

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

20 July 2025, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Parish Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 9am Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil) Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm 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 Monday (during term time) Divine Will Prayer Group 10-11:30am

Every Sunday at 10am Mass Children's Liturgy

Every Friday (during term time) Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

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

Thursday 24th JulyFr Sunny's Bible Study resumes
Church—7:30pm

Friday 25th July Grandparent's Day School attending 9 am Mass

Sunday 3rd August Movie Night

Sunday 30th August Praise & Worship Afternoon



Dear Parishioners

The Carmelites have their origins and roots on Mt Carmel, a prominent landmark in northern Israel. "Carmel" is a biblical word, derived from the Hebrew 'karem' meaning a 'vineyard' or 'garden'. When the suffix 'el' is added for the Divine name, it takes on the meaning of 'the garden of the Lord.' Most strictly, it describes a type of woodland, adorned with diverse shrubs, small trees and flowers, characteristic of Mt Carmel even today. "Carmel is also a

biblical symbol for beauty and fruitfulness; it is used by the spouse in the Song of Songs in order to praise the beauty of the Beloved.

A Marian spirituality The hermits had chosen Mary as the patron of their first chapel on Mt Carmel. A key aspect of Carmelite life is being consecrated to Mary and being clothed in her scapular as a sign of this religious profession. The desire of many millions of Christians to share in this Carmelite consecration has meant that the scapular has become (with the Rosary) the only other great approved Marian devotion of the whole Church.

Carmelite spirituality is Marian because of a shared intimacy and devotion to Jesus Christ. A Carmelite discovers in Mary the great woman of faith, the first to believe in Jesus Christ, and the first to receive the salvation that he won for us. Like Mary, Carmelites are called to ponder daily the Word of God, that Christ might be born in us, and dwell in us. The Rule challenges us: 'the sword of the spirit, the Words of God, must dwell in your mouths and hearts,' that is, penetrate deeply into the very core of our being. In our Rule and in the vows that we live under, we profess our desire to live, with Mary, a life of allegiance to Jesus Christ. (from www.carmelite.com official website of the Australian Discalced Carmelites)

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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You can now find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiChurchStIves and Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves

NAGASAKI PEACE DAY in Sydney

rayer and Mass for Peace





Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (Mt. 5.9)

The Japanese Catholic Community of Sydney

invites you to join us in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and praying for world peace through the celebration of Mass.

- Date: Saturday, 9th August 2025
- Time: 11:00 am − 2:00 pm

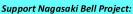
Venue: Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall Corner of Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110

Mass Celebrant - Fr Brian Vale SSC

Registration is required for event preparation and catering purposes Please RSVP by 2nd August 2025



Contact: Michi Email: jpcathsyd@outlook.com



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FEAST DAYS - JULY

Tues 22nd, St Mary Magdalene Fri 25th, St James, apostle

Sat 26th, Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues 29th, Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus Thurs 31st, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest



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 24 July 2025 @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Eng.: Angela 0405 507 982

Help Us Reopen the Church **Piety Store**

Many parishioners have asked why the Church Piety Store isn't open on a regular basis. I've spoken with Father Greg and

offered to assist with restocking

the store and coordinating a volunteer roster to help keep it open more often.

If you attend Mass regularly and could spare a short time afterwards—perhaps just 10 to 15 minutes we'd love your help. A sign-up form is available at the back of the church. Please take a moment to add your name and preferred Mass time, and I'll be in touch to put together a roster. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for everyone.

I attend most weekday Masses and the 5pm Sunday Mass, and I'll happily share these times with those who are available. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact me directly on 0412 373 668. Thank you for considering this simple but valuable way to serve our parish.

Warm regards, Karin Hull

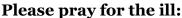


Fr Sunny's **Bible Study** Group

Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group will be recommencing on Thursday 24th of July at 7:30pm in the church. You are all welcome to join, please bring a notebook and your bible. See you there!

Prayer Zone

Anniversary: Bob O'Connell





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 Daniela or Davina know.

FREE WILLS SEMINAR
MORNING TEA
This pastoral event is a meaningful opportunity to Live Faithfully

reflect on stewardship, legacy, and the faithful care of our families. Led by Cecilia Castle, Principal of Castle Lawyers, the seminar will cover essential topics including:

- Writing or updating a Will
- Understanding Power of Attorney
- Enduring Guardianship
- Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will*
- Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067
- 🛗 12 August, 2025

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Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where you can explore life's big questions in a relaxed, open environment. Each session includes a meal, a short talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts and questions. Whether you have a deep faith, exploring faith, new to church, or just curious, Alpha is for everyone.

