

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

## 16 July 2023, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

**Parish Mass Times:**

**Monday to Friday: 9am**

**Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)**

**Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm**

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Monday  
(during term time)**

Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am - Hall

**Every Friday  
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday  
of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick —9am

**First Friday of Every Month**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Sunday 16 July**

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

**Thursday 20 July**

Parish Social Craft Group  
10:30am in the Parish Hall

**Thursday 27 July**

Fr Sunny's bible study  
The Acts of the Apostles  
7:30 to 9pm in the Church

**Friday 28 July**

Corpus Christi School  
Grandparents and Friends Mass  
9am



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The mountain is in Israel in the district of Haifa boarding the Mediterranean Sea. It is 24 miles in length, 5 miles in width and its highest point is 1,724 ft. Mt Carmel is commemorated in scripture for its beauty. It was there that the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God in whose presence he stood.

Towards the end of the 12th Century AD, near the spring called after Elijah, a group of hermits established themselves on Mount Carmel. They built an oratory in honour of Our Lady. She was their patroness. They understood the Blessed Virgin Mary as their spiritual Mother. They also saw her as a model of leading a deeply prayerful life and later as a model in sharing the fruits of their contemplation with others.

For many centuries the Carmelite liturgy has shown a special affection for the Gospel scene at the foot of the cross (today's Gospel) where Mary "became the Mother of all people when Jesus Himself gave Her to the beloved disciple" (John Paul II).

We know of the unconditional love a Mother has for her child. Seeing Mary as Mother encourages us to reflect on our relationship with her. She cares for us as Mother; we love and respect her as sons and daughters. In viewing Mary as our Mother leads us to think of her divine Son in whose allegiance we live. Her necessary reference point is always Jesus. She under and with Jesus serves the mystery of salvation.

How appropriate to have great confidence in Mary our Mother. The Father entrusted his most precious treasure to her namely his only begotten Son, Jesus. So the Father, who is absolute truth and goodness, had great confidence in her. Should we not do likewise? We know the beautiful unconditional love mothers have for their sons and daughters.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## CORPUS CHRISTI POP-UP PLAYGROUP



All preschool-aged children, parents & carers in the community are welcome to attend! You do NOT need to be enrolled at Corpus



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**WED  
16 AUG**

**TUE  
29 AUG**

**FRI  
15 SEP**

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- Art & craft
- Fun games
- Lego & building

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**SESSIONS  
FROM  
9:15-  
10:45AM**

This is a great opportunity to **play and learn** with our Corpus Christi Early Years Specialists and make new friends!



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## SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

**Father Jim McKeon, Parish Priest of Epping and Carlingford Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.** The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Jim will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church" and 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](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

Peace

Terry 0438 887 295



## Social Justice Corner

**"One Journey, Together": Voice to Parliament Resource.** The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and organisations. The website also has a range of activities and resources for parishes, including a prayer and a kitchen table activity, to support people to deepen their understanding of the referendum and empower them with practical tools for meaningful action.

[One Journey, Together \(indigenousevoice.church\)](https://indigenousevoice.church/)

### Public Forums: Frenches Forest

Participants will include Frank Brennan SJ and prominent Aboriginal Leaders

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm

**Venue:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall,  
9 Currie Rd, Forestville.

**Cost:** Free

To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1080068>. The Forum is being organised by the Frenches Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group,

### Thornleigh

Participants will include Nathan Tyson, of Anaiwon and Gomeroi heritage and Julian Leaser, Federal Member for Berowra, who has journeyed over 10 years in seeking Constitutional recognition of First Peoples. He was the former Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians who resigned to support and campaign for the Voice.

**Date:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church,  
1 Paling Street, Thornleigh.

**Cost:** Free

The forum will also be streamed live on:

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@thornleighhillcrestuc7481>

or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ThornleighHillcrestUnitingChurch>

## 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.

## SCAPULAR

For many centuries our devotion and love for Mary has been centred in the Brown Scapular. It fits with us as Carmelites as it is an important aspect of our devotion. The Scapular devotion is seen as a deep and abiding relationship with Mary. A proper consideration of the Scapular demands that one considers the wider context of Carmel's relationship with Mary. What is important is a personal and growing intimacy with the Mother of God and a commitment to take her as a model of Christian discipleship in a way that as one's love for Mary increases one's love for Jesus also grows.

### ORIGINS OF THE SCAPULAR

The beginnings of the Brown Scapular have a long history. We know that Elijah lived on Mount Camel and then later hermits lived there. These hermits built a church dedicated to Our Lady. The Saracen invasion forced them to leave the Mountain and so they went to the west.

St Simon Stock became the new superior general of the Carmelite Order in 1246 at Aylesford, England. His Order was having so many problems that he feared it would end. Our Blessed Lady appeared to St Simon Stock giving him the Scapular of the Order. She said, "This shall be a sign to you and to all Carmelites; whoever dies wearing this shall not suffer eternal fire."

The devotion to Our Lady of Mt Carmel and her brown Scapular spread throughout the entire world and won the approval of the Church in time.

Historical scholarship on every aspect of the Scapular will continue. Regardless of any future findings, we have evidence of a veritable tradition here that is precious because it may help us to be devoted and may well foster our faith greatly. Some will feel convinced about the historicity of the visions and others will not find the historical evidence compelling. The meaning central to the vision is the lived experience of Carmel: Mary, its Patroness has protected it and ensured its persevering continuity. Mary's intercession is powerful in securing eternal life. This is part of our faith and also independently of private revelation.

Anyone who practises a true devotion to Mary will not be lost. True devotion to both Mary and Jesus implies great confidence in Mary and Jesus, a great love for them, a turning always from all that is not God out of love for Jesus and Mary, a sense of Gospel priorities and a constancy in one's approach to Mary and Jesus, rather than hot one day and cold another. Anyone who wears the Scapular with consistency in the above outlined manner will not be lost and may expect to be brought to heaven soon after death.

