

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

19 March 2023, 4th Sunday of Lent

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

Baptism: Third 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

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

First Friday of Every Month
- 7 April 2023
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Thursday evenings
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John
Prayer Group
7:30-9pm in the Church

Tuesday 21st March
Easter Choir rehearsal 7.30-9pm
in the Church

Saturday 25th March
First Reconciliation Ceremony at
9.45am or 3.30pm in the Church

Tuesday 28th March
Parish Reconciliation in
preparation for Easter

Easter Mass times inside



***“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” -
which means sent. So he went and
washed, and came back able to see.***
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

Today a man who was born blind is cured. This is such an amazing miracle that the Pharisees need to be assured that this is really the man who was blind, and that he was indeed blind from birth. The miracle hides some dark questions. Who is really blind and what is the cause of the blindness? What is blindness? The cured man is challenged by the Pharisees. He is surprised that they cannot see what he sees, namely that Jesus is “a man from God”. He who was blind can see what those who are not blind cannot see. It is the Pharisees who are blind. They cannot see what Jesus has done because their only concern is the Sabbath regulation. They find fault rather than the love of God. Like us, the minutiae of their particular expectations and understandings prevent them from seeing the goodness of other people. They are blind to the presence of God. Openness to God requires us to see beyond ourselves and to move out of our comfort zones. Indeed, if we look for what is wrong that is what we will see. Let's strive to see things as God sees them. The pure in heart shall see God.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Ireneusz (Irek) Czech SDS, Parish Priest of Pymble Catholic Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Irek will speak to us about his vocation journey and discuss Savatorian Spirituality.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

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.



Social Justice Corner Indigenous Voice to Parliament

St Patrick's Church Hill and Catalyst for Renewal invite you to a special event.

Later this year, we will be asked to vote on whether or not there will be a formal recognition in our constitution of an indigenous "Voice." In his latest book and drawing on his extensive experience with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO proposes additional ideas for discussion. He presents both the 'Yes' and 'No' cases, enabling all Australians to be better informed before casting their vote. Fr Brennan will give a presentation on Sunday, April 2nd, at 1.30pm, in The Crypt of St Patrick's Church in The Rocks. Enter the Crypt via a gate east of the Church entrance (a few metres down the hill in Grosvenor St). Admission is free. Copies of the book will be available to purchase.



OPEN DAY

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8:45am-10:30am

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EASTER CHOIR

Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum. Dates are:

- Holy Thursday 6th April**
- Good Friday 7th April**
- Easter Vigil 8th April**

Next week's rehearsal will be on Tuesday 21st from **7.30-9pm** and the following week will be held on Wednesday the **29th of March** from **7-8.30pm**. A tentative additional rehearsal may also be held on the 5th of April after the 10am mass. This will be confirmed closer to the date. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

The Passion - Palm Sunday



Let's make our way to Jerusalem spreading our branches and garments on the road for the one who comes in the name of the Lord

We are looking for 3 readers at each mass to tell this story. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.



WASHING OF THE FEET

Jesus said, "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet...

so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

On Holy Thursday we will do exactly what Jesus called us to do, to wash one another's feet.

If you would like to participate in this most moving and rewarding experience by being one who has their feet washed, please register your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer. We need 12 volunteers.

EASTER VIGIL

Our Easter liturgies are about our own spiritual renewal and the renewal of the Church. We recall the words and actions of Jesus that give life to the world.

We are looking for another 4 readers for the 7pm Vigil mass. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.

Prayer Zone 

Please pray for the ill:

- Noel Carmody; Sylvia Fishburn;
- Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien;
- Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart;
- Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;
- Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies;
- Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;
- Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres;
- Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen;
- Victoria; Carmel Hadley;
- Carmel Hurrell, Fergus O'Brien,
- Michelle Soumier, 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 MARCH

Monday 20th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord

EASTER MASS TIMES

- Passion Sunday - normal mass times
- Holy Thursday - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm followed by prayer and adoration to 10pm
- Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 10am Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm
- Holy Saturday - Solemn Vigil of Easter 7.00pm

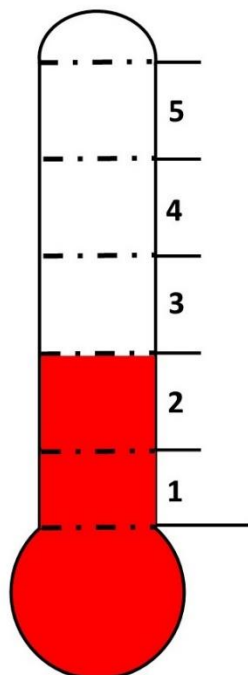
Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present .

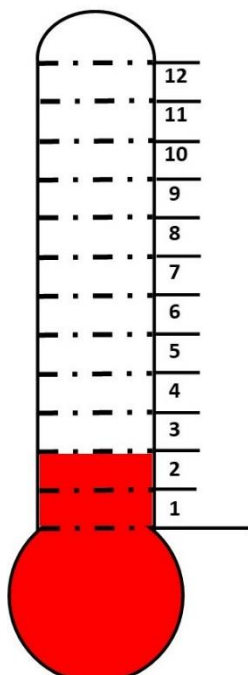
We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.

Have YOU been thinking of joining our Team?

Catechists Needed



Helpers Needed



**Now is the time to act!
We still need you -
This Weekend!**

Will YOU be the one to share your faith with the children and help raise our Thermometer Goal?

Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to become part of the catechist ministry. We still need 3 new catechists and 10 helpers (of all ages 18-99+) and a number of people willing to be available to relieve catechists when they are away for a short period when

they travel or are sick. Most join as a helper. There is no expectation to take a class but some like to take that next step. We need a lot of helpers right now.

We would love a few more gentlemen in the team also. We also have an urgent need for people to join the High School Team. Below is where help is needed. All resources and training are provided. You do not need to be a teacher to share your faith. If you would like to become part of our team or would like more information, please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 / 0415 242 898 or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au. I would love to chat with you.

St Ives North Public School - Tuesdays

	Catechist	Helper	Time
Kindergarten	Filled	Filled	1:50-2.20pm
Year 1	Filled	Filled	1:50-2.20pm
Year 2	Filled	Filled	1:50-2.20pm
Year 3	Filled	Filled	2.20-2.50pm
Year 4	Filled	Needed	2.20-2.50pm
Year 5	Filled	Needed	1.00-1.30pm
Year 6	Filled	Needed	1.00-1.30pm

St Ives Public School - Wednesdays

Kindergarten	Filled	Filled	9:10-9:45am
Year 1/2	Needed	Needed	9:10-9:45am
Year 3/4	Filled	Needed	9:45-10:25am
Year 5/6	Filled	Needed	9:45-10:25am

Turrumurra North Public School – Wednesdays

Kindergarten	Needed	Needed	10:20-10:55am
Year 1/2	Filled	Needed	10:20-10:55am
Year 3/4	Needed	Needed	10:20-10:55am
Year 5/6	Filled	Filled	10:20-10:55am

St Ives Park Public School - Wednesdays

Kindergarten	Filled	Filled	11:40-12:10pm
Year 1/2	Filled	Filled	11:40-12:10pm
Year 3/4	Filled	Filled	11:40-12:10pm
Year 5/6	Filled	Needed	11:40-12:10pm



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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The Word

Sunday 19 March 2023, 4th Sunday in Lent

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the first book of Samuel 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. The Gospel of the Lord.