

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

**2 May 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
10am Parish Hall

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

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

**Sunday 2 May**  
Youth Choir –9am-11am

**Sunday 9 May**  
Parish Choir –9am-11am

**Sunday 16 May**  
Youth Choir –9am-11am

**Sunday 23 May**  
Parish Choir –9am-11am



*It was not you who chose me, but I  
who chose you and appointed you to  
go and bear fruit that will remain.*  
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

John 15:1-16: 3 is located at the heart of John's account of Jesus' final night with his disciples (John 13-17). Today's Gospel, taken from

the opening verses of this central passage, uses the model of a vine and its branches to instruct the disciples on the need to maintain union with Jesus. The word that best expresses what Jesus is teaching in these verses is 'remain'. Some translations of the Greek original use the expression 'abide'. The expression appears six times in this Gospel. The relationship between the believer and Jesus should be one of deep intimacy where the life of the believer, described as a branch, draws from the richness of Jesus who identifies himself as the vine.

Jesus tells of two possibilities. Those who remain in Jesus bear fruit, receive all the blessings that they request, and are truly disciples of Jesus. Those who do not remain and fail to bear fruit will be removed from their source, and thus die. Jesus warns: 'Cut off from me you can do nothing'. The opposite is also true: by remaining in Jesus, the disciple can do everything. The theme of 'remaining' does not end as Jesus concludes his references to the vine and the branches. As we will see next Thursday and next Sunday, remaining in Jesus leads to dwelling in his love, but it also generates hatred.

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## First Friday 7 May 2021

Mass at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm




Alpha "Celebration & Come & See" Event – 11 May 2021

We are coming to the end of our current Alpha series and as usual we celebrate the end and also welcome others who would like to see what Alpha is all about and what it can offer them.



Our "Celebration & Come and See" event is on Tuesday night at 7:00pm sharp in the Parish Hall. Please use this QR Code to register. We look forward to seeing you.



**Calling upon our Parish knitting community - are you able to knit squares for our social justice initiative *wrapped in love*?**



COVID has had a profound impact on the senior members of our St Ives community; Local nursing homes are still restricted in limiting its visitors, as are our students unable to visit the elderly members of our local nursing homes. Not deterred, Corpus Christi has found a creative way to knit both young and old generations together through our 'Wrapped with Love' initiative.

The students of Corpus Christi wish to invite you, members of our immediate community, to assist us to make knitted squares. We will then give the knitted squares to our local nursing homes for their residents to sew into beautiful blankets! We will be knitting at school and our families are helping as well.

The initiative strives for a greater purpose; Every **joint generational blanket** knitted by the students of Corpus Christi and residents of your nursing home will be donated to the Hornsby Women's Refuge Shelter, **wrapped in love**.

We will provide the wool by the end of next week with details of what size needles, size of squares etc. to the Parish office and the squares can be dropped back to the office when completed. We will be delivering the knitted squares in the week beginning the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

If you require any further information please contact me at penny.delmage@dbb.catholic.edu.au

**THANK YOU FROM THE MARTIN FAMILY**

Thank you to the Parish community for all of your prayers and support for the Martin family over the sad time of Marie Martin's passing earlier this month. It was very much appreciated.

**NURSING APPOINTMENT**

**Arrupe House, Pymble**, is a community of retired Jesuit priests and brothers. One experienced Registered Nurse is required for am shift duties on a permanent part-time or casual basis. Email: secretary@canisius.edu.au or call Fr Michael McShane SJ 0437 040 711

**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.

**Prayer Zone**



**Anniversary:** John Barrie

**Please pray for the ill:**

Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; 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— MAY**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>—St Joseph the Worker  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>—Sts Philip and James, apostles

**MOTHER'S DAY CAKE AND RAFFLE TICKET SALE**

Time to show off your baking skills! It's **Mother's Day** soon and we have **Cakes and Raffle Tickets** for sale after mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

**BAKE A CAKE FOR THE CAKE SALE**

- Collect a cake box with labels from the church foyer.
- Return bakes item in the box on 8 & 9 May. Please label the box with he name of your baked item and its ingredients, then it's ready for sale!

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$5 FOR 2—WILL BE DRAWN AT 12PM ON 9TH MAY**

Raffle tickets will be available for sale after mass on 8 & 9 May. The delicious prizes:

- \$100 voucher Sous Le Soleil, Roseville
- \$50 voucher The Living Room Café, St Ives
- \$40 voucher The Twenty 74 Café, North Turramurra
- 2x\$10 voucher Taste Baguette, Glenrose

**FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Money from the Mother's Day sale will be used for the upgrade of the Hall kitchen. There is also uncertainty as to the future accommodation of our Carmelite priests. The Diocese is in the process of selling Murphy House. Negotiations are ongoing and as a community, we need to start preparing for the unpredictable future.

One way you could assist is by asking your favourite dining places if they would be interested in donating a voucher for future fundraising activities. Your generosity in shaping the future of our church and clergymen is much appreciated.

Fundraiser—Kit Ling Ching, 0426 833 087



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

### The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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## The Word

Sunday 2 May 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 9:26-31

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit  
The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! *(R.)*
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *(R.)*
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because

God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 15:1-8

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away

– he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.