



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

22 March 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am
Thursday: 9:15am
Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Public Holiday: 9:00am
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 - Wednesday & Friday: 6:10am Thursday: 8:40am
Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:15am 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

**First Friday
of Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at
6:45pm followed by mass at
7:30pm

Every Thursday

Morning Prayer prior to mass
8:40am

Every Friday during Lent

7:30pm - Stations of the Cross

March

Thursday 26 March

10:30am—Parish Hall
Parish Social Craft Group

Mass Online:

<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
(the Link is Case Sensitive)



*He smeared the clay on [the man's] eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of
Siloam."
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors
to the Parish,

In the Gospel of John, the
image of light is often used as a
metaphor to depict Jesus, who
presents us with the

illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of
'the world', and the blindness of sin.

Jesus, as the Divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in
miraculous fashion. To each of us, he offers the grace of vision—
not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness,
but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the eternal realities
which lie beyond this world—that we may perceive the hidden
presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies
beyond *all* things.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Staying Connected as a Community

Staying connected as a community during the current COVID-19 crisis is important. There are simple steps we can all take to assist the elderly, people with a disability and others who may be particularly vulnerable during these challenging times. Offering to deliver the basic things we all need – from prescriptions to the weekly food shop- is very helpful. Simply calling people on the telephone to keep in touch can also have a big impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Thoughts from Pope Francis:

“Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street. When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let’s think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will be all a memory but normality will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together. Strength and courage.”

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7:30PM

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH



Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Prayer Zone

Anniversary: Ruben Gabila

Please pray for the ill:

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; 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, Jeannie, 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— MARCH

Wednesday 25 March, The Annunciation of the Lord.

Excerpt from Pope Francis’ Lenten Message 2020

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us.



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

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.

On direction from the Bishop of Broken Bay, all Public Masses are presently on hold as a prevention measure against the spread of Coronavirus.

**The Church is still open for:
Small Group Rosary;
The Way of the Cross
(Fridays at 7:30pm).
Exposition / Adoration
(First Friday of every month at 6:45pm)**

Please come in for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES:

Bishop Anthony is currently considering how best these may be celebrated in the current circumstances and will advise us in the coming weeks. Bishop Anthony will be discussing these liturgies with the Council of Priests which is to meet next Tuesday 24 March.

MASS DURING THIS TIME

The faithful can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television (Mass For You At Home - Sunday 6am on Channel Ten) or online at <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>. The link for the mass online is case sensitive, so please type it with the capitals M, O and D.

PRAYING PSALM 91

Today I dwell in the secret place of the most High, and so I abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Today I say of the Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress: my God; in you I trust.

Surely you deliver me from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

You cover me with Your feathers, and under your wings I trust; Your truth is my shield and buckler.

And so, I am no afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; Nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; but it shall not come near me.

Only with my eyes do I look and see the reward of the wicked.

Because I have made the Lord my refuge, even the most High, my habitation; No evil befalls me, nor does any plague come nigh my dwelling.

For He gives his angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways. The bear me up in their hands, lest I dash my foot against a stone.

I tread upon the lion and the cobra: the young lion and the serpent I trample under foot.

Because I have set my love upon Him, therefore He delivers me: He sets me on high, because I have known His name. I call upon Him, and He answers me: He is with me in trouble; He delivers me and honours me.

With long life He satisfies me, and shows me His salvation.

The Word

Sunday 22 March 2020: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the first book of Samuel 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the the Ephesians Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.