



*Birthdays
and*

Anniversaries

Best Wishes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Garry Greentree 3/2/1949
Mary-Louise McDarmont
10/2/1940

Warmest Congratulations

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara & Tony Fish 7/2/1959
Sue & Len Miller 28/2/1970

17th February Ash Wednesday Masses

8am St Cecilia's Church
8am St John Fisher Mass Ctr
10am St Cecilia's School (due to COVID not open to public)
10am Berkley Vale Nursing Home
7pm St Cecilia's Church

**Oceania Webinar:
Faithful Stewards of
God's Grace -
16 February 2021**

This Webinar will focus on the document 'Faithful Stewards for God's Grace', prepared by the Australian Catholic Council for Lay Pastoral Ministry (ACCLPM) and distributed by the ACBC in 2018. It affirms and celebrates the role of the laity in our Church. Topics discussed will include:

- Where is the role of all the baptised faithful in the life of the Church?
- What are best practices for lay pastoral ministry?
- How do we enable attitudes and practices of collegiality in order to best serve the pastoral needs of the Catholic Church?

Date: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 11am - 12.15pm (AEDT) via Zoom

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarfeb16>

(You will receive a confirmation email upon registration and further information closer to the event.)

This event will be hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA), the Mission Planners Network Oceania and the Diocese of Parramatta.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION FOR
MEN & WOMEN
DURING LENT**

Once again we are taking on this very successful initiative to support people in need or without homes within our local community. We invite you to become involved in the 'Shoe Box Collection'. Simply grab a shoe box or collect a calico bag from the parish office and fill it up with lots of goodies.

Please note: if you would rather not make up a shoe box we have also provided a basket at the back of the church for you to place individual items into.

Some items that can be included are:

Toiletries; Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Lotion, Soap/Gel, Razor, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Tissues, Comb, Feminine Hygiene, Face washer, Deodorant.

Non Perishable Food; Breakfast Biscuits/Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Crackers, Muesli Bar, Lollies/Chocolate, Biscuits/Chips, Fruit Cups/Tins, Tea, Cappuccino sachets, Cup of Soup, Water/Juice, Disposable Cutlery.

Warmth; Socks, Gloves, Beanie, Scarf.

You are welcome to leave your donations at the back of the Church/Mass ctr.

**THINKING ABOUT
PRIESTHOOD?**

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9.00am and a public Mass at 10:00am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org or alternatively contact the Vocations Office Broken Bay on 0418 522 449.

Please RSVP by Friday 5 February 2021



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SUNDAY MASS 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPEL MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

REFLECTION 7th February 2021

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Jesus' short life was dedicated fully to God and to the people. In the Gospel today we see him engaged in his mission of healing people, casting out demons and preaching. Despite all this activity, he did not neglect to spend time alone with the Father in prayer. Jesus had the custom of rising before dawn to go to a lonely place to pray. His communication with the Father was essential for his life and mission. His relationship with the Father was the source of his strength and courage and the only way he could constantly give of himself to others. How is your relationship with the Father? We can all say that we are too busy to pray. Perhaps today we can draw our inspiration from Jesus, and consider how we can make more time for prayer. Perhaps we can get up a bit earlier to spend some quiet time without distractions, so that we are better able to be God's presence and love in the world.

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Reconciliation/Confession Saturday at 4.30pm

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Anointing of the Sick First Friday of the Month

St Cecilia's During 8.00am

& 11.30am Mass and

St John Fisher During 9.15am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St Cecilia's Daily 7am-8am

St John Fisher 1st Fri 8.15 - 9.15am

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat St Cecilia's & Wed St John Fisher (after the 8am mass)

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

St Cecilia's Fri after the 8am Mass

St John Fisher Fri after the 9:15am Mass

Fr Raul/Fr Alex and the Legion of Mary visit **Berkley Vale Nursing home** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Prayer groups

