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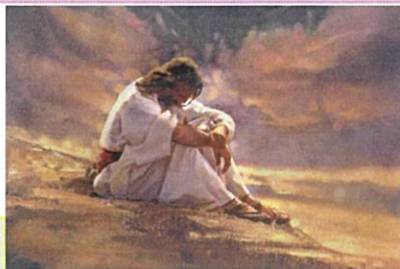
10 March 2019 - First Sunday of Lent

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
Youth Mass: 6:00pm (1st 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: 2nd 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)



Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Gospel)

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

Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

March

Sunday 10 March—First Sunday of Lent
Parish Choir
9am-11am

Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 12
Carmelite Regional Assembly
All priests away (see bulletin notice)

Wednesday 13 March
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 14 March
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am—Parish Hall

Friday 15 March
The Light Is On
7-8pm—Parish Church

Sunday 17 March
Junior Choir
9am-11am

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus ‘was led by the Spirit through the wilderness’ (Lk 4:1). The wilderness is a potent biblical image filled with intrigues and paradox. How is it that such a place—desolate, dangerous, lonely and life-threatening—can also be the place of divine power, consolation, intimacy and transformation? This was true for our ancient ancestors in faith (recalled in today’s first reading). The people of Israel were born amidst the divinely-led desert journeys and sojourns of Abraham and his expanding family. They were then trained into nationhood during a forty-year wilderness trek, led by Moses, out of Egypt to the land promised by God. How alive these ancestral stories must have been to Jesus as he encountered both temptation and empowerment in the wilderness, a Spirit-led experience which fuelled his public ministry (today’s Gospel). What insights from these sacred texts can I glean for the unfolding, testing and enabling of my own life’s journey as a member of God’s people? During the wilderness periods that are an inevitable part of life, may I be ready for temptation and awake to the Spirit’s presence.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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The Light is
ON for you



The Light is ON for you!

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith life and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. This year, our parish, along with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, is taking part in *The Light Is On*, where every Friday evening during Lent we will be open for quiet time and prayer, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition and Stations of the Cross.

Our church will be open every Friday during Lent 7-8pm and you are invited to make a space to spend time with God and to allow God's light to enter the circumstances of your life in a new way this lent. You are very welcome! Please take some invitation cards from the back of the church and invite others also.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, lessons available. Next get together **Thursday 14 March 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.

BOOK CLUB

Anyone interested in a new Book Club? If so we meet once a month, Tuesday's 2-4 at my place in St Ives. Next meeting is 19th March & we will be discussing "The Shepherds Hut" by Tim Winton.

Contact Colleen McMillan.
colleenmcmillan11@gmail.com

Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Sue Roche, especially Tony, Kelly and Jacki. May Sue experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

CARMELITE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY:

The St Ives Carmelite priests will be attending the Regional Assembly this week. Please note that there will be communion service on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of April at 6:30am.

URGENT!! ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:

68 year old female parishioner needing to rent a room for approximately 6 months.

Please contact Victoria 0412 946 846.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Sue Roche

Anniversary:

Cecil Rascher

Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Anderson; Elizabeth Buay; Maria and Jack Garcia; Roseanne Kapel; Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Marie Martin; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; Lewis Criniti; 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, 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.

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.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

The Parish Choir will be practicing for the Easter masses and would like to invite anyone with a love of singing to join them. The practices will be held in the Church at 7:30pm on:

Wednesday 27 March;
Wednesday 3 April;
Wednesday 10 April; and
Wednesday 17 April

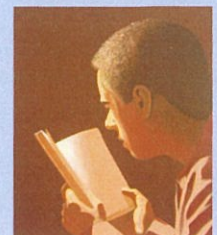
Please come along and join the Parish Choir.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PALM SUNDAY READERS (14 APRIL)
HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET (18 APRIL)

GOOD FRIDAY READERS (19 APRIL)

If you can lend us your time we would appreciate if you could sign up to assist on the sheet in the church foyer.



Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd,
you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern.

In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care. In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel.

Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our mother,

Mary Star of the Sea.

Amen.

HOSPITALITY NEED

This year we are organising Alpha in this Parish and need people to help in looking after hospitality which includes the preparation of simple meals. We would like to organise a team to look after this area. Any expenses incurred would be covered by the church. If you would like to commit or explore this possibility please call the office on 9144 6998 and ask to speak to Jen Perrott or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores faith.



Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle

We are holding a Easter Egg raffle and Easter Egg guessing competition to be drawn on Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday)

We need your help. To make it a success we are inviting each member of the parish to donate one Easter egg of any size to the cause. Eggs can be placed in the baskets at the church entrances. If anyone would like to assist by selling tickets, please contact the office. Tickets will go on sale next weekend. Thank you for your help and good luck!!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH



Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Upcoming Events

Social Justice Group Meeting: Wednesday, 13th March 2019

You are warmly invited to attend a meeting of the Social Justice Group on Wednesday (13th March) at 7.30pm in the church hall. The focus of our meeting will be planning activities for 2019.

Assembly on Affordable Housing. Thursday, 14th March 2019

Join 2500 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall on the 14th March 2019 to stand together for the common good. Together they will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both State and Federal politicians seeking your vote. Sydney Alliance, Vinnies NSW and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. The current turnout goal is to have 1000 people registered to attend. Cost: Free. 6.30 to 8.40 pm. Venue: Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Sydney CBD. Enquiries: 0416 028 001. For information and registration go to: <https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing>

21 March. Sydney Ideas: On Hate and Race Politics: Thursday, 21st March 2019.

How is hate shaping society? And what must we do about it? In his new book, *On Hate*, Tim Soutphommasane analyses the troubling rise of nationalist populism and the return of race politics. Tim was Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner from 2013 to 2018 and is Professor of Practice (Sociology and Political Theory) at the University of Sydney. Cost: Free. Time: 6.30 to 8.00 pm. Venue: The University of Sydney, Charles Perkins Centre Auditorium, John Hopkins Drive (off Missenden Road), Camperdown. Registration is essential. To register go to: <https://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/sydney-ideas/2019/on-hate-and-race-politics-tim-soutphommasane.html>

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values Servant Leadership... "Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of god, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."- 1 Peter 4:10

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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