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21 February 2021 – First 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: 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
10am Parish Hall

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

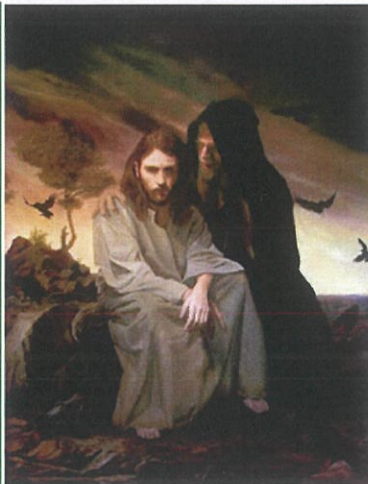
**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

February 2021

Sunday 21 February
Children's Choir
9:00am – 11:00am

Friday 26 February
7pm Liturgy with Exposition and
Adoration
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 28 February
Parish Choir
9:00am – 11:00am



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

On this first Sunday of Lent we are invited to journey into the wilderness with Jesus, a place of encounter and solitude. It was the Spirit who 'drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days...' In the wilderness Jesus prayed, fasted and was tempted by the devil. This

difficult experience prepared him and strengthened him for his ministry.

The forty days of Lent are also a time when we can be strengthened for the work that God has prepared for us. Are we aware of the ways that God desires to use our lives to reach out to others? Pope Francis invites us to 'take advantage of Lent as the privileged time to purify ourselves in order to experience the consoling presence of God in our lives'.

Lord, help us to seek moments of being alone with you. Teach us, Lord, the value of silence and solitude in our life. Help us to see you in this time.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

HALL BOOKINGS

Parish Office
9144 6998

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOYFUL AND SOUL ENRICHING EXPERIENCE?

We need you!

With COVID19, the students in state schools are missing out on being taught our faith. We need new 7 new catechists / SRE teachers to bring the Good News of Jesus to our young people in the State Schools. **You do not need to be a teacher or have any experience at all.**

All lessons (on PowerPoint), resources and training provided. You will need approx. an hour and a bit per week (that includes class time and lesson prep). It is very simple and easy. We need to fill classes now as some of our older catechists are unable to return because of health reasons.

You will receive more than you put in. The reason a catechist starts on this journey is never the same reason they stay.

If you would like to serve God and in a way that will bring joy to your heart and those of our young people, please contact Jen Perrott URGENTLY in the parish office on (02) 9144 6998 or by email (catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) Below are the classes with vacant timeslots.



St Ives Public Schools Students 2021				
Classes That Need to Be Filled				
Year	SINPS Tuesday's	SIPS Wednesday's	TNPS Wednesday's	SIPPS Wednesday's
Kindy	Vanessa White 1:50-2:20pm	Jean Lee 9:10-9:45am	10:15-10:55 am	Ruth Cassidy 11:30-12:10pm
1	Celine Kok 1:50-2:20pm	Sue-Anne Sherwood 9:10-9:45am	10:15-10:55 am	Cypriana Liem 11:30-12:10pm
2	Betty Ang 1:50-2:20pm			
3	2:20-2:50pm	Kathy Lee 9:45-10:20 am	10:15-10:55 am	Cheryl Doyle 11:30-12:10pm
4	2:20-2:50pm			
5	1pm - 1.30pm			
6	Cel Tria 1pm - 1.30pm	Teresa Leong 9:45-10:20 am	10:15 -10:55 am	Teresa Leong 11:30-12:10pm

FEAST DAYS— FEBRUARY

Monday 22 February, The Chair of St Peter, apostle



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Holocaust Memorial Day was observed recently on the anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration and extermination camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau. The day honours the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, and the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 was "be the light in the darkness."

Pope Francis marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day at his General Audience on Wednesday by calling for remembrance. Pope Francis said "Remembering is an expression of humanity. Remembering is a sign of civilization. Remembering is a condition for a better future of peace and fraternity."

