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18 October 2020 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Teresa of Avila)

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment
Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am 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
10:30am on Zoom until further notice

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Second Thursday of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick –9am

October

Sunday 18 October
Children's Choir
9:00am–11:00am

Sunday 25 October
Parish Choir
9:00am–11:00am

November

Sunday 1 November
All Saints

Monday 2 November
All Souls' Day



Dear Parishioners

St Teresa of Jesus. By all accounts St Teresa, the foundress from Avila, was a woman extraordinary gifted both naturally and supernaturally. In her were combined physical beauty, especially in her youth, and a charm of personality that neither illness nor age diminished. All witnesses seemed to agree that

she was the type of woman no one can adequately describe in a few pages. She was one of those rare personalities who combine qualities that seem to exclude one another and one seldom found together in one individual. She loved tenderly and affectionately yet would brook no nonsense from anyone. She possessed both a strong self-image and an astonishing humility. A born leader, she was yet completely obedient to her superiors. She could be a windmill of activity at one-time and at another be lost in mystical contemplation. Though she was highly intelligent and amazingly efficient. She gravitated towards simple, humble men and women.

Yet Teresa had her faults, for saints are not born out of the blue. They are weighed down with the same weak human nature we all have and they experience the same temptations. The difference is that they say a complete 'yes' to the healing grace God offers to everyone, whereas most of us say "maybe" or "somewhat" or "wait a while".

Teresa appreciated that God loved us so much that He gave us His Beloved Son so that all who believe will have eternal happiness. For her "our souls are a paradise in which the Lord takes his delight".

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She, therefore, saw Jesus as her best friend and so said a total 'yes' to Jesus which transformed her in the power of the Spirit into a powerful missionary disciple.

St Teresa was a woman who loved the Church. She founded her reformed monasteries precisely to support the ministers of the Church, and to offer her nuns and herself to be love within the heart of the Mystical Body. Thoroughly Catholic in mind and heart, Teresa loved the church in her everyday life. On her deathbed the Saint did not forget to thank God that he had made her a "daughter of the Church and allowed her to die within it". She possessed in a striking manner the mark of authenticity proclaimed by St Augustine and repeated by Vatican II. "A person possesses the Holy Spirit to the extent of his/her love for Christ's church".

Teresa was a missionary disciple. In our vision for Corpus Christi, we desire to grow in our friendship with Jesus, value that so much that we desire to freely respond to Jesus in an ever deeper way and to bear witness to the experience as we take the message of the Gospel to others.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Gerard Walters; Cesar Roque

Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Davies; Peter Shih; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, 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.

FEAST DAYS—OCTOBER

Wednesday 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles



The Catenians

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Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

For further information phone Paul Rubenach on 0409 445 542 or Steve Swain on 0438 441 803

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church



We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

PIANO PLAYER TO ACCOMPANY PARISH CHOIR AT 10AM MASS

Do you or anyone you know play the piano? We would love a volunteer to play with our Parish Choir at the 10am mass once a month. Please see the priest after mass or email the Parish office on Tuesday to find out further information.



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they

fly like an arrow into the heart of God. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign on the 18th of October. Go to www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children to learn more.



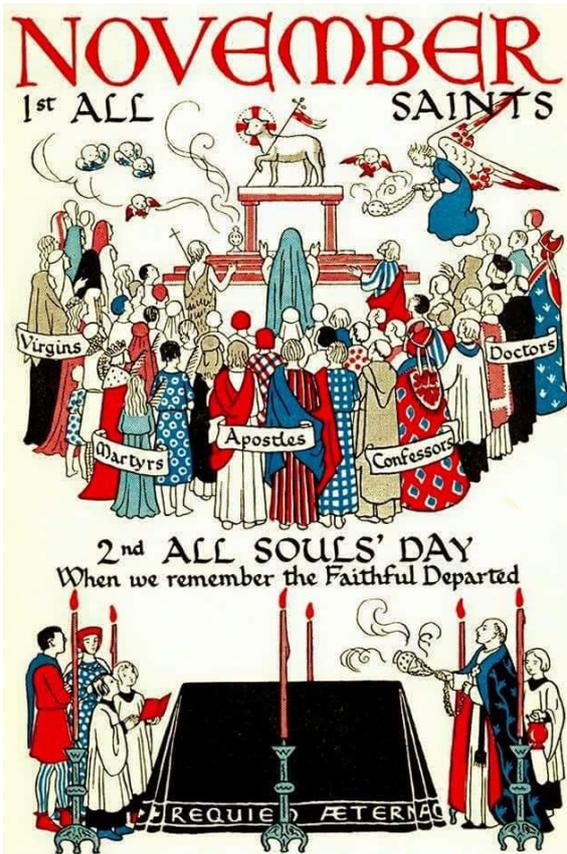
PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. Next get together **Thursday 22 October 2020 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

SAFEGUARDING

Learning Hub:

