

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

14 March 2021 – Fourth 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: 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

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

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

February 2021

Friday 19 March
Liturgy at 7pm with
Benediction followed by
Stations of the Cross—7:30pm

Sunday 21 March
Children's Choir
9:00am—11:00am

**Choir rehearsal for Easter in
the Church —all welcome**
Wed 17 March @ 7:30pm

**Reconciliation in Preparation
for Easter**
Tuesday 23 March at 7:30pm



Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

In 587 BCE the Babylon army conquered Jerusalem. The invading soldiers demolished the city walls, burned down the temple, destroyed buildings and led its leading citizens and artisans off into captivity in Babylon.

In exile the Jews soon realised that while they were captives in body, they did not have to be captives in spirit. The Babylonians could control where they lived but not what they believed. A faithful group of Jews refused to forget their religious heritage. They resisted every effort of their captors to entice them to ridicule their faith. They refused to allow the beauty of Babylon, with its rivers and poplars, to replace in their hearts the beauty of Jerusalem, the holy city. This resistance is well expressed in today's responsorial psalm. It reveals the peoples' immense grief at the loss of their homeland and their resolve never to forget the God of Israel despite the seemingly hopeless situation they were in. Like the exiles, we can sometimes feel that we are living in an alien land. We are surrounded by a culture that oftentimes does not recognise Christ or Christian values. Like them we can be tempted to forget our religious heritage. We need to remain faithful to Christ not only for ourselves but also for the well-being of all peoples. God loves the world so much and desires that everyone be saved. By our Christian witness we can be instruments through which the saving grace of Christ is communicated to all.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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LATEST INFORMATION:

We have filled one class but still need to fill 5 more.



You do not need to be a teacher or have any experience at all. All lessons can be provided on PowerPoint, resources and training provided. You will need approx. an hour and a bit per week (that includes class time and lesson prep). It is very simple and easy. We also need some young people to help on the high school team. This is a fabulous experience as a team. Our high school team of catechists really enjoy the team teaching environment. **You will receive more than you put in. The reason a catechist starts on this journey is never the same reason they stay.**

St Ives Public Schools Students 2021				
Classes That Need to Be Filled				
Year	SINPS Tuesday's	SIPS Wednesday's	TNPS Wednesday's	SIPPS Wednesday's
Kindy	Vanessa White 1:50-2:20pm	Jean Lee 9:10-9:45am	10:15-10:55 am	Ruth Cassidy 11:30-12:10pm
1/2	Celine Kok 1:50-2:20pm	Sue-Anne Sherwood 9:10-9:45am	Betty Ang 10:15-10:55 am	Cypriana Liem 11:30-12:10pm
3	2:20-2:50pm	Kathy Lee 9:45-10:20 am	Dora Chan 10:15-10:55 am	Petty Bahramali /Cheryl Doyle 11:30-12:10pm
4	2:20-2:50pm			
5	1pm - 1.30pm	Teresa Leong 9:45-10:20 am	10:15 -10:55 am	Teresa Leong 11:30-12:10pm
6	Cel Tria 1pm - 1.30pm			



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Geoff Bugden will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 18th March 2021**. The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting we will be showing a video presentation given by Bishop Anthony Randazzo in 2018 on the life of Eileen O'Connor and her path to Canonization. It is an important message which should not be missed.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". 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.

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Harmony Week

Everyone Belongs

Harmony Week is celebrated each year from the 15th to the 21st of March. It is a time to celebrate our culturally diverse background – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.



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Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

Did you know?

- 38.9 per cent of Ku-ring-gai residents were born overseas.
- 27.7 per cent of Ku-ring-gai residents speak a language other than English at home.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Ku-ring-gai are Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Persian and Japanese.
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

Do you have something orange in your wardrobe? It is a tradition to wear orange on Harmony Day (21st March). Orange represents social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and mutual respect.

To celebrate Harmony Week, Willoughby Council has organised COVID-safe events, including guided bushwalks, craft workshops and exhibitions. For further information go to:

<https://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Campaigns/Harmony-Week-2021>.

2021 LENTEN REFLECTION ON ZOOM

Please use this meeting ID and Passcode to access the Zoom meeting on Wednesday nights.

