

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

21 August 2022, 21st 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: 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 Friday (during term time) Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg on Zoom

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 28 August 2022 School Rock Mass—6pm

Thursday 1 September Parish Social Craft Group Hall - 10:30am

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.



I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers! (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

It was terrible for the Jewish people when Jerusalem was

destroyed and its citizens were taken into exile in Babylon. But the exile proved an eye-opening experience of other peoples and cultures and ways of doing things. Not all Jews returned to Israel after the exile. Many remained in the diaspora. In time some Jews came to see that the love of God is for all peoples and that the people of Israel were chosen by God to be a light to the nations, to reveal to them the one true God. In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah foresees a time when people from all nations will come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord. In today's Gospel Jesus declares that people 'from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.' He also stresses that, while the kingdom is open to all, the gateway to the kingdom is narrow. A broadminded love and compassion for all peoples is demanded of those who wish to enter. The Rule of the St Vincent de Paul Society states that 'The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions.' It is a rule we must all adopt if we are to enter by the narrow gate.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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MASS AND DINNER MEETING

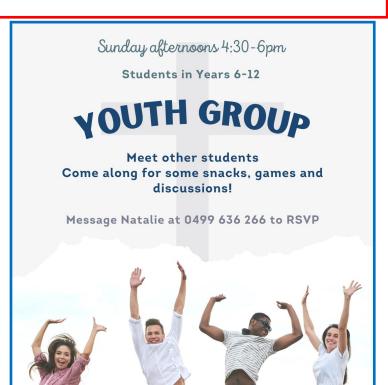
Bishop Emeritus David Walker to speak about the outcomes of the Plenary Council

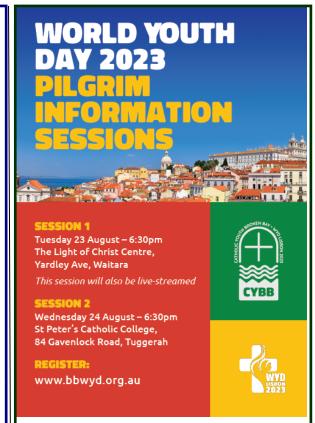
Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on **Thursday 25**th **August 2022.** The evening commences with Mass at <u>6.30 PM</u> followed by a light meal and a short meeting. **Kindly note the change of time.**

Following the meeting Bishop David will be speaking to us about the outcomes of the Plenary Council at which he was a member. Everyone is welcome. Please "Come and See". Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and diaconate aspirants and for the perseverance of existing vocations. Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

Join us for a Father's Day morning tea on Sunday 4 September after the 10am mass. We look forward to





All youth aged 16-35 are invited to World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal! The Catholic Youth Broken Bay team will be travelling throughout Italy before meeting other young Catholics from around the world in Lisbon, Portugal. Come along to the information session to find out more. Registrations are required.





PRAY AND PLAY YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

7 families with young children met for the first "Pray and Play" after last Sunday's 10am Mass. While the parents got to know each other, the children played soccer and games. This inaugural gathering was such a success that we plan to meet on a monthly basis. Our next gathering will be on Sunday 18 September, after the 10am Mass.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Edith Chan (underscribe@gmail.com) or Charmaine Lubbe (charmaine.lubbe1@gmail.com) for more details.



Social Justice Corner

Die. Or Die Trying: Escaping the Taliban

You are invited to view a powerful and moving documentary "Die. Or Die Trying: Escaping the Taliban" on YouTube about a group of 15 young girls who risked their lives to reach safety in Australia. Schools around Australia are showing the film to give students a small insight into the terror that people, and particularly young girls face every day and that drives human displacement and dislocation.

Hiding in a single room while the Taliban fire off guns in the streets and go door-to-door seeking sex slaves and wives, a terrified group of female high school and university students must puzzle out how to flee Afghanistan "or die trying". They make contact by phone with community activists in Australia and chart a dangerous undercover journey by night through Kabul, then across international borders to freedom. Here they must begin a new life in Sydney while still grieving for the world they have lost.

Told through the direct accounts of three of the young women – and the activists they reached out to – this is the story of 15 young women's faith in their right to education and equality. A life-or-death belief symbolic of the struggle for self-determination that all Afghan women are now going through under the Taliban. It's also the story of how a community far away mobilizes to support a group of young women when they hear their calls, guiding them to safety against all the odds.

Die. Or Die Trying: Escaping the Taliban - YouTube

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; 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; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, 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

FEAST DAYS— AUGUST

Mon 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wed 24th, St Bartholomew, apostle Sat 27th, St Monica

Mon 29th, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH PRESBYTERY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Parishioners

Fr Greg Chee and the Parish Finance Committee invite you to attend a briefing and presentation on progress made so far on the new presbytery. You will be able to view the preliminary plans and to ask any questions about the plans, the work done to date and any other matter of concern to you.

Two briefings will be held, both in the church, the first on Thursday 25 August at 7pm and the second on Sunday 28 August at 11 am (just after the 10 am Mass).

We look forward to seeing you at one or other of the presentations.

The Finance Committee



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Small Businesses

We pray for the small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their community.



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The Word

Sunday 21 August 2022, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 66:18-21 They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

- 1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
- 2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

From the the letter to the Hebrews Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves. Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.