Professor Daryl Higgins, a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel, has recommended the following resource to assist adults in understanding how the world appears from the perspective of children. The online resource titled *“in their shoes”* written by Anne Stonehouse AM and illustrated by Oslo Davis is located here - <http://www.in-their-shoes.com.au>



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

The Politicisation of Seeking Asylum Webinar – Wednesday, 28th October 2020 from 10am-1pm

Asylum seekers have occupied a particular place in the Australian national imaginary, particularly in the post-Tampa era after 2001. Over that time, successive Australian governments have pursued a militarised enforcement approach to national borders when it comes to people seeking asylum. This includes the implementation of ‘Operation Sovereign Borders’ – the consolidation of a mandatory offshore detention and processing policy for anyone seeking asylum who arrives by boat and the controversial ‘tow-back policy’.

There has been a range of policy and legislative changes that have made seeking asylum in Australia more difficult, such as indefinite processing times, denying access to family reunion and government-funded legal assistance, and removing the right to independent reviews of refugee claims, among others. There are also operations that systematically censor information regarding asylum seekers - restricting media access to detention facilities, controlling information flows, and leveraging positions of power to manage the narrative. The most controversial has been the offshoring of immigration of detention to the countries of Nauru and Papua New Guinea (Manus Island).

The symposium will highlight a body of work that seeks to examine the systems and structures that have politicised seeking asylum. The keynote speaker is Alison Mountz (Wilfrid Laurier University) as well as Claire Loughnan (University of Melbourne) Andrew Burrige (Macquarie University) Anne McNevin (The New School) Maria Giannacopoulos (Flinders University) and Julie Macken (Western Sydney University).

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-politicisation-of-seeking-asylum-tickets-119199969317>



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The Chancery is recruiting for a full time Accountant (Maternity Leave Position).

Please see the Diocesan website for the advertisement: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

Parish Secretary, Toukley Parish

Part-time, 25 hours (5 days) per week

Toukley Parish is seeking to recruit a Parish Secretary. This key role provides support in visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, financial processes, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

For further details or a position description, contact Jackie Hanson (Chancery HR) on 8379 1667 or recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Applications close: **Sunday, 25 October**

Selbin Cleaning

- ◆ Weekly, fortnightly, spring or occasional cleaning
- ◆ Preparation for sale or rent
- ◆ End of lease cleaning

Monica Fletcher
0419 484 377

A TIME FOR GRACE SEMINAR

On behalf of Nangami Peace and Justice Group of the Our Lady of the Way parish, the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia, thank you if you joined us at the Time for Grace webinar on Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2020.

If you would like to share the webinar it is now on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJxggJWDivY&t=14s>

Thank you to the incredible speakers Bishop Vincent Long, Fr. Frank Brennan SJ, Nishadh Rego, Julie Macken and Dr. Sabeen for their time, and insight, and for calling on all of us to be part of a practical, coordinated movement to ensure that people coming to our shores seeking protection or a more dignified life are treated with respect.

We encourage you to take at least one of the following actions listed below:

• **Employ someone who is a person seeking asylum or refugee.** As we heard from Dr Sabeen in this webinar, it is very challenging to find employment. People seeking asylum will be one of the last groups to attain employment. In order to find out more, contact Leonie Dyer (leonie.dyer@jrs.org.au), Employment Coordinator, The Empowered to Work project, which supports people seeking asylum and refugees find work.

• **Contact your State or Federal Minister to let them know your views.** Write them a letter, request a meeting and sit down and they will listen to you. For help on how to prepare, contact Zoe Grant (zoe.grant@jrs.org.au).

• **Connect with a local Social Justice group in your area.** There is a lot of great work happening somewhere close to where you live. For information about the Nangami Peace and Justice group, please visit the North Sydney parish [website](#) or contact anne.nesbitt@jrs.org.au We encourage you to sign up to the following newsletters to see how to get involved:

- Sydney: [Justice and Peace Office](#)
- Western Sydney: [Diocese of Parramatta Social Justice Office](#)
- Broken Bay: [Social Justice Around the Bay Group](#). SJ Around the Bay also ran a great webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOAN9VBtLyc&t=1085s>

Please feel free to let us know when you have organised something or are planning something. We would be more than happy to promote it or support you in any way we can. By working together, we can achieve great things.

On behalf of all those involved in the webinar, thank you again for joining us!

Zoe Grant
Community Organiser JRS Australia

FORMING OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2020

Four members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have recently retired from their role on the Council. As Pastor, I wish to express my gratitude for the support and assistance I have received from these members:

Kevin Ruberu, Belinda Camilleri, Bryan Freer, Frank Bosci

2020 has certainly been an unusual and eventful year, but despite the challenges, our Parish has made much progress with pastoral and formation initiatives. We also now have a Parish Vision Statement that will be able to guide us into the years ahead.