Pope Francis continued, "Remembering also means being careful because these things could happen again, beginning with ideological proposals intended to save a people and ending by destroying a people and humanity." He warned that we must be attentive "to how this path of death, of extermination, and brutality begin."

The Pope's words echoed his message at last year's observance of the Day of Remembrance, when he called on everyone to mark the day by taking a moment of prayer and recollection, "saying in our hearts, 'Never again!'" Pope Francis appealed for remembrance of the Holocaust, saying, "In the face of this immense tragedy, indifference is not admissible and memory is due."

Pope Francis himself visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, on the site of the infamous Nazi death camp, during his visit to Poland in 2016. He became the third Pope to visit the site, following Pope St John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

A PRAYER FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen



Prayer Zone

Anniversary: Elizabeth Shin

Please pray for the ill:

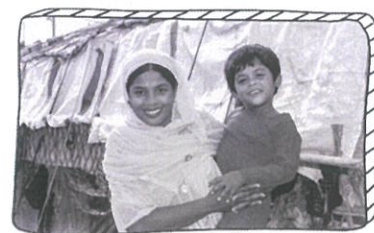
Kevin Ruberu; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle 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.



Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.



Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Last week to Register for Alpha

If you have missed the first two weeks, we can send you the videos once you've registered. If you, family or friends have those underlying unanswered questions about life, faith and the universe, Alpha is a great place to discuss those questions. So, bring them along and come and join them. Use this QR Code to register or fill in the registration form in the foyer.



Parish Secretary, Pymble Catholic Parish – Part Time

Pymble Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary (32 hours per week). This key role provides support in general administration, parish financial and bookkeeping processes, visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office and MYOB skills, and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be essential.

For the full position description, see the Parish website.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a current CV and cover letter outlining your previous experience and suitability for the role to info@pymblecatholicparish.org.au. Applications close: Tuesday, 9 March 2021.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

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Parish Secretary, Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish

Full Time

Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish is seeking to recruit a full time Parish Secretary. This key role provides support in visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, financial processes, meeting and event organisation, and compliance requirements.

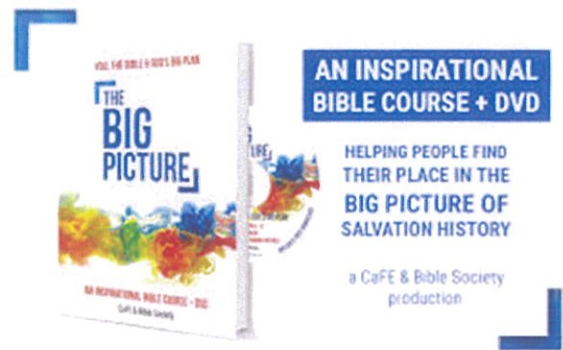
The ideal candidate will have excellent people and office administration skills; excellent Microsoft Office skills and database experience. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings. Previous experience in a similar position would be well regarded.

For further details, see the Diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check

REGISTER NOW! The Big Picture Course

We are beginning the Big Picture Course on Monday 22 February 2020 at 7:30pm online on Zoom. This was hugely successful last year. If you missed out, now is the opportunity to register.

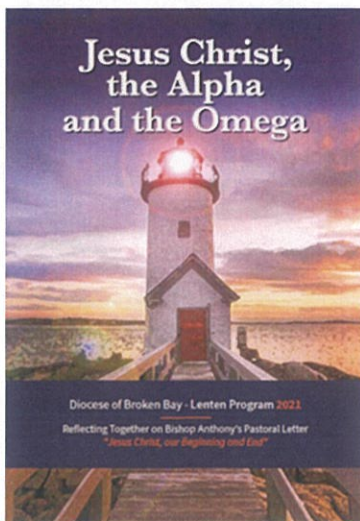


The Big Picture is a personal journey through the Bible exploring our place in the story of salvation history. Join us on this exciting journey of discovery and deepening of your faith. All welcome, whatever your starting point. Allow God to reveal even more about his love for you and the role of Jesus in God's plan for us and all of creation, now and in the future.