This Alpha experience is a pilot, similar to our 2019 launch. If you've done Alpha before and want to join again or bring a friend, please contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au at your earliest.

Why Attend?

Explore life's big questions. Discover the basics of the Christian faith. Engage in open and honest discussions. Connect with a welcoming community.

Alpha Schedule

Wednesday, 6 August 2025 When:

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall

Cost:

Register: bit.ly/40JnIFP OR

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RSVP:

MOVIE NIGHT

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AUGUST SUNDAY 6:00PM

TICKETS

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For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: August 2 10am-4pm

The Beautiful Book

Presenter: Fr Bernard Hancock, OCD

When: August 22-24 6pm—12:30pm Spirituality and the Life of Jesus

Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

When: September 6 10am—4pm

Called to Be

Presenter: Ms Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

What is The Culture Project?

The Culture Project is a movement of university students who volunteer their time to promote chastity and authentic love to high school and other university students.

You are invited to join us for a night of dinner, socialising, a keynote by renowned Catholic theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, auction and raffle draw prizes.

It will be a night to dress up in cocktail attire to celebrate the past decade of The Culture Project in Australia and to look forward with hope at the doors the Lord is opening for us to build a movement of young Australians on fire with the message of love and life through the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Come and join us at the Epping Club on Thursday 28th August for a 3 course meal and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks at \$99 per person or \$990 for a table of 10. Thousands of young hearts and lives are waiting for this message, and the families and parishes of the next generation depend upon them hearing it. Be part of the change and register now!

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1395700



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For Formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might

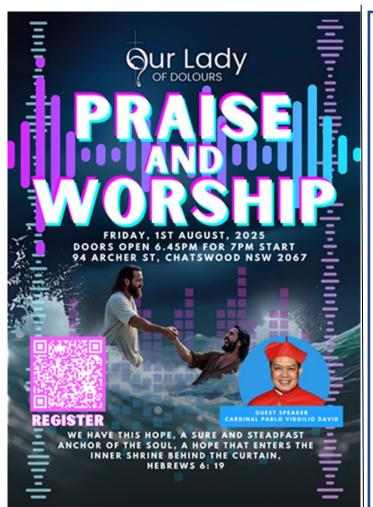
again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the gospel.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

'Today is the feast of...'

When families and friends celebrate birthdays, graduations and anniversaries they are making a statement about a person or a value which is collectively important to them. The Catholic Church, too, is full of celebrations - saints' feast days and holy days - that affirm certain people and truths that are important to us as a faith family. Such occasions help unite and keep alive important events and relationships which have shaped our very existence as a Church.





We will once again have Great Music, Sacraments and inspiring talks, we are still finalising our speakers and some other details so stay tuned for more exciting announcements!

Programme:

6.30pm Registrations and Reconciliation open6.45pm Doors Open

7pm Praise and Worship with Reconciliation and Adoration

9.30pm (Approx) Compline (18+ Only)

Location:

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

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.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE FATHER BILL STEVENS WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY DEACON PAUL SIMMONS. FATHER BILL WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER AND HIS TOPIC WILL BE "THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY".

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email annayytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



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The Word

Sunday 20 July 2025: Our Lady of Carmel

Collect

Father,

May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us, and bring us to your holy Mountain, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the first book of Kings 1Kings 18:42b-45a

Elijah prayed on Mount Carmel, and rain fell. Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel and bowed down to the earth, putting his face between his knees. 'Now go up,' he told his servant 'and look out to sea,' He went up and looked. 'There is nothing at all,' he said. 'Go back seven times,' Elijah told said. The seventh time, the servant said, 'Now there is a cloud, small as a man's hand, rising from the sea.' Elijah said, 'Go and say to Ahab, "Harness the chariot and go down before the rain stops you." And with that the sky grew dark with cloud and storm, and rain fell in torrents.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:1,2-3,4

(R.) Draw us after you, Virgin Mary; we shall follow in your footsteps.

- 1. Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain? (R)
- 2. He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (R)
- He who does not slander with his tongue; he who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur against his neighbour. (R)
- He who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Galatians, Galatians 4:4-7.

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons of God is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

Alleluia.

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 19:25-27

This is your Son. This is your mother.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.