

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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18 February 2018— First Sunday of Lent — Year B

Parish Mass Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am Thursday: 9:15am Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (vigil)

Saturaay: 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)



February 2018

Every Thursday Prayer Group prior to mass 8:40am

Every Friday (during term time) Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg 10-11am, Hall Boardroom

Sunday 18 February Junior Choir—9am—11am

Sunday 25 February
Parish Choir—9am—11am

March 2018

Sunday 4 March Junior Choir—9am—11am

Sunday 11 March Parish Choir—9am—11am

Sunday 18 March Junior Choir—9am—11am

Sunday 25 March
Parish Choir—9am—11am

"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you."

First Reading

The purpose of the Lenten readings is to prepare the people of God for participation in the paschal feast. The Old Testament readings focus on Israel's salvation history as the presupposition of, preparation for, and in some respects a prefigurement of, the redemptive act of God in Christ. The New Testament readings are either expositions of the meaning of the cross or of the believers' participation in salvation through baptism.

The gospel readings of Year B begin with the Marcan temptation and transfiguration stories on the first two Sundays, which are traditionally associated with those events. Then follows a series of readings from the Fourth Gospel containing predictions of Christ's death on the cross and interpretations of its meaning. These gospels would form an admirable basis for a series of homilies on the subject of the cross.

Today we also begin Project Compassion. We have a short presentation showing how the program has helped many.

May God Bless You.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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SINGERS AND MUSICIANS - WE NEED YOU!

The Junior Choir and Parish Choir each provide music at two of our Sunday masses each month, and we need your help. We don't mind how musical you are; if you want to have fun with others in a prayer filled environment please just come along and join in.

Junior Choir and Parish Choir:

- * 9am, practice for 10am, Masses
- * 1st and 3rd Sunday (Junior) 2nd and 4th Sunday (Parish)

Please contact the office if you would like more information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

In this year's Project Compassion, Caritas Australia celebrates A Just Future for all in conjunction with the Year of Youth. Project Compassion 2018 shows the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to the people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Through a holistic approach which concentrates on their social, economic and spiritual development, Caritas is working with young people to become the leaders of tomorrow, pursuing a just and fair world, free of poverty and where communities are the architects of their own development.

In Nepal, a Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community. We will learn more about Janaki during our mass today.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Gregory Chee OCD, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Parish St Ives will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 22nd February 2018.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.30PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

After dinner Father Gregory will be our guest speaker. He will speak about his vocation and his journey as a Carmelite Priest.

Everyone is welcome.

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. There are now 6 seminarians attending the Good Shepherd Seminary for Broken Bay Diocese with the hope of a further 2 in the months ahead.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Jose Garces; Elizabeth Shin

Please pray for the ill:

Phillip Johnson; Cecil Rascher; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Jan Davies, Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, John Edwards, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone, John Michael Walsh

Feast Days — February

Thursday 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle



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 22 February** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of James Claremont whose funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 16 February. May James experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

You Are Invited ...

The Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli extends an invitation to Catechumens, their sponsors, family, friends, RCIA team members and all parishioners to the Rite of Election. Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Sunday 18 February at 2pm. (Please be seated at 1:45pm). Refreshments will be served afterwards. RSVP to the Parish Office.

Lectio Divina

You are most welcome to come and listen to scripture reading and meditation every Friday during school term in the Hall boardroom for 1 hour between 10am—11am.

Facilitator: Fr Greg Chee

Enquiries at the office on 9144 6998 or by email at

office@corpuschristi.com.au

The Light is ON For You.

During Lent, the Diocese is encouraging the use of the sacrament of penance and promoting openness and welcome. Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent. Corpus Christi will be open on Fridays in Lent, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00pm—8:00pm. We will also include Stations of the Cross. You are very welcome! Please take some invitation cards from the back of the church and invite others.

MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE-OPEN DAY

Saturday 3 March 2018, 10am to Sydney. For more information website, www.maristcollege.com 1:30pm. 270 Miller Street, North please call 9957 5000 or visit the



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Volunteers Needed

Our parish depends on the generosity of its members. We are grateful for your support to undertake the range of activities that make our parish a welcoming and developing community.

We need a volunteer with appropriate skills to take on the following roles on an ongoing basis:

Advertising Co-ordinator — we need someone with marketing/sales/advertising skills to develop and manage the advertising in the bulletin. This has a two fold objective: Supports our parish and community and generates a small income for our parish.

New Communion to the Sick Volunteers required— we need volunteers to take communion to those in our community that cannot make it to mass. This is a wonderful way to serve the people of God. If you see your way, please contact the office on 9144 6998 for further information or to volunteer.



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CATHERINE ANNE BUTLER OAM:

Congratulations to Cathy Butler on being awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2018 Australia Day Honours, "for services to refugees, and to community health". Many parishioners will know Cathy - she grew up in our parish and has been actively involved in social justice particularly in relation to Tibetan and Syrian refugees. Cathy is a key member of our parish Social Justice Group and was group co-ordinator for a number of years.

Cathy now lives in Dee Why but often returns to Corpus Christi to take Mass and the sacraments with her parents: Bruce and Helen Butler.

Cathy has regularly addressed the parish from the pulpit, updating us on the refugee situation. As parishioners we have generously supported Cathy in her fund-raising activities to enable prescription medicine to be purchased for the refugees, and we have kindly donated to the annual blanket drives.

Cathy's dedication and commitment to social justice is an inspiration to us all; we congratulate her and her proud parents on this well-deserved recognition.

FOREIGN AID: Shadow Foreign Minister Penny Wong has committed to growing Australia's aid program if Labor wins Government. Her announcement is the first step in reversing the cuts implemented by the current government. We now need to call on Foreign Minister Julie Bishop to commit to bipartisan support for rebuilding aid. It's our responsibility as a nation to do our bit to help the world's poorest.

FEBRUARY SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE:

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