



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

16 September 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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
Youth Mass: 6:00pm (1st Sunday of month)

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)



September 2018

Every Friday (during term time)

Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

Every Thursday

Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

Sunday 16 September

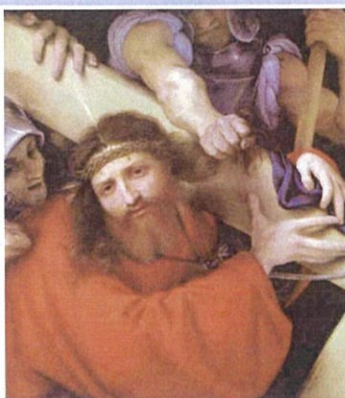
Junior Choir 9am-11am

Thursday 20 September

Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am—Hall Boardroom

Sunday 23 September

Parish Choir 9am-11am



He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly... and be killed, and rise after three days. (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

We are living in a culture in which suffering is seen as negative and this is something to be avoided at all cost. Of course, God does not delight in human suffering as such. Yet we must always keep in mind that suffering is

part of the human condition. The call of the readings of today is not a call to run away from suffering or regard it in any way as punishment from God, but to face it squarely in the manner in which Jesus did.

I can't see the Father rejoicing in the terrible innocent suffering that Jesus experienced when He was crucified. What He did rejoice in was the love He lived when it was difficult to love. "No greater love has one who lays down his life for another." He also rejoiced in Jesus' readiness to forgive when it was hard to forgive. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

While we continue to believe that Jesus can work miracles even today we must balance this understanding with the realisation that the Cross is part of Jesus' life. The cross in our life is not necessarily bad things happening to us rather paying the price to live love in the concrete circumstances of one's life. For example a parent getting up in the middle of the night to care for a sick child is an example of living the cross and is very pleasing to God.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest
Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager
Michelle Miles, Office Secretary
Ed Wales, Parish Finance
Jennifer Perrott, Catechist Co-Ordinator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact the office

What's on...

Every First Friday, 7-8pm, Holy Hour for Vocations. Adoration, reflection, evening prayer of the Church. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au

Every Last Wednesday, 7-9pm, A Discernment Evening for young adults (18-35) who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au



The children, young and vulnerable people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay must be kept safe.

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

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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. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, lessons available. Next get together **Thursday 20 September 2018 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

The Mission for Religious
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:
Richard Kidziak; Edward Lewis;
James Lim Bian Tee

Recently deceased:
Edward Price

Please pray for the ill:

Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Marie Martin; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone, John Michael Walsh

Feast Days — September

Thursday 20th, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Friday 21st, St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St Ives and Pymble and Reverend Steve North.



Stage 2 Rock Mass

Sunday 23rd September 2018 at 10am

Please come and join us for a family friendly celebration at Corpus Christi St Ives and enjoy listening to the children sing with the Rock Band. Morning tea will be provided after the service. All are welcome to attend.

PLENARY COUNCIL MOMENTUM BUILDING AROUND AUSTRALIA



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Thousands of people from across Australia are taking time to consider the future of the Catholic Church. We are presently in the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council with resources created to help people across the country participate in a prayer in conversation to consider the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

The importance of your say and our listening to each other.

People are central to this process that the stories of their experiences of faith and the Church will shape the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 & 2021. A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering in our local churches in a country. The Church needs to take into account that the culture in which we now proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was 20 years ago.

People see that the Church is moving into uncharted territory by engaging so significantly with all parts of the Church young and old; women and men; all cultures; all languages; all abilities, lay, religious and clerical. Many find that empowering. We also want to hear from people who acknowledge that they are no longer closely affiliated with the Church. They also have much to offer in their experiences.

The program for the Plenary Council sessions will develop from the grassroots beginning by meeting people where they are at and listening deeply to the story of their experiences in the context of prayer and openness to the Spirit.

Researchers collate without bias our feedback

Researches are collating and sorting the data and presenting it in the clearest manner possible without assigning any value judgements to the responses to highlight the issues that are being discussed widely, while also noting the important individual experiences of our Christian community.

Some of the topics being monitored in submissions include a greater role for women, the need for more faith formation, and the desire for the liturgy that is nourishing and uplifting.

This is not about large gatherings or events. All people are encouraged to come together with friends and family to consider the Council's central questions and help the church consider how it can reflect the face of Christ in Australian Society.

How to respond and have your say

Visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

To ensure that all parishioners have an opportunity to participate Corpus Christi will be holding three 2 hour sessions on:

Tuesday 25, Sept 10-12 midday

Wednesday, 26 Sept 7-9pm

Saturday, 29 Sept 3:30-5:30pm

Please register your attendance on the forms located in the entries of the Church.

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Update on Rwanda project.

The Corpus Christi Social Justice Group continues to support the work of the Rwandan Franciscan Sisters in the remote village of Muganza in an impoverished region of Southern Province, Rwanda. With the support of parishioners, and other regular donors, the Sisters were able to build a multipurpose physiotherapy and rehabilitation Centre that was officially opened in 2014. The Centre is expanding its activities and has had 346 direct beneficiaries of the project including 174 with disabilities. Indirectly, over 1000 people in the local community have benefited. The project offers physiotherapy services to children with disabilities, and teacher training and IT support at the local village school. The 'English Club' is particularly successful in teaching English as a third language. In addition, the Sisters have supervised several cohorts of students through a sewing course, which has enabled graduates to establish their own small tailoring businesses. The Centre is already substantially self sustaining due to the successful farm activities including raising milking cows, pigs, chickens and various vegetable and fruit crops. These provide both food and income for the participants in the project. Longstanding Social Justice Group member, Margaret Salem, continues to partner with the Franciscan Sisters and the Australian NGO, Global Development Group to assist the Sisters especially in the areas of Child Protection policy development, implementation and staff training. The Sisters are extremely grateful for the support they have received so far, and they keep our Parish in their prayers. They still need our support, however, as they hope to build a new dormitory to enable even more children with disabilities to receive life-changing physiotherapy. For more information, please contact Margaret Salem at margaretsalem@hotmail.com, or 0403 826 173, or visit our project at the GDG website: <https://globaldevelopmentgroup.org/au/projects/j688n-friends-of-st-francis-youth-life-skills-project/>. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



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