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## 17 May 2020 –Sixth Sunday of Easter

***The Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has dispensed with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. We invite you to join in Masses that are available online, as listed below, and to continue to pray from home.***

### **Mass Online:**

#### **Corpus Christi Mass Online.**

**Sunday** mass will be available on Saturday afternoon.

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB1Oa3Tx-92DbCAZfy7NqwQ>**

Links to this YouTube channel will be available on our website and on our FaceBook Account.

### **Mass on television:**

*Mass for You at Home:*

6am Channel 10 every Sunday morning.



*Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically present among them. He promises that the Father will send them the Holy Spirit, ‘another Advocate’, to be with them for ever. ‘Advocate’ is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our cause in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words that we cannot, who stands beside us in very difficult situations.

As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognise that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community, who cannot speak for themselves. There are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels, that are involved in advocacy—for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the mentally ill, the unborn and the aged who are unable to plead their own cause. And as St Peter reminds us in today’s second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have. Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives and our own personal stories, rather than complex theological doctrines, that attract people to Christ.

My God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

### BISHOP ANTHONY'S HOMILIES

Watch on the YouTube channel of Hornsby Cathedral Parish. Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website (<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au>) for the community to read.

### LITURGY BRISBANE

Sunday Readings and Family Prayer Week by Week. The resources can also be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/Sunday-readings-and-family-prayer> and will be updated each week.

### LITURGY HELP

Liturgy Help is offering free individual and family prayer resources for Catholics in social isolation. Resources can be found at <https://www.liturgyhelp.com>

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## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Antony Vijayaraj, a former parishioner of Corpus Christi, St Ives will be returning to Sydney after working in Chennai, India for the last 12 – 18 months. He would like to live in St Ives on his return and has asked if there is any interest among parishioners in renting him a "granny flat" on his return. He arrives in Sydney on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 and will be in quarantine for 14 days. During this period, he may be contacted on his mobile phone on 0404 632 472. Please call Antony if you can assist him.

## Prayer Zone



**Recently Deceased:** John Barrie

### Please pray for the ill:

Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack 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, 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.*

## POSITION VACANT - DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR EVANGELISATION, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church. For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

## 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:

### Laudato Si' Week – 16th-24th May 2020

Catholic Earth Care Australia and its partners at Parramatta Diocese, the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality are inviting us to celebrate Laudato Si' Week by listening, praying, reflecting and participating in Pope Francis' call for a week-long celebration to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the encyclical.

Laudato Si' is a document of deep and abiding beauty. Its vision of integral ecology, which sees connections between how we treat God, nature, and each other, offers simple but profound truths about the bonds that unite us.

The Laudato Si' Week events include: a five-day online eco-retreat, "Connecting with God in Nature", from 18-22 May, hosted by Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality an online prayer reflection and dialogue on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 at 11:00am an online Catholic EarthCare International Youth Gathering (with representatives from Malta, Tonga, New Zealand and the Solomon Islands) on 20th May 2020 at 4:00pm.

For more information, including registration details, go to: <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Laudato-Si-Week-2020-Flyer.pdf>.

*"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another" (Laudato Si', 42)*

**COMMON PRAYER**  
for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
**Laudato Si'**

**Loving God,**  
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us  
stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home  
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and  
to all future generations, and that it is our  
responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and  
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being  
left behind.  
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope  
and fraternity so that we may experience a true  
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the  
consequences of this global pandemic.  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are  
needed in search of the common good.  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all  
interconnected and interdependent.  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor.  
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a  
more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we  
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**



The Charitable Works Fund supports five charities that provide faith based services to the people of the

Diocese of Broken Bay. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of our lives. This week we look at how the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) is providing Catholic Special Religion Education lessons to public school students.

### LEARNING FROM HOME SRE LESSONS

Special religious education (SRE) has been temporarily paused until schools are back to normal so the CCD team has been busy developing *Learning from Home* lessons. The lessons cover all stages of learning from Kinder to Year 12.

### CATECHISTS

While catechists are not going into schools during the pandemic, they have been praying for the students and their families during their normal class times. Many catechists are also taking the opportunity to keep their training requirements up to date by undertaking the online training courses which CCD offer. Additionally, the CCD team will be offering Zoom Safeguarding training for all SRE catechists during the month of June.

### LIAISON WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



CCD has been working closely with the Department of Education to ensure that online SRE learning is made available through schools. The Department and SRE Providers are also working closely to ensure a smooth return

to face-to-face teaching when it safe for volunteers, teachers and students

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# The Word

Sunday 17 May 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter

## First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.  
The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1  
(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

## Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.