

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

15 November 2020 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

November

Sunday 15 November
Children's Choir
9:00am – 11:00am

Thursday 19 November
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am in the Parish Office

Sunday 22 November
Parish Choir
9:00am – 11:00am



**The man who received one
(talent) went off and dug a hole in
the ground and buried his
master's money. (Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners

The principle of 'use it or lose it' is demonstrated in today's Gospel. A basic principle of human existence is that we improve by actually doing—not by wishing, wanting or reading but by actually having a go in our real and practical world. The way we accept a gift of God is to work at making ourselves more proficient in its use and the way to glory in our giftedness is to use our gifts in the loving service of others. The image we have of God can hamper or hinder how we go about this. If we view God as a tough Master waiting to pounce on our every failing, we will be like the third slave, querulous and ineffective, blaming others (or God) for our failure. But if we view God as generous, creative Master, who has lavishly bestowed on us differing abilities and who daily offers us opportunities to show loving-kindness and mercy to all, we will find ourselves not only desiring to be like God but acting like God as well. Then we will find that our lives are rich in love and that we have entered into the joy of our Master.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Michelle Miles, Office Secretary
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Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
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A JOURNEY THROUGH
Advent & Christmas



This Advent, Corpus Christi will be giving all parishioners an opportunity to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. After all Masses on November 28 and 29, be sure to get your bundle of music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!

Our Deepest Sympathy - Peter Shih

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to Bernadine and her family, relatives and friends of Peter. Peter's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 18th of October. May Peter experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Our Deepest Sympathy - Thomas Fitzpatrick

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Thomas. Thomas' funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Friday 20th of October. May Thomas experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

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- ◆ Preparation for sale or rent
- ◆ End of lease cleaning

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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.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Peter Shih;
Thomas Fitzpatrick

Anniversary: Kath Fletcher

Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Davies; Peter Shih; 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.



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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 19 November 2020 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Office.
Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

FEAST DAYS— NOVEMBER

Tuesday 17th, St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Saturday 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay. Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church.

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes. The Charitable Works Fund Appeal is 100% tax deductible. Donate online at:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund **Please ensure you nominate your Parish as St Ives Corpus Christi**



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



NOVEMBER AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Scripture says it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead so that they may be loosed from their sins and experience the fullness of what God has for them. Let us remember our loved ones especially during November. We will be praying for them in a general way all through the month but it's possible to have a personal mass said if you so desire. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church and can be placed in the collection bowl or given to the Office with a small donation.

Join the Team at Broken Bay Diocese: New positions vacant

Are you keen to part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,"

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days); and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
- Diocesan Director, Communications

To apply for these roles or for more information go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/jobs



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SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Australia is celebrating NADOIC Week. The theme of the week is *Always Was, Always Will Be* and recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

"We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels. Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines - of our lands and our waters. For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country - a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Always Was, Always Will Be."

For further information on NADOIC Week go to: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>



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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Over the twelve months to June 2020 our Parish has had to contend with some significant challenges especially in the last quarter of the financial year.

At the beginning of the financial year we were faced with falling ceiling tiles as the work of replacing those tiles had not been completed to industry best practice. After much discussion and negotiation, the work was completely redone and has resulted in a very good ceiling with good acoustic qualities. At the time this work was being carried out we took the opportunity to upgrade our lighting system in the Church. This work has complemented the air-conditioning and new fans installed last financial year and is especially appreciated when we experience extremes of temperature. Our Church is now much brighter and more welcoming.

In March COVID struck and we had to adapt to the new environment. With the Church closed for a while and then opened but with a limit on the numbers who could attend Mass our collections dropped but we are grateful that many parishioners took up the option of contributing by direct debit. We thank all those Parishioners who have assisted us through this difficult period. In April we installed two “tap and go” machines in the Church foyer and these have proved to be an additional source of revenue for the Parish.

During this period we applied for and received the Jobkeeper allowance. This has helped us maintain our staff levels and has also meant that we did not have to reduce our staff numbers or the hours that they worked. We also applied for and received the cash flow boost.

Our Parish continues to follow its mission of seeking to “Evangelise, celebrate our faith, foster community and serve God and each other.” Our goal is Missionary Discipleship. We are moving from a maintenance church to a missionary one in keeping with Jesus’ great commission: “Go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all I have commanded you” (Mt 28).

