



Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008

1 July 2018 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Parish Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am  
Thursday: 9:15am  
Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm  
Public Holiday: 9:00am  
Youth Mass: 6:00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month)

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment

Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice  
Morning Prayer: Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 6:10am Thursday: 8:40am  
Anointing of Sick: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:15am or by request  
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction  
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am  
Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



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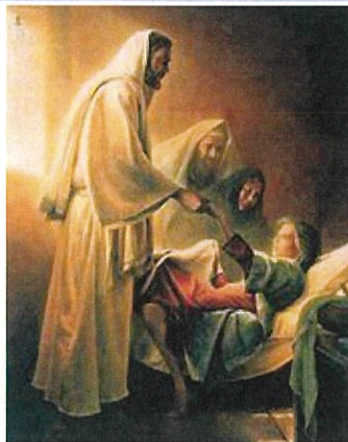
**Every Friday (during term time)**  
Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg  
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

**Every Thursday**  
Prayer Group prior to mass  
8:40am

**Sunday 1 July**  
10am Mass  
Commissioning of Parish Pastoral  
Council

**School Holidays**  
**Mon 9 July–Fri 20 July**  
Office closed Mondays (9 & 16 July)  
1/2 days Tues-Fri (9am – 12nn)

**Thursday 12 July**  
Parish Social Craft Group  
10:30am–Hall Boardroom



**“Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.” (Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish

Today’s Gospel shows contrasting attitudes to ‘impossible’ situations. First there is the woman who has suffered a haemorrhage for many years. Many doctors had tried to heal her conditions but none were successful. It seemed there was no hope of a cure. But the woman thought otherwise. ‘If only I can touch the hem of Jesus’ cloak, I will be healed,’ she believed. And indeed she was. Meanwhile the mourners in the house of Jairus, the synagogue official knowing his daughter had died, urged Jairus not to put the Master to any further

trouble. They even ridiculed Jesus when he said the daughter was not dead, only asleep. In both stories we see that in healing Jesus always encounters a person, never just an illness or a condition. This Gospel challenges us to consider our own attitude to impossible situations? Do we sometimes give up and stop praying for a particular intention deciding there is no hope, or in faith do we persevere in our prayer? Of course, true faith is essentially faith in the infinite wisdom and love of God, not faith that God will always do what we want? But let us take heart from the wise teacher in today’s first reading who assures us that God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. God created all things including humans to have health and life in them.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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HALL BOOKINGS

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Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager  
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## YOUTH

The Youth Cross was present at this parish for a week. On the Friday we invited Youth and others to 'come and have your say'. Kelly Paget, the Youth Coordinator for the Diocese facilitated the evening. We really wanted to listen to the Youth and to other interested individuals. It was an informative and enjoyable night and the results will be collated and given to the Parish Council who will aim to strategically put something in place for the Youth. It will begin in a small way but will grow.

At the 10am Sunday mass last Sunday week we had a beautiful Youth Mass with very appropriate music including drums expertly played.



On the following Friday we had a special Youth Liturgy where the Youth from Corpus Christi had the opportunity to further give us feedback as to their desires and needs. In the evening of that night 53 young people were confirmed by Bishop Peter. The celebration went very well and was enjoyed by all.

This Friday, on the Feast of Peter and Paul, Brigidine College celebrated their Foundation Day Mass. This involved the whole school. So the community there gathered to pray for each other and for the world and to break bread together as a community of Youth. The Brigidine Sisters joined us in this special celebration and their presence connected the community with their past and present story. New leaders were announced at the end of Mass. Young people want to make a difference to the lives of others through their words and actions.

### CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM:

**Weekend Retreat:** Lord, what do you want of me?

July 6 @6pm—July 8 @1:30pm

Presenter: Br Emmanuel Noel, OCD

Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)

**Day Retreat:** Mary, Beauty of Carmel

July 7 10am— 4:30pm

Presenter: Fr Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD

Cost: \$30

**Week Retreat:** Seeking a more intimate union with Jesus

July 9 @6pm—July 15 @1:30pm

Presenter: Bishop David Walker

Cost: \$750 (concessions apply)

The retreats are held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews

### ***Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group***

We will be praying for Pymble Catholic Church and Fr Bogus & Fr Greg.

