

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

23 February 2020 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)



*He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

On a compass, east is the farthest point from west and they will never meet. The Psalmist uses similar

imagery to show how far our forgiving God removes our transgressions from us. Still, the people need to remember the second great commandment of loving their neighbour. Rather than bearing grudges or having hearts full of hatred, they are called to be holy because God is holy. Paul puts this another way, reminding them that they are temples of the Holy Spirit in which God dwells. They belong to Christ and are to treat one another reverently.

Jesus knows that violence can spiral dangerously out of control. He teaches the people how it can be overcome—pay back good for evil, pray for those who wrong you, turn the other cheek, go the extra distance in helping someone, lend and give generously without expecting anything. Jesus reminds them that in doing these things they are responding as children of their compassionate and merciful Father.

These readings are still relevant. We are saddened and disturbed by the violence and cruelty in our society. As a follower of Christ, and a child of God, am I able to show I take Jesus' teaching to heart by loving, reverencing and serving my neighbour?

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg

**First Friday
of Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at 6:45pm

Every Thursday

Morning Prayer prior to mass 8:40am

February

Thursday 27—Parish Craft Social Group—Parish Hall

March

Thursday 5th —Relics of St Therese of Lisieux, and her parents Saints Louis and Zelig Martin.

Saturday 7th
Fr Johny's farewell.
St John's Anglican Church Hall
Gordon
7pm-11:30pm
BYO All Drinks

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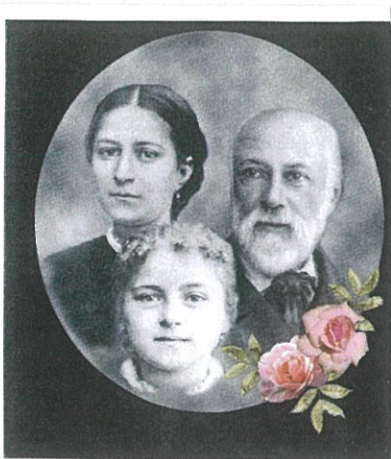
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RELICS OF ST THERESE AND HER PARENTS LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH ON THE 5TH AND 6TH MARCH

St Therese was born in 1873, became a nun in the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of 15 and died at the very young age of 24. Pope Pius X said that she is one of the great saints of modern times. Her approach to Jesus was very effective in enabling her to have a deep friendship with God and it is applicable to all walks of life. Also she does not require extraordinary penances.

She shows us how we may come to God in our ordinary everyday life. She did not experience extraordinary phenomena such as visions or levitation. So she relates to you and me. Key to her approach is her appreciation that God is a God of mercy and embraces us even in our weakness.

She says that "Holiness is a disposition of heart that makes us humble and little conscious of our weakness but confident in God to the point of audacity." She invites us to make little acts of love out of love for God in a way that cares for our family and others. A parent getting up in the middle of the night to attend a sick child would exemplify this. It costs but it is an act of love in the concrete circumstance.

PROGRAM:

Thursday 5 March

- * Welcome liturgy Thursday 9am
- * Mass at 9:30am with young people and others
- * Veneration during the day; more details later
- * Evening prayer with Friars at 5pm
- * Veneration of Relics
- * Rosary
- * Mass at 7:30pm with Bishop Anthony Randazzo
- * Veneration of Relics
- * Night prayer at 10pm.

Friday 6 March

- * Mass at 6:30am
- * Veneration of Relics
- * Departure Liturgy at 7:45am
- * Relics leave at 8am

ZELIE & LOUIS MARTIN PARENTS OF THERESE

Zelie and Louis Martin were the first married couple to be canonized by the Church. They lived lives that are surprisingly similar to our contemporaries. Both were working while they raised their children. They were always busy. They knew the joys and sorrows of ordinary families. They died of illnesses familiar to us. Zelie of breast cancer and Louis of arteriosclerosis that affected his brain and meant that he was in a psychiatric hospital for three years.

They connect to us by their life experience, their youth, their growth as a couple and their joy at the birth of children. They say that holiness is not just for elite souls but for everyone living ordinary lives.

To help prepare for the coming of the relics, Brother Adalbert will speak on Therese and her parents at this parish on Friday 28 February in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm. You are most welcome.

RELICS PRESENT AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON THE 5TH OF MARCH.

Come along on the 5th and be blessed by these saints as you pray in the presence of the relics. Therese in the last year of her earthly life said multiple times: 'I feel my ministry is soon to begin, my mission is to make others love the good God as I love Him, to give to souls my little way of trust and self-surrender. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth.' In other words, she is very active in heaven in relation to our needs.

I would especially encourage you to set aside Thursday 5th March at 7:30pm when we will be graced for the first time with Bishop Anthony Randazzo as the main celebrant.



Alpha....

..... began again this week.... If you would like to join us it is not too late, you can still join at any of the following days:

**Alpha Youth
Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm (Years**

6-12).

There has been a great response to the youth. If you are in this age group you are very welcome to join the group.

Alpha

Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday Evenings 7:00-9:15pm

Please call Jen Perrott on 9144 6998 or register at:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives-alpha



Faith... Catechists

All schools are back this week. SINPS is yet to confirm return this week and I will let you know by email.

We are in need of teachers or helpers for the following schools and classes:

St Ives North – Tuesday's

Year 2 10:00-10:30am

Year 5 – 9:30-10:00am

Year 6 – 9:30-10:00am

St Ives Primary – Wednesday's

Year 3/4 – 9:45-10:20am

Year 5/6 – 9:45-10:20am

Turramurra North – Wednesday's

Year 3/4 – 10:20-10:55am

St Ives Park – Wednesdays

Year 3/4 (helper) – 11:30-12:10pm

If you could help we would be most appreciative. These children go to non-scripture in this time slot if we don't have someone to fill the classes. ***The children are therefore missing out on our faith being passed on.*** All training and resources are provided. Please contact Jen Perrott in the office on 9144 6998 or email on catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

Corpus Christi Catholic School News:



RECONCILIATION

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare in the coming weeks for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday 23rd March at either 9:30am or 3:30pm in the Church.



