

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

1 November 2020 – All Saints Day

Parish Mass Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
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 - Friday: 8:30am

Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am 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)



**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10:30am on Zoom until further
notice

**First Friday
of Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick –9am

October

Sunday 25 October

Parish Choir
9:00am–11:00am

November

Sunday 1 November

All Saints Day

Children's Choir
9:00am–11:00am

Monday 2 November

All Souls' Day
9:00am and 7:30pm Mass



*Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.*

(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

We are so familiar with the Beatitude that the radicalism of Jesus' 'mission statement' can be missed. But if we begin with the last few verses of this Gospel, the challenge given by Jesus hits us. 'Happy are those who are persecuted...' Are we happy when we are persecuted? Do we bless those who insult us? Maybe not. Yet when I consider the Christians persecuted across the world, I realise that there are many saints living in our world doing just that.

As we ponder their lives, we can come to recognise such holiness closer to home. Parents who continue to care for difficult and selfish children, always hoping for change, live with a form of 'persecution'. Others who remain kind to demanding and problematic parents or neighbours live under abuse and calumny. It is such holiness, such ordinary holiness that we celebrate on this day.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PARISH OFFICE TEAM

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Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager
Michelle Miles, Office Secretary
Ed Wales, Parish Finance
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
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HALL BOOKINGS

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Principal: Mrs Jayne Wheen
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Friday 6 November, 2020

**Exposition / Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at
7:30pm**



This Advent, Corpus Christi will be giving all parishioners an opportunity to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. After all Masses on November 28 and 29, be sure to get your bundle of music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!

A PRAYER FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Selbin Cleaning

- ◆ Weekly, fortnightly, spring or occasional cleaning
- ◆ Preparation for sale or rent
- ◆ End of lease cleaning

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Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Davies; Peter Shih; Denise Carmody;
Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;
Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose
Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti;
Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel
Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien,
Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty,
Gina Jaksetic, 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.

FEAST DAYS— NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st, All Saints
Monday 2nd, All Souls' Day
Wednesday 4th, St Charles Borromeo,
bishop



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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2020/21 Planned Giving Envelopes are ready and are in the foyer. Please remember to collect your envelopes when you leave mass.

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.



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

On All Souls Day we often hear the expression: *“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.”*

What is the biblical basis of this? What implications does it have for you and me?

In 2 Maccabees 12:42-46 Judas Maccabeus was the leader of the Jewish people one hundred and fifty years before the birth of Jesus. He led an army against the Greek invaders who had taken over his country. Several of his men were killed in battle. It turned out that all of them had been wearing superstitious amulets or charms around their necks, a practice that was totally opposed to their Jewish faith. When Judas Maccabeus discovered this, he took up a collection among all the people and sent two thousand drachmas to the Temple in Jerusalem to have sacrifices offered for those who had died.

“If he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. That is why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin”, (2 Maccabees 12: 44-45).

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.” Praying for your departed beloved ones is an exercise of charity which brings graces not only for those who are held in our prayers but for ourselves as well. St John of the Cross tells us that in the eventide of life we will be examined in love. Praying for the dead is such an act.

Those in purgatory are certain of the experience of heaven. We speed them to experience the fullness of glory with the help of our prayers. Hence when St Monica knew she was dying she said: *“I only ask that you remember me in your prayer”*. St Maria Faustina, through her conversations with Our Lord and Our Lady as recorded in her diary, including her own beautiful prayers and, of course, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, show this important work of mercy—praying for the dying souls and those in purgatory.

St Faustina was told by the souls in purgatory that the main way to avoid purgatory is to do the will of God in all things. She wrote: *“How very easy it is to become holy; all that is needed is a bit of good will. If Jesus sees this little bit of good will in the soul, He hurries to give Himself to that soul, and nothing can stop Him, neither shortcomings nor falls—absolutely nothing (291). May you be blessed, O God, for everything You send me. Nothing under the sun happens without Your will (1208)*

Hence I encourage you to pray for your departed beloved ones by making a small donation and putting it in an envelope found in the foyer. You can put this in a collection bowl or hand it in at the sacristy. God bless, Fr Greg.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE FOR OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The purpose of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is to promote and support the evangelising mission of the Parish, working in collaboration with the Parish Priest to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of all the Christian faithful. The PPC enables the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in Christ’s mission and to connect their needs and their strengths with the Parish’s plans for the future.

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I encourage you to participate in this process. Further information and key dates are detailed in the E-news or a paper copy can be collected from the church foyer.

The deadline for your response is Sunday, 1 November 2020.



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When: Tuesday, 10 November

Time: 8-9pm

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y3kdmuq>

The zoom link will be emailed to you after registration.

For more information on Fertilitycare, please visit:

Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/womens-ministry/natural-family-planning>



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iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun.