St Cecilia's Rosary Group 2pm Tues

St Cecilia's Legion of Mary 8am Wed

Meetings

St Cecilia's Choir practice every Tues night 7 to 8pm

Catechist Meeting 3rd Feb 10am

Liturgy Meeting

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

9th Feb 6pm

PPC Secretary; Kerry Bugden
ph 4388 2938

Social Justice Meeting

25th Feb 1.15pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

SICK: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Bernadette Kiely, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter, Finn McConnon, Margaret Hobbs, Christine, John Baxter, Joey Moloney, Noel Muir, Jacqui Stacey, Josie Campbell, Frank Costa, Elsie Smith,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rumsey Mangano, Josephine (Jo) Shelvey

ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY: Bill Cullinan, John Kiernan, Rosie Attard, Natividad Dieta, Rita Muscat, Rod McCarthy.

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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay
Message for BBNeighbourhoods
2 February 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that my first vox episcopi message for 2021 finds you well rested after a somewhat hectic year and that, notwithstanding the COVID restrictions over the Christmas and New Years periods, you have been able to connect with family, loved ones, and friends.

I am deeply grateful for the many kind messages of condolence that I received when my mother, Caterina, passed away on 29 December 2020. I found your kindness and thoughtfulness at that moment of sorrow to be most consoling. I am also grateful to our clergy who offered Masses for the repose of my mother's soul. The distress of not being able to attend my mother's funeral, which was held in Queensland where the border was closed, was lightened by the solidarity of you, the people and clergy of our Diocese. I thank God for you and pray the Lord's blessing will come to you in abundance throughout 2021.

My 2020-2021 Pastoral Letter to the Diocese, "Jesus Christ, our beginning and end," which I issued on 29 November 2020, is proving to be very well received. I have been told by priests and people from around our community of the Church that it has been thought provoking and engaging. That is what I was hoping to achieve. In some instances, groups of the faithful have gathered to read, reflect, and discuss the Pastoral Letter and then spend some time in prayer. I am delighted that it has been of use and that sisters and brothers from our community are finding creative ways to treat the Pastoral Letter.

To this end, I hope that you will appreciate the soon-to-be released Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Program 2021 titled, "Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega." I have asked Evangelisation Broken Bay (EBB) to draw upon my six priorities outlined in my Pastoral Letter and prepare a Lenten method for us to probe the mystery of faith during Lent 2021. I hope that you will find it of benefit. I am thankful to our EBB Team for their work and commitment to the project.

With COVID restrictions having been eased by the NSW Government in recent days, I have issued a COVID-19 Restrictions Update for our community of the Church. While we will have greater access and movement for various celebrations and functions in our churches and halls, I would still call upon you to exercise prudence and charity when we gather. The Government has asked that mask wearing indoors be mandatory. Please respect this Government requirement, especially in our churches when we gather for prayer and worship. Above all, let's encourage one another by showing respect and care for every member of the community, in church or beyond. I appeal to you as my sisters and brothers in Christ, and as good, responsible, and praiseworthy citizens.

May the week ahead be one of grace and peace for you and your families.

+Anthony

DISSEMINATE THE WORD OF GOD

RESOURCES TO DISSEMINATE THE WORD OF GOD TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega – A Lenten Program for the Diocese of Broken Bay

This year, parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay will take part in a Diocesan Lenten Program, Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. This resource invites you to prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings in Lent together with the six priorities set before us by Bishop Anthony Randazzo in his Pastoral Letter to the community of the Church of Broken Bay, dated 29 November 2020.

For each of the 6 weeks of Lent, this resource includes a reading of the Gospel text; a reflection on the text which draws on one of Bishop Anthony's priority areas; and a personal testimony on an aspect of that particular priority area. All materials and reflections have been prepared by members from our Broken Bay Church community, making this resource relevant to us and the journey we are on as a community.

Lenten booklets will be delivered to all parishes in early February, and the resource will also be available online at www.bbcatholic.org.au