

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

15 March 2020 - Third Sunday of Lent

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
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 - 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)



A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (Gospel)

Every Friday (during term time)
Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition / Adoration at 6:45pm followed by mass at 7:30pm

Every Thursday
Morning Prayer prior to mass 8:40am

Every Friday during Lent
7:30pm - Stations of the Cross

March

Thursday 12 March, 10am
Parish Social Craft Group, Boardroom, Parish Hall.

Saturday 21 March 9:30am or 3:30pm
Reconciliation Sacrament

Sunday 22 March
9-11am
Parish Choir

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman, and through her, he speaks to us. He describes the kind of worship 'in spirit and in truth.' To worship God in spirit and truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be a matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequence than the disposition of heart. This is not to say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value—indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ's mystical body, the Church.

Nevertheless, our every thought and deed, however mundane, if done with the intention of expressing the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship—a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart-felt plea for forgiveness.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Ed Wales, Parish Finance
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
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EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

The Parish Choir will be practicing for the Easter masses and would like to invite anyone with a love of singing to join them. The practices will be held in the Church on:

Sunday 15 March at 11-12nn;
Monday 23 March 7:30-9pm (tbc);
Sunday 29 March 11-12nn

Please come along and join the Parish Choir.



Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle

We are holding a Easter Egg raffle and Easter Egg guessing competition to be drawn during the week of 6 April. We need your help. To make it a success we are inviting each member of the parish to donate one Easter egg of any size to the cause. Eggs can be placed in the baskets at the church entrances. ***If anyone can assist by selling tickets, please contact the office.*** Tickets will go on sale **next** weekend. Thank you for your help and good luck!!



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Michael McShane sj from Peter Canisius House will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 19th March 2020.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.30PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Michael we will be speaking to us on the topic "A Jesuit Vocation: Some Reflections". 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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH



Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Rosina Fuda

Please pray for the ill:

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; 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, Jeannie, 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.

FEAST DAYS— MARCH

Tuesday 17 March, St Patrick, bishop

Thursday 19 March, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MORNING TEA SERVICE—10AM MASS

Given the uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus, it has been decided to suspend the morning tea service following our 10am masses until further notices.

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020

Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

Weekend Retreat: Joining the Dots

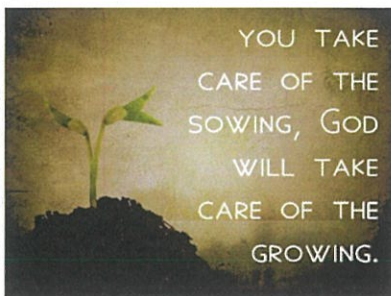
March 20-22. Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

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: retreats@carmelite.com www.mtcarmel.com.au

Catechist Sunday – Sunday 15 March 2020

Today is Catechist Sunday, an annual event in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Calendar. Catechist Sunday originated in 1935 when the Vatican published a document 'On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education', which acknowledged the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and asked every country to honour those catechists who serve within their Christian communities.

As catechists begin another year of teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) to Catholic children who attend public schools in this parish, let us give thanks for their ministry and pray for their work that it will bear fruit in the hearts and minds of the children and their families.



The ministry of SRE in parishes is a tangible expression of parish evangelisation. Today Ask yourself – “is God calling me to teach SRE to Catholic children”.

Ever thought about sharing your faith?

We are looking for new people who would love to share our faith with the younger generations. We have some spaces for catechists or assistants this year as some of our wonderful team are moving onto other things. We would love to have you join us. If you feel God is tapping you on the shoulder, we have everything you need; training, resources and a great group of people to work with. Please put your name down on the “Catechist Interest” form in the foyer of the Church, email Jen Perrott on catechists@corpuschristi.com.au or call the parish office on 9144 6998.



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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7:30PM**



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA

According to the 2020 *Poverty in Australia Overview* by the Australian Council of Social Service and UNSW Sydney, 3.24 million people in Australia are living below the poverty line. They include more than one in eight adults and one in six children.

The report's lead researcher, UNSW Sydney Associate Professor Dr Bruce Bradbury said: “The poverty rate in Australia is worse than in most other wealthy countries, including New Zealand, Germany and Ireland. Our report finds that 13.6 per cent of people in Australia are living in poverty and that poverty rates have remained at about this level for the past decade, despite economic growth. Child poverty has consistently been higher than overall poverty, ranging from 18 per cent to 16 per cent over the past decade and now sits at 17.7 per cent – more than one in six children.”

ACOSS has called on the government to boost growth in jobs, increase Newstart and Rent Assistance, and invest in social housing. For further info go to:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/02/28/2020-poverty-in-australia-overview/>

Fundraising Dinner

You are invited to attend the 2020 fundraising dinner for the *Northern Beaches Tibetan Health Fund* on Friday, 27th March 2020 at Piemonte Restaurant Café, 287 Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$65 which includes a main, dessert, a glass of wine, sparkling or soft drink, music and lucky door prizes. Gluten free and vegetarian meal options will be available. *All of the funds raised will enable the Northern Beaches Tibetan Health Fund to continue to purchase prescription medication and provide emergency funds, when required, for the 2020 Tibetan new arrivals. Funds will also be allocated to assist meeting the gap for three hearing aids needed for Tibetan community members (one Tibetan senior and two students studying English at TAFE).*

Tickets must be purchased in advanced. To purchase a ticket go to: eventbrite.com.au/e/95560663517



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