The iWitness Conference was established in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. It has always sought to help Australia's young people engage with and be inspired by the Catholic faith - and this year is no exception.

iWitness promises to be an unforgettable weekend of formation, fun and faith, just as it always is. There will be daily Mass, 24 hour (perpetual) adoration, loads of games, amazing speakers, plenty of fresh air, and more!

iWitness and the venue have a COVID-Safe plan. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://WWW.IWITNESSCONFERENCE.COM/](https://www.iwitnessconference.com/)

Catholic Youth Broken Bay Praisefest

CYBB presents the last PRAISEFEST of 2020! Book it in your calendar and get ready for a night of fun, good laughs, and a message from very special INTERNATIONAL guest, Chris Padgett! ZOOM link is available to all youth coordinators and school ministry coordinators! LIVESTREAM will be available! See you there!!

6:00pm on Friday 13 November 2020

Facebook Event: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/events/368646487881204)

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>> SEASONS CHANGE <<
FRIDAY | ZOOM LINK
NOV 13, 2020 | YOUR PARISH
6:00 PM | YOUR SCHOOL

FORMING OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2020

Four members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have recently retired from their role on the Council. As Pastor, I wish to express my gratitude for the support and assistance I have received from these members:

Kevin Ruberu, Belinda Camilleri, Bryan Freer, Frank Bosci

2020 has certainly been an unusual and eventful year, but despite the challenges, our Parish has made much progress with pastoral and formation initiatives. We also now have a Parish Vision Statement that will be able to guide us into the years ahead.

Who Is Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi is a welcoming caring, joyful, faith community with Jesus as the heart of the parish and Mary as our spiritual mother, inspired by our Carmelite Spirituality.

Vision

To be an invitational parish that leads people to experience and respond to God's love, continually growing in relationship with Jesus as missionary disciples who connect and serve, pray and worship, give and actively share our gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Purpose

We grow in friendship as disciples of Jesus and bear witness to the experience as we take the message of the Gospel to others.

The role of the PPC is to foster the pastoral life of the Parish. In other words, we look forward to how best to achieve this future goal, in a strategic manner and carry out its mission. A key task of the PPC in coming months will be to prepare a 3-year Parish Pastoral Plan so that the Parish can move more intentionally towards making our vision a reality.

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With gratitude
Fr Greg Chee

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THE PPC:

- Meets regularly with Fr Greg, usually on a monthly basis
- Reflects on the life of the parish community
- Acts as the body in the Parish from which Fr. Greg seeks advice about the pastoral life and strategic direction of the Parish community
- Discerns key pastoral priorities and initiatives as part of parish pastoral planning
- Reflects on the 'signs of the times' and the context of the Parish, and considers how the Parish can best carry out its mission, as in our vision and purpose statements.
- Brings forth issues and considerations from the members of the Parish community which might shape the life and future of the Parish community

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS COMPRISED OF 11 PERSONS

- 8 members are appointed to the Council, by recommendation or by direct appointment
- The Principal of Corpus Christi Primary School, the Religious Education Coordinator of Corpus Christi Primary School, and a member of the Finance Committee are *ex officio* members of the Parish Pastoral Council

The 4 members of the current Parish Pastoral Council who continue in their 4-year term until the end of 2022 are:

- Linda Taneja
- Sherwell Fernando
- Andrena Brewer
- Jennifer Perrott

Recommendations for 4 new members are now invited from the community

The terms of membership of each of the new members will be a maximum of 4 years (membership is normally 2 years with a further 2 year option). This means, therefore, that the membership of our Parish Pastoral Council rotates with new members every 2 years.

THE PROCESS

From the weekend of 17/18 October 2020 through to 1 November 2020, recommendations for positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are called. Recommendations need to be of those who show:

- A commitment to the practice of the faith, to the parish community, and to the purpose and vision of Corpus Christi Parish;
- An ability to collaborate, consult and discern with others for the mission of the Church;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- A capacity to think strategically toward the development of Parish Pastoral Plans.

All parishioners recommended will be invited to an Information Evening to better understand the role of a PPC Councillor, and to accept nomination. Those nominated will be invited to a Discernment Evening to determine the members of the Council.

Thank you for your consideration and participation. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all during this process of discernment.

KEY DATES	
17 October	Call for recommendations
1 November	Recommendations close
11 November	Information Evening
19 November	Discernment Evening
28 November	Inaugural Session

For further information regarding the role of the PPC, please read the “Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Broken Bay” at

[**CLICK HERE FOR THE GUIDELINES**](#)

Please complete this Recommendation form and submit to the Parish Office, Attn: Linda Taneja, by 1 November 2020. Alternatively, please complete the online form at:

[**CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE RECOMMENDATION FORM**](#)

The Word

Sunday 1 November 2020: All Saints

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.