To this end we have run two regular Alpha programmes (each year) and the Big Picture programme as well as some discipleship activities. As a result individuals have got to know each other better and a significant number have been touched by the Spirit in relation to their faith.

Our mission depends on our parishioners’ support and we thank you for your contributions over the last twelve months.

Sacramental programme

The Children's Sacramental Programme is a three stage process that is delivered over a twelve month period. The first sacrament in this programme is Confirmation, followed by Reconciliation and is completed with First Holy Communion, when the children become fully initiated into the Church.

Our thanks go to Gerri Hadwen, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, for the wonderful work she has done in working with the families to prepare the children for the sacraments.

Over the year we had 59 children through the programme, 28 for confirmation and 31 for first reconciliation. First Eucharist was postponed due to COVID. However, we had a First Eucharist for 30 children in September 2020. The children came from both our local Corpus Christi Parish School and the state schools in our area.

Collections and how the funds are used

Please click on the link below to see how your contributions are used and for detail on our planned giving.

The Diocese levies a percentage of both the first and second collection (currently 8.54%) for the CWF. If our separate CWF collection done three times a year does not cover the levy the balance is paid from our second collection. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we have not had to use any of the second collection to cover the levy.

Catechists

Our catechists, led by Jennifer Perrott, put a lot of work into preparing lessons, activities of significance and attending professional development opportunities. Our catechists bring the Word of God to children in state schools in our area and assist in preparing those children to receive the Sacraments. Due to COVID we are struggling to get catechists and would welcome further volunteers for this very important ministry.

Significant Parish Statistics

Sacraments and services:

- Baptisms 16
- Weddings 2
- Funerals 17

Parish Team and staff

Our thanks to Belinda Camilleri and Michelle Miles for their efficient running of the Parish Office. Our thanks to our Carmelite priests who do a significant amount of pastoral work, including home visits and anointing of the sick.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDE VITAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

Parish Pastoral Council	10
Parish Finance Committee	4
Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	27
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	21
Altar Society	3
Altar linen	8
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	53
Music ministry	37
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	63
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	18
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	20
Welcoming and hospitality	38
Morning tea	9 family and friends groups
Liturgy Committee	5
Childrens' Liturgy	1
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	4
Floral arrangers	11
Social Justice Group	9
Piety stall	14
Catechists	25
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	0
All our volunteers who contribute without acknowledgement.	Numerous

As you can see there are many ways to become involved in the work of the Parish. If you are not yet a part of one or more of the Ministries and are able to help please contact the Parish Office as it would help share the load with those already involved. We particularly need volunteers for the catechist and children's liturgy ministries. We are fortunate that subsequent to the end of the financial year two parishioners volunteered to do the RCIA ministry. As mentioned before we depend on our parishioners for their various contributions. Without your help we would not be able to function.

As baptised disciples of Christ we have the privilege and responsibility of being Christ's presence and action in the world both within and outside the church structure. To live this discipleship out of love for Christ in a way that cares for others, facilitates the effective running of this parish and influences, for the better, the world around us. Let us help each other to grow in this discipleship together.

Thank you for helping our community.

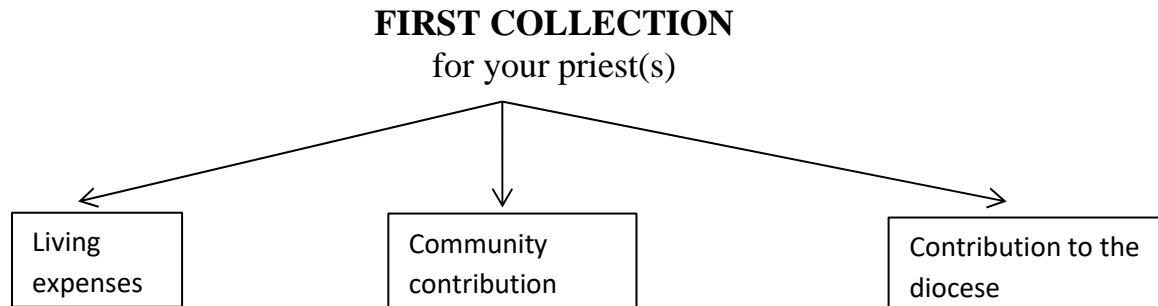
Fr Greg Chee and the Parish Finance Committee

