



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

20 September 2020 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 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 facilitated

by Fr Greg

10:30am on Zoom until further notice

**First Friday
of Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

September

Sunday 20 September

Children's Choir

9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 27 September

Parish Choir

9:00am – 11:00am



Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

Today's responsorial psalm contains Israel's oldest theological assertion about God— 'The Lord is kind, full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love, good and compassionate to all'. From the time of the exodus from Egypt (Exodus 34: 6-7) this was to be the Israelites' experience of God.

Today's liturgy puts to us a question that, at first sight, is quite surprising: Are we happy that God is good and compassionate to all?

Certainly, we are pleased that God is merciful towards ourselves. But how do we feel when we observe the mercy of God towards others, especially those we feel are less deserving of God's love? Are we like the workers in the vineyard mentioned in today's Gospel parable who have worked all day and feel resentful that the owner is so generous to the latecomers? Perhaps we feel that God is more generous to others than to us.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that such thoughts are evil and should be abandoned. Though God's ways are often beyond our comprehension, we can be sure that the kindness of God flows also to us without measure or limit. Rather than be resentful, let us rejoice with all creation in God whose mercy and compassion far surpass any of our limited notions of fairness and justice.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee

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Alpha Testimonial

As a young child and adult, I believed in God, however, I never really cared for Church that much as I developed into an adult. I didn't think it was relevant to my life. The Mass was boring and ritualistic and I just didn't relate to it. However, I did always wonder what this life was about and why I was here, what was my purpose, what is the truth and is there more to life than this? As for having a relationship with Jesus, well that stuff was for the religious!!! Unfortunately, I faced some serious life incidents that had me facing a fork in the road. I could either run from God out of anger or run towards him for help. Fortunately for me, I chose the latter and thankfully my life took a turn for the better. I began to study the bible which created a hunger to know more and that ultimately lead me to complete a theology and social work degree. Slowly I began to understand what it meant to have a relationship with Jesus.

I had previously heard of Alpha and the amazing experiences people had with it and I really wanted to have an experience with it for myself. I wanted to know what Alpha was doing that changed people's lives so profoundly and so significantly. Each time I heard there was an Alpha being held in parishes locally, I was unable to attend for one reason or another. Then Fr Greg said he wanted to introduce Alpha to the parish. I was actually very excited to be able to embrace this opportunity in our own parish. So, a few of us from the parish embarked on the training for Alpha and thus began the Alpha journey at St Ives.

As we journeyed through the Alpha pilot, the relationships and love that formed week to week began to impact our team in such a beautiful and profound way, despite knowing each other before. The week to week discussions gave me lots to reflect on and I came to know and understand Christ, in a much greater and deeper way than I did before. I thought I knew Jesus before Alpha, but the experience of Alpha was like a key that unlocked something inside of me that made me feel truly alive. Alpha creates a space not just for the unchurched, but those who have already come to the faith, find they can be renewed and enter into an even closer encounter with Christ. I felt the Holy Spirit alive and well within the group and we began to see the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our daily interactions with each other. When our pilot finished many of us felt like we had a hole in our lives on a Tuesday night, but fortunately it didn't end there as the parish was about to launch Alpha and I was excited to be sharing this with the parish.

I now find myself naturally wanting to pray and read scripture on daily basis. I listen to my car on the way know more about me and others. part of my life am hungry for it. joyful, peaceful, a genuine longing to want others to experience the same. I feel excited and enthusiastic to be able to share this journey with the parish and to know the power this will have in their lives also. It's one thing to know about Jesus, but it's an entirely different thing to KNOW him.

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If you feel like something is missing in your life, you are looking for more, or you are just curious what all the Alpha fuss is about, come and join us on Alpha. No question is too small, big or challenging. It is a wonderful space to explore the big questions in life. Everyone is welcome. See the bulletin, postcards in the foyer and the website to register (www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives) for more information or contact the office (02) 9144 6998.

Jen Perrott



Prayer Zone

Anniversary: Cath Gordon

Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Davies; Peter Shih; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack 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— SEPTEMBER

Monday 21st, St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Wednesday 23rd, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Our Deepest Sympathy - John Delaney

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of John Delaney. John's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 22 September. May John experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



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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 September 2020 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

Alpha on Zoom



"Come and See"

Online Tuesday, 22 September 2020 (con't 13/10/2020)
7:30-9:00pm

Register at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives

**Contact: jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au or the
office (02) 9144 6998**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring
some of life's big questions. There's no pressure,
no follow-up and no charge.

alpha.org.au

Alpha



Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal

This weekend is the start of our September CWF Appeal. Charitable works are at the heart of our Catholic life, showing God's heart for the poor, the vulnerable, our young people and those in need. It's an incredible witness to the compassion and generosity that we need to rise-up during these difficult days. Your generous donation will support five Catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Broken Bay Diocese. The Charitable Works Fund Appeal is 100% tax deductible. Donate online at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund Please ensure you nominate your Parish as **St Ives Corpus Christi**

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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SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

"A Time for Grace" Webinar for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees Webinar

You are invited to participate in a webinar on World Migrant and Refugee Sunday organised by the Nangami Peace and Justice Group of Our Lady of the Way Parish, North Sydney, the Justice and Peace Office and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia. The webinar will explore how the pandemic can be a time as a nation and individuals to extend grace to the most vulnerable. An expert panel will explore what this looks like within our public policy, our theology and our own activities. The speakers will be Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, Nishadh Rego and Julie Macken. The webinar will be held on Sunday, 27th September from 5pm to 6.30pm. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-time-for-grace-refugee-and-migrant-sunday-webinar-tickets-119185680579>

"Forced like Jesus to Flee" Webinar for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Join Social Justice Around the Bay and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia as they explore what it looks like in Australia today to support those who have been forced like Jesus to flee. Learn more about the plight of refugees and their families in the present pandemic and how you can make a difference through advocacy and charitable works. Speakers include Nishadh Rego, Zaki Haidari and Phil Jones. The webinar will be held on Sunday, 27th September at 2pm. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/forced-like-jesus-to-flee-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-webinar-tickets-119841076887>

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The Word

Sunday 20 September 2020: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.