

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

**20 March 2022 – Third 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: 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 on Zoom

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

**Every Friday during Lent**  
Liturgy at 7:00pm with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

Just a reminder that we follow NSW Health advice to reduce the spread of Covid.

- sanitise your hands; &
- physical distance

**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.



**Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilise it. (Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners,

Good teachers draw on the life experience of their pupils. If they can do so by means of storytelling, the attention of their listeners will be ensured and the later recall of the lesson by them will be facilitated.

In these terms Jesus was a master teacher. It was said of him, with some exaggeration, that ‘he would never speak to [the crowds] except in parables’ (Matthew 13:34). When Jesus related today’s parable to the people (it is introduced by a call to repentance), he and his hearer were on common ground. Both were familiar with fig trees, the harvesting of their fruits and perhaps some of the more than forty references to them in their Sacred Scriptures. Such trees were of little more than decorative value if they were unproductive. Jesus has something similar to say to us, who claim to be his disciple, if, having heard his teaching, we do not put into practice. To the gathered disciples at the Last Supper he said: ‘You did not choose me, no, I chose you and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last’ (John 15:16).

At leisure, you might read the whole of John 15. It is an apt Lenten reading.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
193 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566  
Saturday 7th May, 2022 at 11 AM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
193 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566  
Sunday 8th May, 2022 at 12 NOON

*(Priests and deacons, please bring your white vestment if you wish to partake in the liturgy)*

Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Kindly RSVP by 31st March, 2022

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### LISMORE FLOOD APPEAL

Thank you for your support in last weekend's cash donations for the Diocese of Lismore. We have raised \$3,579.20 and the proceeds have been deposited into the DOL Flood Appeal Account. We have an acknowledgement from Bishop Greg and he thanks you for your generosity and he asked us to keep praying for the community.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO USE YOUR VOICE!**

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## Catechist Corner

### Is God tapping you on the shoulder?

The Holy Spirit will move in us in a way that we may feel a stirring to respond. I warmly encourage you to respond to this call. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something very rewarding.

**Come and share your faith with the children and pass on the Good News**

**We still need catechists to join our ministry.**

Please contact Jen Perrott on (02) 9144 6998 or email [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) We would love to meet you. All training and resources provided F.O.C.

Our Parish serves students from St Ives North Public, St Ives Public, Turramurra North & St Ives Park. For more information, please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 or by email at [catechist@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechist@corpuschristi.com.au). I look forward to helping you. Jen

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent. Liturgy at 7:00pm with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

**New time!**  
Sunday afternoon 4:30-6pm

# YOUTH GROUP

For Corpus Christi students in Years 6-12  
Come along for some snacks, games and discussions!

Parents message Natalie at 0499 636 266 to RSVP






### Project Compassion 19 & 20 March



**Janice 44**, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Prayer Zone

**Recently deceased:** Brendan O’Connell

**Please pray for the ill:**

Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria 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, 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

Friday 25th , The Annunciation of the Lord



## Add Your Voice

### EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

The Parish Choir will be practicing for the Easter masses and would like to invite anyone with a love of singing to join them. All voices and instruments are welcome! The practices will be held in the Church at 7:30pm on:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:30pm-9pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm-9pm

***Please come along and join the Parish Choir.***

### Our Deepest Sympathy Brendan Patrick O’Connell

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Brendan O’Connell. Brendan’s funeral will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 10am.

May Brendan experience the fullness of Christ’s peace.



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges;  
may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with  
prayer and action.

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## The Word

### Sunday 20 March 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent

#### First Reading

From the book of Exodus Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. *(R.)*
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 13:1-9

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.