## Prayer Zone

**Anniversary:** Keith Gordon

### **Please pray for the ill:**

Frankie Glover; Meacheal; Estelle Sok;  
Maurice Martin; Lewis Criniti; Phillip  
Johnson; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel  
Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne  
Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Carmel Hurrell,  
Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle  
Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, John  
Edwards, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer  
Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie  
Spencer, Brendan Stone, John Michael Walsh  
*Please let the office know of any changes to the ill.*

### **Feast Days — July**

**3 July,** St Thomas, apostle

### **NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)**

We give praise and thanks to God for the newly commissioned PPC. The purpose of the PPC is to enable the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission by being his presence and action in the world today. Holiness is the full flowering of love in your homes, in your church and the wider community. The PPC aims to connect on a strategic level the needs of the parishioners and their strengths with the Parish plans for the future. These will unfold in time with your help and input. The following are the names of our present councillors:

Fr Greg Chee	Fr Sunny Peackal
Fr Johny Arattukulam	Linda Taneja
Kevin Ruberu	Frank Bosci
Belinda Camilleri	Barbara Yee
Jen Perrott	Bryan Freer
Sherwell Fernando	Andrena Brewer

We give praise and thanks to God for these councillors who offer their service so generously.

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

This week we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis. By supporting this collection, you join with other Parishes across the world in supporting projects identified by the Pope including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion.

The charitable projects that will directly benefit from the 2018 collection are as follows:

- Support for the Parish school of the Immaculate Conception of Al Huson in Jordan that welcomes young refugees from Syria.
- A reconstruction project for the coastal regions of Ecuador affected by the earthquake.
- In support of the children at the Paediatric Hospital in Bangui, Central African Republic.

## THE KU-RING-GAI CATENIANS CIRCLE—JUNE MEETING

The Catenian Brothers and visitors at the Circle's June meeting were privileged to hear a presentation from the Culture Project which is a group of young missionaries who have set out to restore culture through the experience of sexual integrity and virtue amongst the young. These missionaries talk to our youth in Catholic schools, public schools, pubs, universities and local community groups. The presenters at the Catenian's meeting were Francis Hopkins, Founding Director of Culture Project in Australia, plus Katherine Turnbull and Lorraine Ladas, two of the Project's very enthusiastic missionaries.

Young men and women today are struggling with deep personal and spiritual problems and many 12 and 13 year olds want to know that they are loved and possess great worth. "Just who am I?" they ask. How can suicide be the leading cause of death in the 16-24 age group when their life is just beginning and holds so much promise? Emphasis, when the missionaries are talking to youngsters, is placed on the dignity of the human purpose and the richness of living sexual integrity plus the difference between love and lust. These youngsters are encouraged to love and respect the opposite sex.

Part of what motivates the missionaries is that there is no-one "out there" sharing the message, so the message must come from youth itself. The young presenters all displayed enthusiasm, sincerity, absolute integrity and an infectious happiness during their presentation.

The Project is supported by the Bishops of Sydney, Parramatta and Broken Bay Diocese. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Circle's president, Martin Stebbings, presented a cheque and thanked the girls for coming to visit our Circle and for their commendable efforts.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:



*Because of Her, We can!*

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 1 July 2018

Today we are celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. It is a time to come together as a parish, to acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

The theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2018 is "**Because of Her, We Can!**" The "her" is a reference to the strong women in our lives- our mothers, daughters, aunties, grandmothers, sisters - and Mary, Mother of God. Today we recognise that women are the thread which holds our families together. They have fought for justice, reconciliation and social change. They form the backbone of communities across Australia. This is particularly true for Aboriginal and Islander women. Today we celebrate and embrace the role that women play in our ministries, our Church and our families.

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, has prepared a special YouTube message for Australian youth to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Youth are invited to view this message at [www.natsicc.org.au/2018-youth-activities.html](http://www.natsicc.org.au/2018-youth-activities.html).

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**". Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



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