

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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17 November 2019 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (4th 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)



Every Friday (during term time)

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

First Friday of Every Month

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm Holy Mass at 7:30-8pm

Every Thursday

Morning Prayer prior to mass 8:40am

November

Sunday 17 November Children's Choir 9:00am—11:00am

Sunday 24 November Senior Choir 9:00am—11:00am

Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The world in which we live is a mixture of beauty and ugliness. We observe the great goodness of so many people but we see wars and evil actions, nations fighting against nation and people against people. We see the beauty of nature all around us but we also experience earthquakes, tidal waves, droughts and cyclones that cause so much destruction and loss of life.

We long for the time when God's reign will be fully established and evil in all its forms eliminated. Until then we must play our part in creating a more just world. Following St Paul's advice, we must not live in idleness but work to promote the well-being of everyone.

Faithful endurance is required, as Jesus points out in today's Gospel. While we long for the complete triumph of God's kingdom, we also recognise that this kingdom has already broken into our world. God is with us now in the struggles of our life. Today's responsorial psalm invites us to join with all creation in joyful song at the presence of the Lord among us. The rivers will clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy in unison with our songs of praise.

The choice is ours: we can see only the evil around us and become discouraged, or we can also recognise the good that is present in so many ways and join with all peoples and all of creation in a wondrous song of joy.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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We are deeply grateful to our Parish community for supporting our Charitable Works Fund. The donations you generously share with us are helping our families, our friends and our neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay. We will be collecting for CWF throughout November.

When you support the CWF, your generosity extends across five charities/agencies that receive these funds. The:

- 1. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD);
- 2. Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners;
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Donations to the CWF may be Tax-Deductible. For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Anselam Lakra, Assistant Priest at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 21st November 2019.

The evening commences with Mass at <u>6.30PM</u> followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting we will be viewing a video presentation by Father Richard Leonard sj in 2018 titled "Context is Everything". (Young people are now faced with an array of options and choices most of them explored through film, television, the internet and social media. How well do we know the media culture that is profoundly forming the values of our young people (and us) and how does our Catholic tradition help us respond to it? How do we all download the best and leave the rest?) Fr Richard Leonard sj

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> 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.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Tom Brewer Anniversary: Helen Ferguson; Mrs Josefina Vasquez Escobar

Please pray for the ill:

Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Joan and Tom Beram; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Anne Baillie, 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

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 — November

Thurs 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 22nd, St Ceclia, virgin, martyr

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for Pymble Uniting Church and for Reverend Steve Aynsley.



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 21 November 2019** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER



Holy Spirit

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a n new missionary "spring" in the Church



Plenary Council - Where are we at?

History: From Pentecost 2018 to Easter 2019 we began an open dialogue and listening session from people throughout Australia even people who no longer attend Church. We at St Ives along with many others from other churches participated in this activity and submitted our thoughts, feelings and values to a central Plenary Council. From the many thousands of submissions the information was collated and put into themes. This was a big job and has taken some time.

Themes:

- 1 Missionary and Evangelising
- 2 Inclusive, Participating and Synodal
- 3 Prayerful and Eucharistic
- 4 Humble, Healing and Merciful
- 5 Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- 6 Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform

Summative Papers: From what we have submitted and by drawing from sacred scripture and tradition summative papers of the above themes will be made available to us to consider. Hence there was no need for us in the church to do anything while the important background work was happening. How we may continue the process of deeper discernment in a way that is relevant to us. By early 2020 summative papers ought to be available for our benefit; also we may during Lent 2020 consider in a format similar to the earlier listening and dialogue sessions some or all of the major themes as given above in a way that is relevant to our own church at St Ives. This gives traction to our own situation and will help us to prepare for Easter 2020 and simultaneously help us in planning for this church in St Ives.

A Key Question: What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? Listening, Further Dialogue and Deeper Discernment: Through a process of further listening, dialogue and prayer we will be invited next year to further share our sense of faith, questions, and hopes for the Catholic Church in a way that will help us hear what we think God is asking of us.

We are invited by the Announcement of a Plenary Council to develop together a culture of dialogue and discernment to determine how best to ensure the pastoral needs of the people of God are provided for the wider community. In calling a Plenary Council the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has recognised that the patterns of change, confronting the church and the wider community impel the Australian Catholic Church to review analyse and discern the sign of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel.

So we will pick up again our part in the Plenary Council around the beginning of Lent 2020 with the focus on local Church issues relating to the above themes in the light of the question: "What do you think God is asking of us at this time?" Some of our answers may have wider implications. If that is the case we would submit to Plenary Council Central Body.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: 17th November 2019

Pope Francis has declared Sunday, 17th November 2019 to be the third World Day of the Poor. On this important day, we are called to open our arms with love for people living in poverty and to recognise Christ in our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

In a recent Mass in Rome to open the week of the poor the Pope asked us to: "Go out to meet the poor, listen to them, and speak to them with the heart of Jesus. May the Lord rejoice in seeing us on the move, ready to listen with his heart to his poor who cry to Him. Meet others, enter into dialogue with them, listen to them with humility, gratuitousness and poverty of heart. I invite you all to live all this not as a heavy effort, but with a spiritual lightness."

Loving God,
Open our ears to hear you
in the cry of those living in poverty.
Open our eyes to see you
in the lives of the oppressed.
Open our hearts
to meet you in others and to
respond with mercy and compassion.
Pour out on us your grace,
so that we may grow as your
faithful people, always seeking
your kingdom of Truth, Justice and Peace.
Amen



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.



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