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11 February 2018— Sixth 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 (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)



February 2018

Every Thursday

Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

Every Friday (during term time)

Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

Sunday 11 February

Parish Choir—9am—11am

Wednesday 14 February

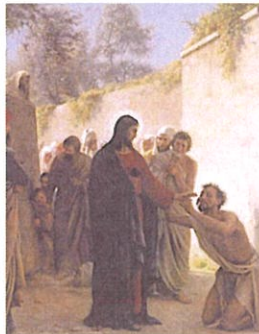
Ash Wednesday Mass Times
6:30am, 9:30am and 7:30pm

Sunday 18 February

Junior Choir—9am—11am

Sunday 25 February

Parish Choir—9am—11am



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean" (Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate three masses at 6:30am, 9:30am and 7:30pm. *Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter; the Lenten liturgy prepares both catechumens by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful who recall their own baptism and do penance.* Universal Norms 27

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes before the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During this time, neither the Gloria nor the Alleluia is sung. Purple (violet) is the liturgical colour for Lent and has a twofold significance. Purple is widely recognised as the colour of mourning, alluding to the impending suffering of Christ's crucifixion. Yet it is also analogous with royalty and heralds Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

The penitential character of Lent is reflected through traditional practices such as fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The readings for the first two Sundays of Lent present the accounts of Jesus' temptation and transfiguration. On the next Sundays we hear the gospels of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus (set down in the Lectionary for Year A). Because of their importance in regard to Christian initiation, these gospels may also be read in Years B and C. On Palm Sunday the text for the procession recalls the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, while the gospel account of the Lord's Passion serves as an overture to the sacred days of the Easter Triduum.

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Fr Sunny Abraham, OCD, Assistant Priest
Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest
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Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

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LENTEN PENANCE

Lent is a preparation for Easter, the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. As we prepare for the most important of the Christian feasts we are reminded of the love that God has shown in sending Jesus to us. Lent is a time of thanksgiving for what God has done for us. Jesus' announcement that the Kingdom of God had come was a proclamation of the divine intervention, which was intended to draw all humanity to a share in the divine life.

The preparation to receive the Kingdom is to repent: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." In the presence of Jesus, we are called to conversion. This is not just something that takes place once. Conversion is a continuing transformation of ourselves which opens up more and more to God's presence in Jesus. Conversion is an ongoing reality in our lives.

We remember this especially at this time of Lent. Lent is a period in which we focus in a special way on turning our hearts towards God. To do this we must be ready to surrender ourselves. We need to find ways which are personally meaningful for us to bring about this surrender.

DAYS OF PENANCE

Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any of the following:

- **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance, family prayer; a visit to the church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- **Self denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor.
- **Helping others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is down between Ash Wednesday, 14 February and Trinity Sunday, 27 May, unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All of the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (14-17 February) as Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. Resources can be accessed at "ACBC Fasting and Reparation"

Feast Days — February

Wed 14th, Ash Wednesday

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Cecil Rascher; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Jan Davies, 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



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Gregory Chee OCD, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Parish St Ives will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 22nd February 2018.**

The evening commences with Mass at **6.30PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

After dinner Father Gregory will be our guest speaker. He will speak about his vocation and his journey as a Carmelite Priest.

Everyone is welcome.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

There are now 6 seminarians attending the Good Shepherd Seminary for Broken Bay Diocese with the hope of a further 2 in the months ahead.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

You Are Invited...

The Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli extends an invitation to Catechumens, their sponsors, family, friends, RCIA team members and all parishioners to the Rite of Election. Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Sunday 18 February at 2pm. (Please be seated at 1:45pm). Refreshments will be served afterwards. RSVP to the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 2018

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Term 1 of 2018 at Corpus Christi Parish on **24th March**. In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and be both **Baptised** and have completed the sacrament of **Confirmation**.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of reconciliation should do so filling in the form attached and returning it to the Parish Office by **Monday 12th February 2018** with a payment of \$25. You may have already enrolled your child if you paid for all three sacraments in 2017. In this instance an email will be sent to you.

There will be one **Parent Information Evening** held in the Church at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 15th February**. **Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 24th March 2018 at either 9:30am or 3:30pm.**

Attendance by at least one parent at the information evening is a requirement of the course. All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via

sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

Volunteers Needed

Our parish depends on the generosity of its members. We are grateful for your support to undertake the range of activities that make our parish a welcoming and developing community.

We need a volunteer with appropriate skills to take on the following role on an ongoing basis:

Advertising Co-ordinator – we need someone with marketing/sales/advertising skills to develop and manage the advertising in the bulletin. This has a two fold objective: Supports our parish and community and generates a small income for our parish.

Please contact Belinda Camilleri to express interest and discuss further: Parish Office: 9144 6998

The Light is ON For You.

During Lent, the Diocese is encouraging the use of the sacrament of penance and promoting openness and welcome. Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent. Corpus Christi will be open on Fridays in Lent, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00pm—8:00pm. We will also include Stations of the Cross. You are very welcome! Please take some invitation cards from the back of the church and invite others.



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TIMOR SEA JUSTICE – AN UPDATE: In mid-2017 many parishioners signed a petition organised by Sr Susan Connelly and the Timor Sea Justice Forum (www.timfo.org) asking our government to finalise a fair maritime boundary in the Timor Sea between Timor-Leste (East Timor) and Australia in accordance with current laws in good faith and as a matter of urgency. Sr Susan has penned this update.....

"It seems that after a long history, the maritime boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste has been finalised. Media reports state that a treaty between the two nations will be signed in New York on March 6. Acceptance by the Timorese indicates that the agreement is favourable, that is, that the median, or half-way line, governs the arrangement.

Interestingly though, the means of exploring for and exploiting the resources has not been finalised. The Timorese preference is for a pipeline to Timorese territory, entailing the development of new cities on the south coast with associated agriculture and industries. In that case, Timor-Leste would receive 70% of the revenue sharing.

The oil companies prefer floating platforms with the resources linked to a pipeline to Darwin. In that case the Timorese would receive 80% of the revenue. This decision will not be made by March 6. Hmmm. Let us watch developments.

The last thing which should be said, regardless of the outcome, is that Australia has been in any way "generous". This will be claimed by certain persons in government and the commentariat. The historians will be slower to attach any such glowing accolades to Australia. The whole saga is a sorry one, in which Australians as a whole do not shine. Australia might be doing the right thing now. Good. Well done. But let's not re-write history."

New Communion to the Sick Volunteers required.

We need volunteers to take communion to those in our community that cannot make it to mass. This is a wonderful way to serve the people of God. If you see your way, please contact the office on 9144 6998 to volunteer.



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