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21 March 2021 – Fifth 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

Friday 26 March
Liturgy at 7pm with
Benediction followed by
Stations of the Cross—7:30pm

**Reconciliation in Preparation
for Easter**
Tuesday 23 March at 7:30pm

**Choir rehearsal for Easter in
the Church —all welcome**
Wed 24 March @ 7:30pm
Sunday 28 March @ 11am
Prior to mass on 1, 2& 3 April (time
TBC)



***Unless a grain of wheat falls to the fount
and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.***
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

A powerful scene at the beginning of Jesus' Passion is the Agony in the Garden, recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's Gospel does not record the Agony in the Garden. However, biblical scholars

describe today's Gospel as the 'agony' scene in John. Jesus tells two of his disciples that his soul is troubled, and that he is ready to cry out to the Father, 'save me from this hour!'

In John's account, some Greeks who want to see Jesus arrive at the very moment he is experiencing his agony. And I believe that in some way these Greeks are the answer to Jesus' prayer to be saved from the anguish of his hour. Jesus cannot dwell on what awaits him; their cry reminds him that there are people who need him, who need his saving love. The whole purpose of his being lifted on the cross is to draw all people to himself—all people, Jews and Greeks alike.

When we feel that our own troubles are getting too great, we can share our feelings with others as Jesus did. Like Jesus we can also cry out, 'Father, save me from this hour!' Our good God will save us, probably not by solving our problems, but by helping us to hear the cries of others who need us, the cries of those who are less fortunate than we are. Remarkably, responding to their needs will bring healing peace to our life as well.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Charitable Works Fund Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Survey 2021

We invite you to complete the CWF Survey 2021. It will only take about 2-3 minutes of your time.

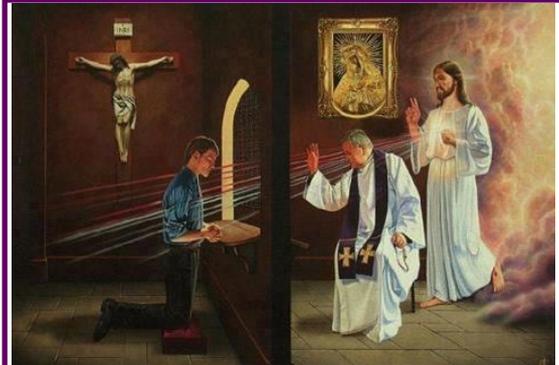
Listening to our parish community is important and we would love to know more about you and what you value most about CWF. Your feedback will help us better serve the community, plan our priorities and how to communicate with you more effectively. The survey is open to all parishioners in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Closing date for responses is **Wednesday 7 April 2021**.

The online CWF survey can be found here - www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021

We take your privacy seriously, and please be assured your answers are confidential. If you require a physical copy of the survey, please call David Armstrong 02 8379 1664 with your contact details. *Your support and generosity are gratefully appreciated and makes a huge difference to those we serve. May Christ be with you during the Lenten season.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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



PARISH RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021

Preparation for Easter

Commencing with a rite of reconciliation consisting of a short reflection on the Gospel which will help our examination of conscience and then we will have the opportunity for individual reconciliation. It is a great way to prepare for Holy Week and let the Lord's mercy and healing touch your heart.

Please join us from 7:30-8:30pm so you can appreciate the full reconciliation experience.



Amoris Laetitia Family Year 2021-2022

On **Friday 19 March, 2021**, Pope Francis will launch the year "*Amoris Laetitia Family*" which will conclude on **26 June, 2022**, on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. Celebrating five years since the publication of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, the Pope is calling for the upcoming year to be dedicated to giving thanks once more for the beauty and joy of love in the family, and to spend time reflecting on the themes of the apostolic exhortation. Each month the Holy Father will issue a video explaining a chapter of *Amoris Laetitia* together with people sharing their everyday experiences of family life. The Pope has suggested ways the church can accompany families this year by developing 12 concrete pastoral proposals he has called "Walking with Families". More information can be found at www.amorislaetitia.va

FEAST DAYS— MARCH

Thursday 25th, Annunciation of the Lord.
Sunday 28th, Palm Sunday—Holy Week

Seeking Hall Coordinator

John Huggett did a great job in looking after our Hall and Hall bookings. Sadly, John has gone to God and we miss him greatly.

We are looking for someone to take over this important service for the Church. If you see your way clear and would like to volunteer for this position, could you please contact Belinda or Michelle in the office on 9144 6998.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

International Women's Day Special: Hani Abdile in conversation with Hava Rezaie

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia has extended an invitation to listen to Hani Abdile in conversation with Hava Rezaie, both remarkable women who have spent their lives challenging injustice.