NEW SAVE THE DATE!!!!

We look forward to seeing many of our families at our first whole school Mass for the year which has been changed from 1st March to **5th April**. Our first family Mass is being led by Stage 3 and Kindergarten and we are hoping all families join us for this first celebration of the Eucharist. Please keep these dates for our family Masses on Sunday 6pm free in your diary:

Sunday 28 June;

Sunday 23 August; and

Sunday 22 November.

Mass for St Therese of Lisieux and her parents.

Thursday 5 March 9:30am

In the coming weeks, relics of St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents, St. Louis and St. Zelie, will be visiting the Diocese of Broken Bay and our Parish. St Therese was a Carmelite nun and known as the 'little flower'.

We will be participating in a whole school Mass with our children from Years 3-6 to celebrate the lives of these holy people of God. For more information on the saints and relics see over the page and go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au> and search the site using keyword "relics".

In our own families when a loved one dies it is normal to want to maintain a connection to the person in some form, whether it be through an urn of ashes, a piece of clothing, jewellery, letters or photographs. It is an opportunity to bring a loved one closer to us as a physical reminder of their importance in our lives. Many people have a genuine devotion to particular saints and visiting relics provide an opportunity to learn about and be inspired by the story of the lives of these holy people. Blessings

Sharon Kelly Religious Education Co-ordinator.

ACOLOYTE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 10AM & 6PM MASS

We currently have two acolyte positions available for our 10am and 6pm Sunday mass. If you are interested in finding out more, please see Father after mass or contact the Parish office during the week by email: office@corpuschristi.com.au



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, Carol-Anne Campbell,
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.

CEILING UPDATE

This photo was taken on Thursday the 20th of February. Good progress is being made. We will keep you informed of the ceiling progress.

FEAST DAYS— FEBRUARY

Wednesday 26, Ash Wednesday

Reminder:



Please bring in your blessed palms from last year so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday. Baskets will be placed near the entrance of the Hall so you can leave your palms.

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- Code of Conduct

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING



Father Vincent Nguyen, Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 27th February 2020.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.30PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting we will be viewing a Lenten video presentation by Bishop Robert Barron titled "Mercy at the Cathedral".

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 and novices 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.

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

Day Retreat: "Journey to the Centre!"
March 7. Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

Weekend Retreat: Artist Retreat.

March 13-15. Presenter: John Charadia and Artist Tutor Team.

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: retreats@carmelite.com
www.mtcarmel.com.au

A DIRECTIVE FROM BISHOP ANTHONY REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

In an effort to limit the spread of the virus, Bishop Anthony has requested that only the host will be offered during communion. Only the celebrant/s will be able to take from the chalice. These guidelines will be reviewed at the end of February.



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 27 February 2020 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

SPIRITUAL CHILDHOOD, SAINTLY PARENTHOOD: ST THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS

Did you know that the relics of one of the great Carmelite saints, St Therese of Lisieux (also known as The Little Flower) and her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig, will be coming to our parish on Thursday 5 March.

Br Adalbert Imperial OCD (a Carmelite seminarian) will introduce us to them in his talk, *Spiritual Childhood, Saintly Parenthood*. We hope you will join us. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Friday 28 February, 2020

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Location: Corpus Christi St Ives, Parish Hall

Please RSVP at <http://tiny.cc/LittleFlower> for catering purposes.



TAP & GO IS HERE!

We would like to enable our parishioners to give in a way that suits them. As we are increasingly becoming a cashless society, we now offer Tap & Go for our Parishioners who prefer to not carry cash. There are two Tap & Go machines at the front door of the Hall. The donation amounts are pre-set at \$5 on one machine and \$10 on the other machine. To donate via Tap & Go you hold your credit card over the machine and wait for it to go through. This will take a few seconds.

Donation by way of planned giving and plate is still available.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Social Justice Group Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend a meeting of the Social Justice Group on Wednesday, 26th February at 7.30pm. Please contact John Lenehan on 0402 291 355 if you would like to attend the meeting.

"In My Blood It Runs" Screening

The insightful documentary "In My Blood It Runs" will be screening on Wednesday, 22nd April at 6:30pm at Roseville Cinema. The screening is a special fundraiser for "Children's Ground", a charity working to end disadvantage in Indigenous communities. A Q&A will be held after the film.

Ten-year-old Djujan is a child-healer, a good hunter and speaks three languages. As he shares his wisdom of history and the complex world around him we see his spark and intelligence. Yet Djujan is 'failing' in school and facing increasing scrutiny from welfare and the police.

As he travels perilously close to incarceration, his family fight to give him a strong Arrernte education alongside his western education lest he becomes another statistic. We walk with him as he grapples with these pressures, shares his truths and somewhere in-between finds space to dream, imagine and hope for his future self.

As the film is released, In My Blood It Runs will be working with a range of national partners to deliver an impact campaign that has been strategized in close consultation with Djujan and his family as well as an advisory group of senior Arrernte and Garwa Elders and leaders.

Members of the Corpus Christi Social Justice Group will be attending the screening. The event is being hosted by Jews for Social Action, Roseville Uniting Church and the Reconciliation Network, Northern Sydney Region. Tickets are \$25 plus a \$2 booking fee. To purchase a ticket go to: <https://fan-force.com/screenings/in-my-blood-it-runs-roseville-cinema/>

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