

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

13 December 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

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
10am Parish Hall

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

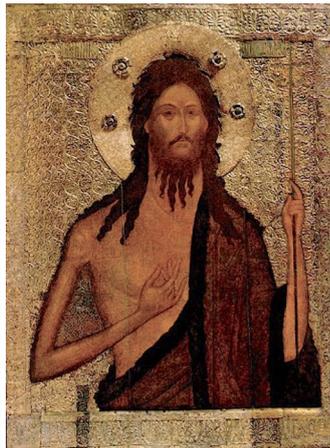
December

Sunday 13 December
Parish Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Thursday 17 December
Parish Reconciliation 7-8pm

Christmas Eve Mass Times
6pm—Family Mass
9pm—Mass
12 am—Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass Times
8am—Morning Mass
10am— Christmas Day Mass



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

Some years ago St Pauls Publications published a book written to help teenage boys on their journey to adulthood. It was called 'You Are Not That Important, and Other Helpful Messages.' Because of its title, the book received an immediate negative reaction. People said, 'you can't say that. You have to tell young people that they are

very important, that they are special,' etc. We firstly, the book didn't say young people are not important, it simply said that they were not that important. And for many young people it is a relief to know this. Sometimes too much pressure is put on them at too young an age to be responsible for everything. To become adults, we have to learn that we are not the centre of the universe. No, God is the centre of the universe. A tiny baby thinks the whole world revolves around him or her. We become adults when we learn to put God, and the well-being of others, at the centre of our lives and actions. That John the Baptist had achieved true adult maturity is testified in his words, 'there stands among you—unknown to you—the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal strap.' And in another place he said, 'he {Jesus} must increase and I must decrease' (Jn 3:30). Paradoxically, John the Baptist fulfilled an important role in preparing the way of the Lord because he knew that he was not the most important person.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL 6PM

MASS

We need children for our Christmas Nativity Story—there will be practice in the Church at 4pm on:

Sunday 13 December;
Sunday 20 December; and
Christmas Eve at 4pm

We encourage all children to join it, it's a lot of fun! Text Rebecca Wehrhahn on 0407 277 689 to let her know you are interested.



FEAST DAY

We celebrate a very special feast day this coming week. On **Monday 14 December** it is the Memorial for St John of the Cross.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Human Rights Day 2020: Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.



This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to ensure Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. The theme recognises that the COVID-19 crisis has been fuelled by deepening poverty, rising inequalities, structural and entrenched discrimination and other gaps in human rights protection. Only measures to close these gaps and advance human rights can ensure we fully recover and build back a world that is better, more resilient, just, and sustainable.

Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world."

Eleanor Roosevelt



Advent & Christmas Program

We are about to embark on week 3 of our Advent journey. We would love you come and join us in the groups we have established over the Advent Season. People are really enjoying the experience and thoughts of others and are finding it a very rich and deeply rewarding experience. Please see below for days, meeting ID's and times or check eNews.

Please contact Jen on email Jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au if you have any questions.

Monday: 7:00-8:00pm On Zoom

With Amy O'Connell & Anne O'Gorman

Zoom ID: 858 2845 8551

Password: 712553

Tuesday: 9:45-10:45am – in Parish Hall

With Jen Perrott & Teresa Leong

7:30 – 8:30pm on Zoom

Lectio group with Edith Chan, Marianne Ching, Miki Hachigo and Angie Rozali

Zoom ID: 824 5624 2165

Password: 285642

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm – On Zoom

With Melissa Pemberton, Charmaine Lubbe & Andrena Brewer

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note the ID and Password has changed for the Wednesday evening Zoom and is now:

Zoom ID: 837 5946 0089

Password: 755059

Friday 10:00-11:00am – in Parish Hall

Lectio group with Lina Chan and Anne Freer

The Friday morning Lectio group will meet on 18th December for a double-session on the 4th Week of Advent as well as the 1st Week of Christmas to conclude the Advent Program. This will be their last and final meeting of the year .

Selbin Cleaning

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

Monica Fletcher
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HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER - 10.00am:

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food Canned Fruits
Small Packet of Rice Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial or Soft Drink

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts
Bag of Mixed Lollies Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags Instant Coffee
Packet of sugar Long Life Milk

And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!

Please place in a strong box; a recyclable grocery bag or clothes
-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as
a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 20
December.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Rosetta Prestianni

Please pray for the ill:

Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; 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.***



THANK YOU FOR THE CRAFT GROUP:

Thank you to everyone who donated wool,
knitting needles and tape measures to our
group. We gather once a fortnight for a lovely
chat and knit for some very special charities.

Our group knit squares for Wraps With Love;
beanies for the homeless; knit teddy bears for
the Ambulance service; beanies, booties and
mittens for premature babies. Our knitting
gets distributed to over 35 hospitals
throughout NSW.

We are recommencing on Thursday 21
January at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Please
come and join us! Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

Youth Group Christmas Party

Come and join us as we celebrate Christmas with the youth for fun,
games and food!!!

When:

Saturday, 19 December 2020 (after the 6pm Mass)

Where:

Corpus Christi Parish Hall

Time:

7:00-8:30pm

Registration essential for catering

Book on the Corpus Christi Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives

INCREASE IN MASS ATTENDANCE

Following the guidelines set by the NSW Government, masses will be available to 300 parishioners.

In any gathering, social distancing measures of 2 square meters per person and hand sanitising needs to be maintained.

To book online go to www.trybooking.com/BJUJG or call Belinda or Michelle in the office on 9144 6998. Bookings required by **3:30pm on the Friday before the weekend masses.**

FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please ensure you book online for our Christmas masses and prior to 10:00am on Christmas Eve to attend the Christmas Masses. Place are filling up quickly!

Please remember to sit one and a half metres away from each family group or individual in the pews.



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Christmas Schedule 2020

Thursday 17 December

Parish Reconciliation

7-8pm with Liturgy

Thursday 24 December

Christmas Eve

6pm Family Mass/Pageant

9pm Mass

12pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25 December

Christmas Day

8am Christmas Mass

10am Christmas Mass

(No evening Mass)

Saturday 26 December

Boxing Day

9am Mass

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27 December

Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8am Mass

10am Mass

6pm Mass

Friday 1 January

Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God

9am Mass

*** Please book online at trybooking.com/bjujg by 10am on Christmas Eve to attend the Christmas masses as we still have capped numbers for attendance**

The Word

Sunday 13 December 2020: Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 61:1-2. 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. *(R.)*
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. *(R.)*
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects [Israel](#), his servant, remembering his mercy. *(R.)*

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.