

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

## 1 March 2020 - First Sunday of Lent

**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

Rock Mass: Once a term

*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)*



*At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.  
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The church will be ready for the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Louis and Zelig Martin on Thursday 5 March. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate a mass of St Therese at 7:30pm. You are most welcome. It is the first time we will be graced by

his presence at Corpus Christi. We will be entering into a wonderfully refurbished church. The relics are arriving earlier—details are in the bulletin. A special memento blessed by Bishop Randazzo as well as a booklet will be given out on the evening and a light supper will be provided after the 7:30pm mass. We look forward to seeing you at the 7:30pm mass with the Bishop.

A special thank you to everyone for being so patient while the builders have fixed the ceiling tiles in the Church.

**Gospel Reflection:** Prior to commencing his public ministry, Christ was led into the wilderness for a period of forty days. This was a time of earnest prayer, of fasting, of confronting temptation and of a deeper encounter with the mysteries of silence, solitude and the self. As we arrive at the first Sunday of Lent, it is pertinent to consider how we may emulate our Lord's example. Let us permit ourselves to be drawn more deeply into our own personal desert, in the hidden and sacred solitude of the soul, and through the uncharted empty spaces of our hearts. For it is when we are most truly alone that we become most authentically ourselves. And it is when we become most authentically ourselves that we are closest to God. For the human solitude of the heart, and the divine solitude of God abide, unseen and unknown, in the same ineffable silence.

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

**Every Friday  
(during term time)**  
Lectio Divina facilitated  
by Fr Greg

**First Friday  
of Every Month**  
Exposition / Adoration at  
6:45pm

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

### March

Thursday 5th —Relics of St Therese of Lisieux, and her parents Saints Louis and Zelig Martin.

Friday 6th—Exposition and Adoration at 6:45pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Saturday 7th  
Fr Johny's farewell.  
St John's Anglican Church Hall  
Gordon  
7pm-11:30pm  
BYO All Drinks

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest

Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest

Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager

Michelle Miles, Office Secretary

Ed Wales, Parish Finance

Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator

Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**HALL BOOKINGS**

John Huggett (Coordinator)

0412 882 263

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7:30PM**

Please join us back in the Church next Friday 6 March for Stations of the Cross following Exposition / Adoration at 6:45pm.

**POSITIONS VACANT—DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY**

There are three positions available in parishes at the moment.

- St Agatha's, Pennant Hills – Faith Formation Team Leader (Full Time)
- Frenchs Forest – Parish Secretary (Full Time)
- The Lakes – Administrative Assistant and Sacramental Programs Coordinator (Part Time)

For more information see:

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

**PROGRAM FOR THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX  
AND HER PARENTS STS LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN**

**Thursday 5 March**

9:00am	Welcome of the relics to the Parish
9:30am	Eucharist
10:15am – 5pm	Veneration before the relics in a way that fosters devotion to the saints represented. There will be an opportunity for common prayer such as the Rosary, Divine Mercy, Litanies of St Therese etc and private veneration.
5:00pm	Evening prayer with Friars followed by veneration and rosary.
5:00-6:00pm	Reconciliation available
7:30pm	Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo followed by a light supper in the hall. Veneration of Relics.
9:00-10:00pm	Reconciliation available
10pm	Night prayer followed by vigil.

**Friday 6 March**

6:30am	Mass Veneration of Relics
7:45am	Departure Liturgy
8:00am	Relics depart

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**



**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Prayer Zone**

**Recently Deceased:** Trenna Scanlan

**Anniversary:** Elizabeth Buay

**Please pray for the ill:**

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Carol-Anne Campbell, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

*If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.*

**Excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020**

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew: (No. 123). Jesus's Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is every present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:**

**Weekend Retreat: Artist Retreat.**

March 13-15. Presenter: John Charadia and Artist Tutor Team.

**Weekend Retreat: Joining the Dots**

March 20-22. Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

The retreats are held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400 or email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)  
[www.mtcarmel.com.au](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au)

## A DIRECTIVE FROM BISHOP ANTHONY REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS—UPDATE

In an effort to limit the spread of the virus, Bishop Anthony has requested that only the host will be offered during communion. Only the celebrant/s will be able to take from the chalice. All Ministers of Communion (Ordinary and Extraordinary) are to be diligent in the use of hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Communion.

Given the continuing level of public concern about the coronavirus, but in light of the fact that the virus is currently contained in Australia, Bishop Anthony instructs that the above principles be maintained in Diocese of Broken Bay until end March 2020. The situation will be constantly monitored.

### ACOLOYTE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 10AM & 6PM MASS

We currently have two acolyte positions available for our 10am and 6pm Sunday mass. If you are interested in finding out more, please see Father after mass or contact the Parish office during the week by email: [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)

### Saturday Sessions with Katie

All welcome to attend an introductory session to FertilityCare on Saturday 7 March, 10.30am - 11.30am at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills.

Natural medical approach to managing infertility, family planning and reproductive issues.  
For further information or to RSVP, please email Katie at [katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au)



### TAP & GO IS HERE!

We would like to enable our parishioners to give in a way that suits them. As we are increasingly becoming a cashless society, we now offer Tap & Go for our Parishioners who prefer to not carry cash. There are two Tap & Go machines at the front door of the Hall. The donation amounts are pre-set at \$5 on one machine and \$10 on the other machine. To donate via Tap & Go you hold your credit card over the machine and wait for it to go through. This will take a few seconds.

Donation by way of planned giving and plate is still available.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

World Day of Prayer (WDP) will be celebrated on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is now the largest ecumenical event in the world, supported by Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Evangelical churches. It is run under the motto *"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action"* and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement is led by women but aims to bring together both men and women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer 2020 host country is Zimbabwe and the theme is *"Rise! Take your Mat and Walk!"* The theme is grounded on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). *"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk,"* said Jesus. WDP 2020 reminds us not to be afraid to act on the word of God.

To listen to the theme song *"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"* composed specially for the 2020 program by WDP Zimbabwe Committee liaison, Sylvia Marowa go to: <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/world-day-of-prayer/wdp-2020/>

### OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement

**Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe**

#### Key Elements of Standard 9:

- Regularly reviews and improves practices
- Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

### Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



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