



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

11 August 2019 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (4th 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)



But if that servant... begins to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will assign him a place with the unfaithful (Gospel)

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

First Friday of the Every Month
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
Holy Mass at 7:30-8pm

Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

August

Sunday 11 August
Parish Choir
9am-11am

Thursday 15 August
The Assumption of the Virgin Blessed Mary. Holy day of obligation.
Masses at 9:30am & 7:30pm

Sunday 18 August
Children's Choir
9am-11am

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

It is not easy to find a unifying thread running through this Sunday's readings. I suspect the opening statement of the Gospel (Luke 12:32-40) comes closest to it: 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' The word order of the Greek actually suggests something stronger: 'You Father has *determined* to give you the kingdom.' The implication is that the God whom Jesus proclaims is a God who longs to confer supreme benefits on human beings. Any blockage to the divine generosity comes entirely from the human side. All three readings, in their own ways, deal with this divine-human interaction.

Commending the behaviour of the watchful servant, Jesus instructed his disciples to be always attentive, 'for the Son of Man is coming,' he said, 'at an hour you do not expect.' After his resurrection from the dead, they initially understood these words as referring to his imminent return. For our part they should prompt us to be ever attentive and vigilant—alert to Jesus present to us in the people we meet and in the events of everyday life.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Walter Simpson whose funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 14 August at 11am. May Walter experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for St Ives Uniting Church and for Reverend Dr Geoff Dornan.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK

Jesus did not always choose the strongest and the best. He called fishermen, tax collectors and all kinds of ordinary men to come follow him as his first disciples. Today Jesus still calls all kinds of men to be his priests and to care for his people.

Karol Jozef Wojtyla born on May 18 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, was athletic and enjoyed skiing and swimming. Later at university, he showed a keen interest in theatre and poetry. He answered the call to become a priest, and went on to become Pope John Paul II.

"At a certain point in my life, I became convinced that Christ was saying to me what he had said to thousands before me: **'Come follow me!'** There was a clear sense that what I heard in my heart was no human voice, nor was it just an idea of my own. **"Christ was calling me to serve him as a priest."** Pope John Paul II. **Is God calling you?**

TAX RECEIPTS

If you would like a receipt for your donations please contact the Parish Office on 9144 6998 or by email at office@corpuschristi.com.au. Please note that only the CWF donations are tax deductible.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:
Wal Simpson; Dorothy Hyam

Anniversaries:
John Patrick Woods

Please pray for the ill:
Joan and Tom Beram; Francis Follett; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, 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.

Feast Days — August

Wed 14th, St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Thurs 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Thursday 15 August. Holy Day of Obligation

Two masses will be held on Thursday 15 August. 9:30am (Corpus Christi school will attend) and 7:30pm.

Online Safety Masterclass

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Keynote speaker: Kellie Britnell -

Office of the eSafety Commissioner

Date: 5 September 2019

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

FREE MASTERCLASS for parents and carers interested in understanding more about keeping children and young people safe online.

An initiative of Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Month and National Child Protection Week.

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“The Catholic Church was there for my mother during her greatest trial”. Sonia

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CWF

This month we shared Patricia's story and the role of the CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioner. When we asked Sonia, Patricia's daughter, what her mum would think of this, Sonia said that she would be “over the moon”.
 “Peter (the Pastoral Care Practitioner) brought Mum so much peace at the end. Her faith was so important to her.”
 We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity in helping Catholic faith-based services support those in our local community. We are obliged to meet the quota set for us of just over \$17,000 for this quarter, and if we don't achieve that quota we have to make up the shortfall from our own parish funds.

Thank you.

The CWF provides funds to:

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
St Lucy's School
St Edmund's College
Ephpheta Centre

Did You Miss Out The First Time?

Alpha 1 – Finished!!

This week we concluded our first Parish Alpha. What an amazing experience we have had!! Many have been touched by the magical experience on the Alpha journey. Friendships have formed and wonderful things have started to happen in our Corpus Christi community. One participant said, *“In the 20 years I have been coming to this parish, I have never experienced anything like this. It has been really fabulous. I have thoroughly enjoyed it”*

If you missed out on the first Alpha, we are about to launch the second one on Tuesday, **20 August 2019** at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please register now on the flyers at the entrances of the church or preferably online, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment:

bbcatholic.org.au/stives-alpha

Please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 or email at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au.
 We look forward to seeing you



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

THANK YOU

The Social Justice Group would like to thank everyone who attended the Acknowledgement Mass last Sunday. It was a very special and memorable occasion for our parish. Special thanks are extended to the many people who helped by organising, or participating, in the Mass including Laurie Bimson, Guringai man and traditional owner, for his Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony; Fr Greg, for his encouragement, support and thought provoking homily; Michelle and Belinda for their assistance preparing the bulletin and special guests, including Aunty Diat Calliope.

