

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

21 January 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 - Hall

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

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

Friday 26 January 2024 Australia Day Mass—9am

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.



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

I'm usually in early riser, and it is rare that I oversleep. But when I do, it's always when I have a big commitment that day, or when I forget to set my alarm - and you'll find me racing around trying to get everything together. We notice something similar in our readings today – in each story, there's a sort of 'deadline' or big commitment people are asked to meet.

Jonah is called by God to urge the Ninevites to repent within forty days. Paul stresses to the Corinthians that time is short and they need to change their ways urgently. And Jesus proclaims that God's time has come, and call Simon, Andrew, James and John, to follow him which they do without hesitation. It can be tempting to put off a chore we don't want to do, or an assignment, or even just getting out of bed – but as our readings say, we can never put off following God and taking God's call into our hearts.

Today, let's reflect: what might God be asking me to do today? Am I responding in the best possible way?

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over \$240,000, so we are approaching half way to our fundraising goal of \$500,000.

For every \$1 we raise for the presbytery the Diocese will give us 50 cents.

So for every \$10 donated we will eventually receive \$15.

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Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax

deductible.

Regards the Parish Finance Committee



Pray and Play is for families with children aged 0-12 years. It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10 am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. We

are yet to finalise the dates for January. Please keep an eye out on Facebook (https://

www.facebook.com/Groups/CorpusChristiStIves) and the Parish Newsletter for an update. We will meet on the grassed area next to priests' garage, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Happy New Year!

A message from Quentin, Christine & Matthew Stewart

Dear fellow parishioners and friends,

Two weeks ago we were given notice to vacate the house we've rented for over 9 years due to the owners wanting to downsize and move in.

We've been lucky to find a rental we can afford in Turramurra, which we are moving into on the long weekend next Fri, Sat, Sun, which is a blessing, but has given us very little time to prepare. It would be a great help f anyone could assist us with the move in any way that weekend we'd be most appreciative. If you'd like to help out, please contact Quentin on 0481 971 066, or Christine on 0415 305 218.



Anniversary: John Hadley

Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira;
Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James
Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia
Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall
O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin
Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane;
Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca
Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;
Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose
Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi
Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Carmel
Hurrell, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle
Soumier, 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 Michelle or Christina know.

FEAST DAYS JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Wed 24th, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

Thurs 25th, The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

Wed 31st, St John Bosco, priest Fri 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord Mon 5th, St Agatha, virgin, martyr



PIANISTS NEEDED

We are looking for two pianists and would love you to help us worship God

as a community at the 10am & 5pm Eucharist starting February 2024 by using your special talent. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman. Please take this prayer and respond to the office - office@corpuschristi.com.au, or chat with the choir leaders at either of these masses. Thank you. Fr Greg.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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The Word

Sunday 21 January 2024: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the prophet Jonah 3:1-5. 10 The Ninevites renounced their evil ways. The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened. The Word of the Lord.

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

- (R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.
- 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 Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away. Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.

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.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him. The Gospel of the Lord.