

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

## 2 December 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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)



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

**Every Thursday**  
Prayer Group prior to mass  
8:40am

### December 2018

**Sunday 2 December**  
Junior Choir  
9am-11am

**Sunday 9 December**  
Parish Choir  
9am-11am

**Sunday 16 December**  
Junior Choir  
9am-11am  
**Hamper Mass** for Holy Family  
Parish, Mt Druitt

**Sunday 23 December**  
Parish Choir  
9am-11am



*On earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright.*  
**(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to the Parish,

Lord, Advent, the season of waiting for your coming has begun. Your word puts me in a mood of expectation and alertness for your 'comings' - your first coming as a helpless babe at Bethlehem; your constant coming to me through the events of my life and through all that surrounds me; and your final coming at the end of the world to call me Home... Today you focus on your final coming.

Honestly, this description of the end times frightens me. But I am relieved to realise that the universal catastrophe (and destruction) is not the final word. At the end of it all I 'will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory'. Prepare my heart, Lord, to celebrate your first coming. Let me also meditate on your final coming ever bearing in mind that your final coming is what confers meaning and purpose to your first coming.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest  
Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest  
Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager  
Michelle Miles, Office Secretary  
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Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**HALL BOOKINGS**

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17 Link Road, St Ives NSW 2075  
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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

**Wednesday 12 December**, Mass for Expectant Mothers—Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 7:30pm, Holy Name Parish, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga. Enquiries to Katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au or steven.buhagier@bbcatholic.org.au

## CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

**Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica, O.P., (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>**



## Join the Christmas Midnight Mass Choir

Rehearsals are on:

Wednesday 5 December at 7pm; and

Wednesday 19 December at 7pm

No experience required just a love of singing! Please come along and join us! You are more than welcome.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have St Vincent De Paul Christmas cards for sale in the foyer. If you would like to purchase they are \$8 a packet and the money goes into the poor box.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

If you haven't already done so, could you please collect your planned giving envelopes from the Church foyer.

## Prayer Zone

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Noonan

### Anniversary:

Natalie Reilly

### Please pray for the ill:

Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Marie Martin; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, 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

*Please let the office know of any changes to the ill.*

*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*

### Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for the Pymble Chapel Uniting Church and for Reverend Steve Aynsley, their leaders and preachers.

### Feast Days — December

**Monday 2nd**, St Francis Xavier, priest  
**Friday 7th**, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor  
**Saturday 8th**, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE

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## Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.  
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

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### HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - 10.00am:

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food            Canned Fruits  
Small Packet of Rice    Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding    Christmas Cake  
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine  
Cordial or Soft Drink

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts  
Bag of Mixed Lollies    Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags            Instant Coffee  
Packet of sugar            Long Life Milk

*And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!*

Please place in a strong box or clothes-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 16 December.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

#### **In the service of the transmission of faith.**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

Each one of us can make a difference. Each of us can help to protect one another. We are called to Step Up and to Speak Out for the protection of all.

### 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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