RAFFLE AND BLANKET APPEAL



Our annual raffle to assist Tibetan living on the Northern Beaches will be held on Sunday, 25th August 2019. Your support would be greatly appreciated as it will enable our parish to continue to assist the Tibetan refugees for another 12 months. The blankets, doona and doona covers make a big difference to the refugees who, due to the cost of electricity, are unable to afford heaters or electric blankets. Funds raised by the raffle will be used to assist families with the purchasing of medication, hearing aids, and vouchers to assist families in emergency situations.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. Next get together **Thursday 15 August 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

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.

**AN INTERESTING REFLECTION AND HOMILY
IN THE RECOGNITION MASS FOR FIRST NATION PEOPLE
SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019**

It is with great joy that the Church acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today. Along with non-indigenous people we were all in the mind and heart of God and lovingly esteemed by Him from all eternity. We have a common heavenly Father and so there is a divine imperative to recognise each other and to appreciate each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord and remove any blocks such as a wrong attitude to wealth as mentioned in today's readings.

When God created us He gave us the good things of the earth for our use and benefit and put into our hearts different abilities and powers. We all have a deep down desire for God, a desire which different cultures have tried to express in their own ways. As the human family spread over the face of the earth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in this country that stood apart from all others for 60,000 years on this continent. As non-indigenous we did not know this land was here; we only knew that somewhere in the southern oceans of the world was 'The Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

But for thousands of years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during that time the Spirit of God has been with these people. The culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders shows a lasting genius and dignity and must not be allowed to disappear. The songs, the stories, the languages of this precious culture must never be lost. There is an ethnic genius and culture which the Church respects.

For thousands of years this culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was free to grow without interference by people from other places. There was closeness to the land with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. As a people Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples touched the sacredness of man's relationship with God.

They did not spoil the land, use it up, exhaust it and then walk away from it. There was a realisation that land was related to the source of all life. The silence of the bush put these people in touch with another world of God's Spirit. As a people Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples created their own legal system which made the society orderly and helped survival. There were dreamtime legends that spoke powerfully to the great mysteries of human life, its fragility, its need for help, its closeness to spiritual powers and the value of the human person. The Gospel of Jesus finds points of agreement with these indigenous traditions.

When the non-indigenous people came here some 200 years ago there were different from First Nation people. They had knowledge, power, money and brought with them some patterns of behaviour from which the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were unable to protect themselves.

So many of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were dispossessed of their traditions and separated from their tribal way though some still maintained their traditional culture. Some have established Aboriginal communities in towns and cities. For others there is still no place for camp fires and kinship observances except on the fringes of country towns. Work is hard to find and education in a different cultural background is difficult and racism at times expresses itself.

On the other hand, there are non-indigenous who are supportive. I remember going to St Teresa's, an aboriginal mission in 2018, just outside of Alice Springs where I saw teachers and other professional people along with Marist Brothers, showing charity and fraternal solidarity.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus speaks all languages and embraces all cultures. It supports them in everything human and, when necessary, it purifies them. Always and everywhere the Gospel uplifts and enriches cultures with the revelation of a loving and merciful God.

St Luke's Gospel today makes much of the hindrance wealth creates for discipleship and ultimately for gaining fullness of life in community with God and fellow human beings. So the Gospel speaks of a major block to what this recognition Eucharist is about. I would like to finish with a few words from Deacon Boniface. He was an Aboriginal elder in the Wadeye community and blazed a trail for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to follow as he not only walked between two worlds - Catholic and traditional, but he brought them together. He was present at the delivery of St John Paul II's famous address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs.

That address was inspirational for the few words I have given today in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Boniface said: "Jesus told us we have to love God with our whole hearts, mind and spirit – that means the whole of me; and the whole of me is Aboriginal. There is no other way for me to love Him."

He also said: "My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time God was working with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us despite our human liabilities. He was preparing us for the day when we would see the features of Aborigines in the image of his Son".

He is now experiencing eternal glory with the eternal Father who invites all people, from all cultures into his loving embrace as we all aim to live the Gospel of Jesus which embraces us all and reveals a loving and merciful God. Since we have the same heavenly Father we are brothers and sisters to each other. Let us build bridges to realise our relationship with each other in an ever deeper way. Let us praise God for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD
Parish Priest, Corpus Christi St Ives

SMOKING CEREMONY



Alpha

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life
faith
meaning



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and then from 10 September 2019, weekly

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