Each book contains the study as well as the DVD. The study is free but you will need your own journal Big Picture book – which is approx. \$20 Please email Jen Perrott for further information at jen-nifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au Use this QR Code to register or complete the registration from in the foyer of the church. For more information and to watch the promotional video go to <http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org>

LENTEN REFLECTION



The Diocese of Broken Bay has organised a beautiful Lenten reflection that began this week with the start of Ash Wednesday. There are two lectio groups on a Friday that will be doing this reflection for anyone who would like to join them at 10:30am in the hall. The start date for this program is 19 February. There will also be an online Zoom version that will **begin from week 2 on 24 February 2021** for anyone who would prefer this option. If you would like to join the Zoom version, please register with this QR Code... Its free!!

Grab your copy from the foyer of the church.

Please use this meeting ID and Passcode to access the Zoom meeting on Wednesday nights.

2021 LENTEN REFLECTION ON ZOOM

Time: Feb 24, 2021 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Every week on Wed, until Mar 31, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Feb 24, 2021 07:30 PM
Mar 3, 2021 07:30 PM
Mar 10, 2021 07:30 PM
Mar 17, 2021 07:30 PM
Mar 24, 2021 07:30 PM
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Meeting ID: 871 1843 1187
Passcode: LENTEN





LENTEN PENANCE

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent, the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time of spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. *RCIA 125*

This year the season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday, 17 February**, and concludes on **Thursday 1 April**. In our Catholic tradition, it is marked as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. It begins on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes coupled with the words of invitation, “*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*”. In this annual invitation, we recognise our human frailty and our reliance on the grace and mercy of God.

As Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11); he accompanies us as we too make the journey into the desert of our souls. It is there that we are encouraged to resist and turn away from sin, which places limitation on our lives and relationships. It is precisely in those moments of vulnerability that we are called to take refuge in the God of mercy and compassion.

Lent is a time of pruning back the obstacles in our relationships so that we might flourish and have “life to the full” (John 10:10). Through the season of Lent we come to Easter, which is a celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is a joyful time to celebrate the new life promised to us and the whole world by the risen Jesus, our hope and our salvation.

DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs.

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On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways;
2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or desserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community; or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (17 February 2021) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (1 April 2021) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

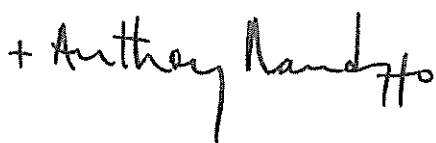
PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** (17 February 2021) and **Trinity Sunday** (30 May 2021), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All of the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

I would encourage you also to consider being part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group and to read the Scriptures in your homes. A visit to a church for private personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is also a marvellous way to strengthen one's prayer life during this season. Do not hesitate or be fearful, "the Lord waits to be gracious to you" (Isaiah 30:18).

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, my prayer over these coming weeks is that our Catholic community in the Diocese of Broken Bay will seek to live the new life in Christ. This Lent, may we move with confidence and loving reverence deeper into the heart of the Father who is grace, mercy and love.



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay
3 February 2021

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

Weekend Retreats—Cost: \$300 per person
Embracing Three Dimensional Thinking: The Length and the Breadth, the Height and Depth

March 12-14 Presenter: John Charadia and Artist Tutor Team.
Through creating symbolically, abstractly and scripturally in art, participants will explore contemplative thinking that invites us to grow in awareness of the depths, and breadths of God's Presence in our lives.

Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)
Lazarus Come Out

March 6 Presenter: Lorraine Murphy, OCDS
A Day of Recollection on the raising of Lazarus in John 11.

The retreats are held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400 or email: bookings@mtcarmel.com.au
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FOR FEBRUARY**

**Violence Against
Women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

The Word

Sunday 21 February 2021: First Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the book of Genesis Gen 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.