

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

12 March 2023, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Third 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

Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick —9am

First Friday of Every Month
- 7 April 2023
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Thursday evenings
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John
Prayer Group
7:30-9pm in the Church

Wednesday 15th March
Easter Choir rehearsal 7-8.30pm
in the Church

Thursday 16th March
Craft Group in Hall at 10:30am

Saturday 25th March
First Reconciliation Ceremony at
9.45am or 3.30pm in the Church



“How can you, a Jew, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

On the surface, today's Gospel seems to be the story of two people drawing water at the well. However, careful examination reveals a complex of meanings and levels of reality. A conversation develops between Jesus and a Samaritan woman about water, but things are not as they seem. Jesus asks for a drink, but is this what he really wants? The woman is interested in the water which will quench all thirst, but is this what she really wants? It is not a coincidence that Jesus meets her. He is at the well for her sake. It is not water but her soul that he wants. He speaks to her heart, opening her to new and more profound possibilities. As he speaks she begins to change, though she does not understand what is happening. A changed woman, she runs to the town where Jesus now stays for two days. By the end of the story, she and many Samaritans believe in Jesus. As the story unfolds the woman comes to realise that water and the things of this world are not what she really desires. Her heart desires God. Jesus moves the place of worship from a physical reality, Jerusalem or this Mountain, to the inner space of the soul, where we pray in Spirit and Truth.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**Our Deepest Sympathy
Leonarda Bestulic**

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Leonarda. Leonarda's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Friday 17 March at 10.30am.

May Leonarda experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



EASTER CHOIR

Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum. Dates are:

Holy Thursday 6th April

Good Friday 7th April

Easter Vigil 8th April

The rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday** evenings in the Church from **7-8:30pm** on the **15th, 22nd & 29th of March**. A tentative additional rehearsal can also be held on the 5th of April after the 10am mass. This will be confirmed closer to the date. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.

**Welcome and Thank You
to our New Catechists**

**We Still Need Catechists and Helpers
Urgently Needed This Weekend!**

Welcome and Thank You to our new catechists and helpers who joined us last weekend. We still need 6 new catechists and 13 helpers (of all ages 18-99+) and a number of people willing to be available to relieve catechists when they are away for a short period when they travel or are sick. More gentlemen in the team would also be wonderful. We also have an urgent need for people to join the High School Team. All resources and training are provided. Many of our catechist's love sharing the good news with our young people and you often hear them say the reason they joined is often not the reason why they stay. For many experience a deepening of their own faith in this process.



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

FEAST DAYS— MARCH 2023

Friday, 17th, St Patrick, bishop

Monday 20th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord



LARGE PALM LEAVES

Do you have Palm Trees at home? We need some large palms to decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

Assistance can be offered to cut and collect the palms. Please contact Michelle in the Parish office if you can help.



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Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Leonarda Bestulic

Anniversary:

Mdm Helen Ng; Brendan O'Connell

Please pray for the ill:

Noel Carmody; Sylvia Fishburn;
Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien;
Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart;
Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;
Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies;
Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;
Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres;
Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen;
Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell,
Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier,
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.



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 16 March 2023 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 4 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year

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.

Youth News

Barbeque update

Our BBQ and gathering was an amazing success! Over 70 sausages were enjoyed by young and old; we will have to prepare for more next time! After dinner, four groups met in the hall for their respective activities.

- high school aged youth
- primary school children
- toddlers and pre-schoolers
- parents



Enormous THANK YOUs to Etienne & Charmaine Lubbe, O’Kelly and Dawn Leung, Phil & Laura Liang, Cel Tria, Danielle Hadley, and Lawrence Chan for all their hard work in the lead up to, and on the night – without which the night could not have happened.

The High School Youth Group are planning to meet fortnightly, and Pray and Play (for families with younger children) will continue to meet once a month. Dates to be confirmed.

If you would like to participate or help out in future gatherings, please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Michelle at the Office.

Youth Mass update

The High School Youth Group led music for Sunday 26 Feb 6pm mass and it was evident that their efforts and talent gave the Mass a new energy. Well done to Mia Perry, Genevieve Leung, Pius Leung, Elijah Wehrhahn, and Liahna Tria for their leadership.

Our next Youth Mass will be at the 6pm Mass on Sunday 26 March. If you'd like to help out (music, altar serving, collections, offertory, or in any other ways), please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Michelle at the Office.





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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The Word

Sunday 12 March 2023, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the book of Exodus Ex 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for

someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worship the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.