Income & Expenditure

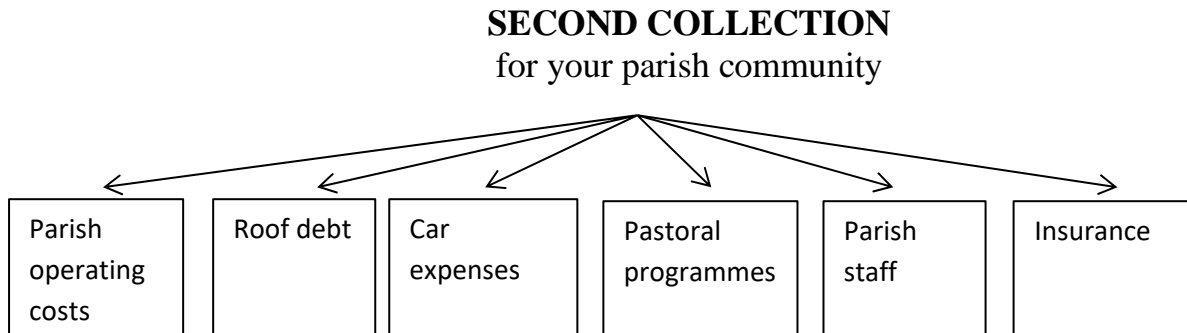
	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-20	ACTUAL\$ 30-Jun-19	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-18
INCOME			
Planned Giving Credit Cards and Envelopes	151,683	157,369	176,873
Loose Second Collection	42,251	61,234	56,158
Tap & Go	2,390	-	-
Donations	1,860	215	-
Pastoral Activities, Advertising, & other	12,139	27,527	24,361
Alpha & Discipleship	12,856	-	-
Interest Received	4,042	6,933	2,530
Job Keeper Subsidy	24,000	-	-
Cash Boost Stimulus	10,000	-	-
Building donations	4,348	-	-
Fund raising income	-	2,568	35,712
Total Income	265,568	255,847	295,634
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	8,354	9,022	12,240
Employment Expenses including on-costs	111,366	130,514	78,256
Job Keeper Expense	32,736	-	-
Insurance	21,101	19,649	19,163
Utilities , Rates and Taxes	17,335	-	-
Office Expenses	16,268	13,786	14,950
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	15,538	32,358	32,535
Alpha & Discipleship Program	14,602	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	30,959	80,179	92,801
Clergy Car Expenses	7,992	8,739	8,441
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	3,249	7,952	10,417
Total Operating Expenses	279,499	302,200	268,802
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(13,931)	(46,353)	26,831
Bequests	-	-	235,033
Total Non -recurring maintenance	(9,393)	-	-
Roof Repayments to 30 June 2020	(33,401)	(33,401)	(35,266)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(56,725)	(79,754)	226,598

How are parishioner funds used?

A parish is dependent on the generosity of its parishioners to sustain itself and its many charitable and pastoral works. Generally, this support is through two collections at each Sunday Mass.



The first collection goes to the Carmelite Community. These funds are primarily used to support the priests living at the Priory. A contribution of around 24% of the first collection is made to the diocese. This contribution goes towards the CWF and the diocesan sustentation fund.



The second collection (or the planned giving) comprises the envelopes, direct debits and loose cash donated at this collection. Funds are banked into the parish account which is overseen by your Parish Finance Committee. The many costs of running the parish come from this account. Some of the expenses covered include:

- Parish operating costs such as, utilities, telecommunications, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery, buildings and parish property, including the Priory
- Insurance
- The loan debt servicing for the church roof
- Parish pastoral programs
- Parish staff salaries including superannuation
- Car expenses for the priest(s) in the parish.

At the end of each financial year annual accounts are drawn up by the Parish Finance Officer and reviewed by the Parish Finance Committee. A copy of the annual accounts is given to the diocese and is made available to parishioners. Parishioners are also provided with quarterly financial summaries.

[CLICK HERE FOR BANKING DETAILS AND TO REGISTER YOUR DETAILS](#)

The Word

Sunday 15 November 2020: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs Prv 31:10-13.
19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. *(R.)*

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.