St Teresa says, "All of us who wear the holy habit of Carmel are called to prayer, contemplation, charity and humility." She also says that it is Mary's custom to favour those who want to be protected by her.

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** Consolacion Palmon

**Please pray for the ill:**

James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer;  
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.***

### FEAST DAYS JULY

Sunday 16 July, Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
Saturday 22 July, St Mary Magdalene  
Tuesday 25 July, St James  
Wednesday 26 July, Sts Joachim and Anne  
(parents of Blessed Virgin Mary)  
Saturday 29 July, Sts Martha, Mary and  
Lazarus  
Monday 31 July, St Ignatius of Loyola



### Congratulations

to Val Diaz and  
Matthew D'mello  
on the birth of  
Maisha Maria Jessica.

*"She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her."* Prov 3:15

*If you are celebrating any special occasion, please let Michelle or Christina know if you would like to share it with the Parish community.*



### 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 20 July 2023 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



## Ignite Conference 23: Wonder

A National Catholic Conference for people to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way.

We all need an opportunity to meet our God of wonders. At this time when our world is so full of fear, uncertainty and powerlessness, we desperately need the God of wonders to remind us of all that is good and true; that Jesus is present and powerful and able to move mountains in our lives.

Ignite Conference is a chance to meet the God of wonders, to encounter Jesus for the first time or the hundredth time. It's a rare opportunity to gather as a people of faith from around the country.

A line-up of speakers and artists will be joining our expanding Ignite family this year at two locations. In Sydney, we are super excited to be hosted this year in the Diocese of Broken Bay and to reunite with all our friends in Greater Sydney! We want to see the Church in Australia be led by a wonder-filled generation ready to transform all around them into colour and light.

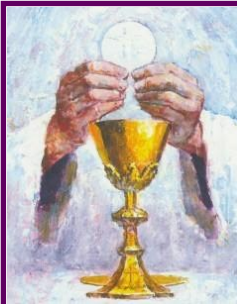
If you haven't been to Ignite Conference yet, this is your time. Come along for four days of unforgettable Catholic worship, speakers, creativity, sacraments and workshops. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to breathe WONDER into our lives, Church and nation together!

Find out everything you need to know about coming along, bringing a friend or bringing a whole group at [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au).

## FR SUNNY'S BIBLE STUDY

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

All are welcome to attend Fr Sunny's bible study on The Acts of the Apostles. This session will commence on Thursday the 27th of July at 7:30 to 9pm and every Thursday thereafter with an extended break starting in the September school holidays. The sessions are free and you will receive a handout. Please bring your bible with you.



## Enrolment for First Eucharist is now open.

If your child is Year 4 or older, has been baptised, and completed the sacraments of

Confirmation and Reconciliation, then they are eligible to enrol in the First Eucharist sacramental program. The ceremony will take place on either Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6pm or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10am. To enrol go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CJSGB> or see our website for further details.

Any questions can be directed to [sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au)



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INAUGURAL GATHERING 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY



# VINE & BRANCHES



A community gathering after  
mass for wine, cheese and a chat

**6pm**

Each fourth Sunday of the month

➤ *We can't wait to meet you!* ➤



# Youth News

Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and children under 12 years old together with their families.

We are currently planning for the coming months, so there will be no Pray and Play in July. We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions!



## High School Youth Group

Next Sunday 23 July we will be making pizzas after the 5pm Mass. Come and join us!!

Youth activities are free to attend.  
Contributions/donations are welcome to cover costs.

## Youth Mass

We would love singers and musicians to get involved in our monthly Youth Masses. Come and join our next rehearsal at 4pm on Sunday 23 July, for the 5pm Sunday Mass!

For more information, please contact Edith ([corpus.families@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.families@gmail.com)) or Michelle / Christina in the office.



## WELCOME MINISTRY INFORMATION *Night*

**WHERE:**  
CORPUS CHRISTI ST IVES  
PARISH HALL  
7:15-9:00PM

PLEASE SCAN THE CODE  
HERE TO REGISTER OR FILL  
IN THE REGISTRATION  
FORM AT THE BACK OF  
THE CHURCH.



The Welcome Ministry is for volunteers who greet people on arrival at each Mass, in particular newcomers to the Parish

*Be part of a team to make our parish warmer and build up our community*

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS IN FOYER OF CHURCH,  
OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

### For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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## The Catenians

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For further information phone

President - John White 0439 851 910

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## **The Word**

### **Sunday 16 July 2023, Our Lady of Mt Carmel**

#### **First Reading**

From the first book of Kings 1 Kings 18:42b-25a

Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel and bowed down to the earth, putting his face between his knees.

‘Now go up’, he told his servant ‘and look out to seas, He went up and looked. ‘There is nothing at all,’ he said. ‘Go back seven times,’ Elijah said. The seventh time the servant said, ‘Now there is a cloud, small as a man’s hand, rising from the sea.’ Elijah said, ‘Go and say to Ahab, “Harness the chariot and go down before the rain stops you.”’

And with that the sky grew dark with cloud and storm, and rain fell in torrents.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:1, 2-3, 4**

*(R.) Draw us after you, Virgin Mary; we shall follow in your footsteps.*

1. Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain? (R.)
2. He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
3. He who does not slander with his tongue; he who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur against his neighbour. (R.)
4. He who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

#### **Second Reading**

From the letter of St Paul to the Galatians  
Gal4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons.

The proof that you are sons of God is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father,’ and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia.

Bless are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

Alleluia.

#### **Gospel**

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.

Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, ‘Woman, this is your son.’ Then to the disciple he said, ‘This is your mother.’ And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.