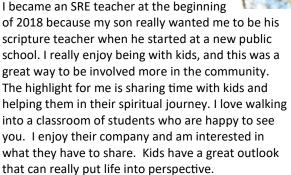


Recently Deceased - Gregory Howard & Michelle Beck. May they rest in God's peace and love forever.



Wishing Margherita Vaccaro a Happy 100th Birthday on Sept 6th.

My experience of being a Catechist - Robyn Hill





I love teaching about Easter and most challenging, is finding answers to some of those tricky questions. Nearly every lesson has a funny experience when you are teaching your son and his mates!

The catechist training is very thorough and really prepares you for the role. The teaching manual is very extensive and really guides you through the whole lesson. It is very straight forward. When preparing, I like to think about last week's lesson and how to tie it to the coming week and make sure I have a few props to help me through the class.

SRE gives the students some down time in their very busy lives to think about a bigger picture in life and how they can be more kind, more like Jesus.

I would say to anyone considering joining the Catechist Ministry to "just do it!". Kids are so forgiving and very genuine. It can seem so daunting walking into a class, but you will get far more from participating than you would ever imagine.

To find out more about becoming an SRE teacher (Catechist) please contact the parish office. 9982 1058

Please support our Annual Catechist Memorial raffle.





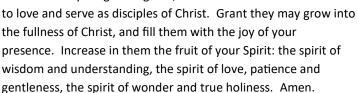
Funds raised goes towards the purchase of bibles for our Year 6

Catholic students at the parish public schools. A lifetime gift for the students to take into high school and beyond. Please see one of our catechists after Mass. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All prize donations will be gratefully accepted at the parish office

Congratulations

to all the parish children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Creator Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of grace,



We wish Fr Bogdan a safe and happy holiday as he departs this weekend to PNG. He will return on the 23rd Sept.



Family Mass
Sunday 22nd Sept
6.00pm St Rose Church
All Welcome!



THE JOY OF GIVING IS NOW EASIER

Thank you for your generous donations to the 2nd collection, either through the planned giving envelopes or loose donations. It would assist the parish if those who contribute through the envelopes would change to direct debit either through your bank account or credit card. This will also save money in having to print sets of envelopes each year. This is also more efficient.

For Direct Deposit Payments -:

Parish Finance Committee

Account Name: The Lakes Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 1294 8001

Reference: PG + surname and initials (eg: PG Smith A&B)

Where you can also set up weekly or monthly reoccurring payments.

Or Credit Card -:

By filling out the credit card authority (as shown below) on the back of the parishioner information form which can be found in the church foyer, on our website or by contacting the parish office







What's Happening at The Lakes

See parish calendar on website www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-calendar

BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY

ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH?

If you are new to The Lakes Parish, WELCOME. Please provide your details on the 'Parishioner Information Form' available in church foyers

or go to:

http://www.lakesparish.org.au/parish-registration

Already registered? Please let us know if you:

- Have changed address.
- Welcomed a new child into the family.
- Would like to support our Parish and join our Planned Giving program.
- Plan to enrol your child in one of our Parish Schools.
- If you require a reference for high school.
 Privacy laws requires the Parish Priest to have met with the family prior to completing the reference request. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

MINISTERS NEEDED



Our parish is in need of more ministers.

We could do with many more Altar Servers and Acolytes.

We are also in need of Ministers of Communion and Readers. Our ministries show us that we are called by our baptism to participate in the liturgical life of our parish.

If you would like to become actively involved in our parish, please consider joining one our ministries. You will be rostered on usually once per month. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information on the various ministries you could be involved in. parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au



LATEST ISSUE OF CATHOLIC WEEKLY AND BROKEN BAY NEWS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER

Liturgical Calendar (Subject to Change)

Next Week - Weekday Masses and Devotions				
Date	Title	Time		
Mon, 9-9- 2019	Mass - St Joseph - Fr Robert	7:30am		
Tue, 10-9-2019	Liturgy - St Joseph	7:00pm		
Wed, 11-9- 2019	Liturgy - St Rose	9:30am		
Thu,12-9- 2019	Liturgy - St Joseph	9:30am		
Fri, 13-9- 2019	Liturgy - St Joseph	7:30am		
Sat, 14-9- 2019	Morning Prayer & Rosary - St Joseph	8:30am		
Sat, 14-9 2019	Liturgy - St Joseph	9:30am		

Next Week Other Events

Date	Title	Time
Mon, 9-9- 2019	Kidsgroup - LPH	9:30am
Mon, 9-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Mon, 9-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm
Mon, 9-9- 2019	Community Prayer Evening - SJ	7:30pm
Wed, 11-9- 2019	Tai Chi Group - LPH	11:00am
Wed, 11-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Wed, 11-9- 2019	Pittwater Catenians - Long Reef Golf Club	8:00pm
Thu, 12-9-2019	The Gatherers - LPH	11:00am
Thu, 12-9-2019	Dance Group - LPH	7:30pm
Fri, 13-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SR	3:00pm
Fri, 13-9- 2019	Cantor Lessons - SJ	3:00pm
Sun, 15-9-2019	Morning Tea - SJ	10:00am

Next Sunday Masses

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Date	Date Title		
Sat, 14–9-2019	Vigil Mass - St Joseph - Anoint Baptism - RB/DM	5:30pm	
Sun, 15-9-2019	Mass - St Rose - RB	8:00am	
Sun, 15-9 2019	Mass - St Joseph - RB	9:30am	
Sun, 15-9- 2019	Mass - War Vets - RB/DM	11:00am	
Sun, 15-9- 2019	Mass - St Rose - RB	6:00pm	



Safeguarding Children

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM..."Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." - James 3:13



To report concerns or complaints please contact a member from the Diocesan Safeguarding and Child Protection team.

Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) 02 8379 1605 safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au http://www.bbcatholic.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

Politicians, Scientists and Economists. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.





