

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

# 18 March 2018— Fifth Sunday of Lent —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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)



#### March 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 March Junior Choir—9am—11am

Thursday 22 March 1st Rite of Reconciliation—Church 7:30pm—8:30pm

Sunday 25 March
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the

Lord
Parish Choir—9am—11am

Thursdsay 29 March Holy Thursday

Friday 30 March Good Friday



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit (Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus invites the Greeks (and each of us) who merely wanted to see him, to look to a deeper personal and lasting relationship with him by telling them about the grain of wheat that falls to the ground, where the outer part breaks up to allow a rich harvest. So on the positive side we are looking at Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. He wants us to have life and have it to the full. But for this to happen we must give up anything that does not lead to Jesus.

Like the grain of wheat we need to let go and God! Letting go wasn't easy for Jesus. It was only after his prayer in Gethsemane wherein he sweated blood in agony, that he was able to say 'yes' to the Father. As the Second Reading says, 'Although he was Son, he learnt through suffering what obedience was' and, as a result 'became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him!' It was only when Jesus was willing to let go that he found strength and comfort in God. Is there anything that holds us back from letting God in? Are you happy merely looking at Jesus or do you wish to 'know him as a friend'. Lent is a season to lose ourselves in Jesus so that God can create a new covenant with us and write it on our hearts.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg Chee

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# 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

Sunday 25 March, 9:30am-3:30pm, Easter Silent Retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries at The Centre, 14 Frances Street, Randwick. \$50 including meals. Call Kylie 0403 453 620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

Tuesday 27 March, 7:30pm Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Bishop Peter A Comensoli to renew their priestly commitment. Please contact Bella Jakubek Bella.Jakubek@dbb.org.au should you require further details.

Friday 8 June 6pm —Sunday 10 June 11am, Better Blokes at Warrambui Retreat @ Conference Centre. Better Blokes is a national gathering of men. It is a life-changing and life-affirming experience where men are encouraged to get real with their mates, get real with God and get real with themselves. Men testify that they are equipped to be better blokes within their families, their churches and the wider community. This year we celebrate 10 years of Better Blokes. Our featured guests will be Col Stringer and Steve Grace.



## Easter Music Rehearsals

Choir rehearsal times for the Easter masses are listed below. Everyone is welcome to join! Rehearsals will be held in the Church.

The next rehearsal will be held from 7:30pm-9pm on 21 March (Good Friday music lead by Eva/Josephine)

1 hour rehearsal prior to Good Friday and Easter Vigil

### FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION - THURSDAY 22 MARCH, 7:30-8:30PM

There will be priests available between 7:30 and 8:30pm in the church for confession. The Church advises the faithful avail themselves of this wonderful sacrament at least once a year. Lent is one of the recommended times for celebrating this sacrament.

# Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Maurice Martin; Lewis Crinitti; Phillip Johnson; 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 — March

Monday 19th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# The Light is ON For You.

This Friday is the final opportunity to participate in The Light is ON Lenton initiative. Now is the time to go to Confession before Holy Week and Easter. To help you do this, parishes across the Diocese of Broken Bay have been offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evenings during Lent. Our church is open on Fridays in Lent from 7pm—8pm. The light in on for you.

For further details, Lenten resources, and participating churches across the Diocese please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org.au

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HOLY THURSDAY** WASHING OF THE FEET



If you can lend us your time we would appreciate if you could sign up to assist on the sheet in the church foyer.

#### READERS ARE A REQUIRED FOR EASTER VIGIL

Please indicate your interest by jotting your details down on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

#### **Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle**

We are holding a Easter Egg raffle to be drawn on Sunday 1 April (Easter Sunday) We need your help. To make it a success we are inviting each member of the parish

to donate one Easter egg of any size to the cause. Eggs can be placed in the baskets at the church entrances. If anyone would like to assist by selling tickets, please contact the office. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Thank you for you help and good luck!!



## **Catechist Corner**

We are still in need of 3 catechists to teach the following classes at Turramurra North and St Ives Park on Wednesdays:

#### **Turramurra North**

Year 5/6 - 10:20-10:55

#### St Ives Park

Year 3/4 - 11:30-12:10pm Year 5/6 - 11:30-12:10pm

These children are currently going to non-scripture classes whilst we do not have a teacher. All training and resources provided.

If you think you can help (even temporarily), please contact me urgently on 0415 242898 or the office on 9144 6998 or email; catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

Jen Perrott

**Catechist Coordinator** 



# SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Robert Borg, Dean of the Cathedral and Administrator of the Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.30PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. After dinner Father Robert will be our guest speaker. His topic will be the Easter Triduum. **Everyone is welcome to join us for what will be a very interesting evening.** 

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 if you would like to attend.



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# SHARING THE STORY – SHARING THE DREAMING

Parishioners are invited to gather on country to hear Professor Foley, Aboriginal knowledge-holder share his knowledge of the significance of the Terrey Hills area and of Kierans Creek which runs through the St Anthony in the fields church, PLUS yarn with Aboriginal members of our community.

Michael Birk, Yaegl man, will sing in his language, and lead a beautiful Thanksgiving Prayer for Australia, written by his Auntie Lenore Parker. An interpretive sign will be unveiled at Kierans Creek, currently under revegetation. Landcare volunteers will be available to talk about the Sacred Forest Project.

Professor Dennis Foley, Gai-Maraigal man, is Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Collaborative Indigenous Research Initiative, University of Canberra and Author of "Repossession of Our Spirit".

Sunday 18 March 2018, 3.30pm-5pm

St Anthony in the Fields Church 46 Myoora Road Terrey Hills

RSVP: Anne Lanyon annelanyon@gmail.com

#### GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

Your generosity towards Corpus Christi can go on forever when you include a bequest in your Will. Once your family is taken care of, a residual gift of your estate can be left to the church to ensure our Parish and Faith is also looked after. For more information on how you can leave a gift of Faith in your Will, please contact Belinda in the Parish office on 9144 6998. Thank you for your consideration.



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