Time: March 10, 2021 07:30 PM
 Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
 Every week on Wed, until Mar 31, 2021.
 Mar 17, 2021 07:30 PM
 Mar 24, 2021 07:30 PM
 Mar 31, 2021 07:30 PM



Meeting ID: 871 1843 1187
Passcode: LENTEN

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;
 Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody;
 Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;
 Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres;
 Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION
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Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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 18 March 2021 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE

SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioners

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Over the first six months of the financial year your parish has managed to achieve a surplus of income over expenses, primarily due to the boost we received from the Government. It is apparent from our financial statement that collections are holding up and we are most grateful for your generosity, particularly as we have not been able to pass the plate around for the first and second collections. The Tap & Go facility that was installed over this period has proved successful and is slowly replacing the loose second collection. Thank you to the parishioner who donated two of the Tap & Go machines.

Our Alpha and Discipleship programmes are well supported and are virtually self-funding. We have shown the income and expenditure from these programmes separately in our financial statement.

As we no longer qualify for Government assistance the Jobkeeper and stimulus incentives have ceased.

We encourage parishioners who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card please either call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the attached **form** and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church

Expenses are generally in line with past periods. However, our repairs and maintenance is increasing as the parish office, which is now quite old, requires additional maintenance. Over the last six months the carpets in the main areas of the parish office were replaced. We will need to spend more money on the parish office over the next year.

Parishioners will know that it is the intention of the Diocese to sell Murphy House. We are in discussions with the Diocese as to what this means for our Carmelite community and what arrangements need to be made to find accommodation for our parish priests.

The amount owing on the roof loan at 31 December 2019 was \$30,014 and we continue to make our normal monthly repayments as shown in our financial statement.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these difficult times to enhance our Parish.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

Income & Expenditure

For the period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL\$	ACTUAL \$
	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
INCOME			
Planned Giving /Envelope Collection	82,214	81,815	77,328
Loose Second Collection	10,184	24,296	24,574
Tap & Go	14,520	-	-
Donations	3,568	-	195
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	7,074	7,737	5,975
Bulletin Advertising	5,980	-	325
Alpha Programme	1,254	11,715	-
Discipleship	2,860	600	-
Interest Received	836	2,591	3,523
Building Donations	100	900	1,509
Jobkeeper Subsidy	54,000	-	-
Cash Boost Stimulus from ATO	10,000	-	-
Total Income	192,590	129,654	113,429
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	3,732	3,716	6,684
Employment Expenses including on-costs	46,210	73,200	68,769
Jobkeeper Expense	32,377	-	-
Insurance	20,357	21,101	19,649
Office Expenses	5,758	9,081	6,543
Alpha Programme	1,544	11,575	-
Discipleship	1,767	928	-
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	12,307	23,981	18,192
Repairs and maintenance	31,194	16,363	35,933
Clergy Car Expenses	4,443	4,135	4,828
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	816	1,905	4,665
Total Operating Expenses	160,505	165,985	165,263
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	32,085	(36,332)	(51,834)
Other income -specific sponsorship	-	-	37,340
Roof Repayments to 31 Dec 2020	(16,700)	(16,700)	(16,700)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	15,385	(53,031)	(31,194)

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

**Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)
Are You the One Who is to Come?**

May 1 Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne
The challenge and the blessing of responding to Jesus as the Messiah.

**Weekend Retreat—Cost: \$300 per person
Praying with Saint Teresa of Jesus**

April 16-18. Presenter: Fr. Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD
St Teresa guides us towards a state of sublime surrender to God, where in silence we will be taught in an interior way.

The retreats are held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400 or email: bookings@mtcarmel.com.au
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Our Deepest Sympathy - Pamela Fitzgerald

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Pamela. Pamela's funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 12 March 2021. May Pamela experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



The Catenians

Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

For further information phone Paul Rubenach on 0409 445 542 or Steve Swain on 0438 441 803



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**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER
INTENTION
FOR MARCH**

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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.

The Word

Sunday 14 March 2021: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the second book of Chronicles 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. *(R.)*
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' *(R.)*
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! *(R.)*
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life. God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.