Hava Rezaie is a Hazara community leader, women's rights advocate, and Advisory Committee Member of the JRS Australia's Finding Safety project. Hava is a mentor to many migrant and refugee women in vulnerable situations across Sydney, and collaborates with JRS, Sydney Alliance, SSI and other civil society organisations for systemic reforms to refugee and domestic/family violence policy.

Hani Abdile is an accomplished spoken-word poet, journalist-in-training, and a Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS) Ambassador. This is the first of a number of conversations Hani is holding with community leaders in 2021.

In this conversation, Hani and Hava discuss:

- Hava's vocation as a women's rights advocate in Afghanistan and Australia
- The impacts of COVID-19 on women experiencing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Australia
- The challenges that women on temporary visas experiencing violence face
- The vital support that organisations such as Jesuit Refugee Service and the Refugee Advice and Casework (RACS) provide
- Hava's dreams and aims for the future.

To watch the interview go to:

<https://aus.jrs.net/en/news/international-womens-day-special-hani-abdile-in-conversation-with-hava-rezaie/>

2021 LENTEN REFLECTION ON ZOOM

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

Time: March 10, 2021 07:30 PM
Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
Every week on Wed, until Mar 31, 2021.
Mar 24, 2021 07:30 PM
Mar 31, 2021 07:30 PM

Meeting ID: 871 1843 1187
Passcode: LENTEN



Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Eddy Birkett

Please pray for the ill:

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION
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AUSTRALIA



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE

SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioners

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Over the first six months of the financial year your parish has managed to achieve a surplus of income over expenses, primarily due to the boost we received from the Government. It is apparent from our financial statement that collections are holding up and we are most grateful for your generosity, particularly as we have not been able to pass the plate around for the first and second collections. The Tap & Go facility that was installed over this period has proved successful and is slowly replacing the loose second collection. Thank you to the parishioner who donated two of the Tap & Go machines.

Our Alpha and Discipleship programmes are well supported and are virtually self-funding. We have shown the income and expenditure from these programmes separately in our financial statement.

As we no longer qualify for Government assistance the Jobkeeper and stimulus incentives have ceased.

We encourage parishioners who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card please either call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the attached **form** and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church

Expenses are generally in line with past periods. However, our repairs and maintenance are increasing as the parish office, which is now quite old, requires additional maintenance. Over the last six months the carpets in the main areas of the parish office were replaced. We will need to spend more money on the parish office over the next year.

Parishioners will know that it is the intention of the Diocese to sell Murphy House. We are in discussions with the Diocese as to what this means for our Carmelite community and what arrangements need to be made to find accommodation for our parish priests.

The amount owing on the roof loan at 31 December 2019 was \$30,014 and we continue to make our normal monthly repayments as shown in our financial statement.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these difficult times to enhance our Parish.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

Income & Expenditure

For the period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

	ACTUAL \$ 31-Dec-20	ACTUAL\$ 31-Dec-19	ACTUAL \$ 31-Dec-18
INCOME			
Planned Giving /Envelope Collection	82,214	81,815	77,328
Loose Second Collection	10,184	24,296	24,574
Tap & Go	14,520	-	-
Donations	3,568	-	195
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	7,074	7,737	5,975
Bulletin Advertising	5,980	-	325
Alpha Programme	1,254	11,715	-
Discipleship	2,860	600	-
Interest Received	836	2,591	3,523
Building Donations	100	900	1,509
Jobkeeper Subsidy	54,000	-	-
Cash Boost Stimulus from ATO	10,000	-	-
Total Income	192,590	129,654	113,429
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	3,732	3,716	6,684
Employment Expenses including on-costs	46,210	73,200	68,769
Jobkeeper Expense	32,377	-	-
Insurance	20,357	21,101	19,649
Office Expenses	5,758	9,081	6,543
Alpha Programme	1,544	11,575	-
Discipleship	1,767	928	-
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	12,307	23,981	18,192
Repairs and maintenance	31,194	16,363	35,933
Clergy Car Expenses	4,443	4,135	4,828
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	816	1,905	4,665
Total Operating Expenses	160,505	165,985	165,263
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	32,085	(36,332)	(51,834)
Other income -specific sponsorship	-	-	37,340
Roof Repayments to 31 Dec 2020	(16,700)	(16,700)	(16,700)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	15,385	(53,031)	(31,194)

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

**Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)
Are You the One Who is to Come?**

May 1 Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne
The challenge and the blessing of responding to Jesus as the Messiah.

**Weekend Retreat—Cost: \$300 per person
Praying with Saint Teresa of Jesus**

April 16-18. Presenter: Fr. Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD
St Teresa guides us towards a state of sublime surrender to God, where in silence we will be taught in an interior way.

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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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER
INTENTION
FOR MARCH**

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

The Word

Sunday 21 March 2021: Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the prophet Jeremiah Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity. See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *(R.)*
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R.)*
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors our ways and sinners may return to you. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.