Who Is Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi is a welcoming caring, joyful, faith community with Jesus as the heart of the parish and Mary as our spiritual mother, inspired by our Carmelite Spirituality.

Vision

To be an invitational parish that leads people to experience and respond to God's love, continually growing in relationship with Jesus as missionary disciples who connect and serve, pray and worship, give and actively share our gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Purpose

We grow in friendship as disciples of Jesus and bear witness to the experience as we take the message of the Gospel to others.

The role of the PPC is to foster the pastoral life of the Parish. In other words, we look forward to how best to achieve this future goal, in a strategic manner and carry out its mission. A key task of the PPC in coming months will be to prepare a 3-year Parish Pastoral Plan so that the Parish can move more intentionally towards making our vision a reality.

We are now undergoing a process to appoint 4 new members to the PPC, and **invite all parishioners to recommend other parishioners (or themselves)** who they feel have the right skills and gifts for this role at this particular time in the life of the Parish. In terms of our vision the skills and gifts we are looking for, are:

- An excitement about the vision
- Be willing to discern God's plan for Corpus Christi
- Be able to compliment each other's gifts in a team environment

I encourage you to participate in this process. Further information and key dates are detailed below, as well as the Recommendation Form, which is to be returned by 1 November 2020.

With gratitude
Fr Greg Chee

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is to promote and support the evangelising mission of the Parish, working in collaboration with the Parish Priest to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of all the Christian faithful. The PPC enables the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission and to connect their needs and their strengths with the Parish's plans for the future.

THE PPC:

- Meets regularly with Fr Greg, usually on a monthly basis
- Reflects on the life of the parish community
- Acts as the body in the Parish from which Fr. Greg seeks advice about the pastoral life and strategic direction of the Parish community
- Discerns key pastoral priorities and initiatives as part of parish pastoral planning
- Reflects on the 'signs of the times' and the context of the Parish, and considers how the Parish can best carry out its mission, as in our vision and purpose statements.
- Brings forth issues and considerations from the members of the Parish community which might shape the life and future of the Parish community

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS COMPRISED OF 11 PERSONS

- 8 members are appointed to the Council, by recommendation or by direct appointment
- The Principal of Corpus Christi Primary School, the Religious Education Coordinator of Corpus Christi Primary School, and a member of the Finance Committee are *ex officio* members of the Parish Pastoral Council

The 4 members of the current Parish Pastoral Council who continue in their 4-year term until the end of 2022 are:

- Linda Taneja
- Sherwell Fernando
- Andrena Brewer
- Jennifer Perrott

Recommendations for 4 new members are now invited from the community

The terms of membership of each of the new members will be a maximum of 4 years (membership is normally 2 years with a further 2 year option). This means, therefore, that the membership of our Parish Pastoral Council rotates with new members every 2 years.

THE PROCESS

From the weekend of 17/18 October 2020 through to 1 November 2020, recommendations for positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are called. Recommendations need to be of those who show:

- A commitment to the practice of the faith, to the parish community, and to the purpose and vision of Corpus Christi Parish;
- An ability to collaborate, consult and discern with others for the mission of the Church;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- A capacity to think strategically toward the development of Parish Pastoral Plans.

All parishioners recommended will be invited to an Information Evening to better understand the role of a PPC Councillor, and to accept nomination. Those nominated will be invited to a Discernment Evening to determine the members of the Council.

Thank you for your consideration and participation. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all during this process of discernment.

KEY DATES	
17 October	Call for recommendations
1 November	Recommendations close
11 November	Information Evening
19 November	Discernment Evening
28 November	Inaugural Session

For further information regarding the role of the PPC, please read the “Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Broken Bay” at

[CLICK HERE FOR THE GUIDELINES](#)

Please complete this Recommendation form and submit to the Parish Office, Attn: Linda Taneja, by 1 November 2020. Alternatively, please complete the online form at:

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)

The Word

Sunday 18 October 2018: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – St Teresa of Avila

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 7:7-14

I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I prayed, and understand was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered. All these I delighted in, since Wisdom brings them, but as yet I did not know she was their mother. What I learned without self-interest, I pass on without reserve; I do not intend to hide her riches.

For she is an inexhaustible treasure to men, and those who acquire it win God's friendship, commended as they are to him by the benefits of her teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3, 4-5, 11, 12-13

(R.) My heart sings with joy to the living God.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. (R.)
2. The sparrow herself finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood; she lays her young by your altars, Lord of hosts, my king and my God. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. (R.)
3. One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. (R.)
4. For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; he will give us his favour and glory. The Lord will not refuse any good to those who walk without blame. Lord, God of hosts, happy the man who trusts in you. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul the Romans 8:14-17, 26-27

The Spirit himself expresses our plea.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him
and we shall come to him
and make our dwelling-place within him
Alleluia.

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 4:5-15a

Sir, give me some of that water.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'
Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall
give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up
to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water.'

The Gospel of the Lord.