

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

**23 July 2023, 16th 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Sunday 23 July**

Youth Mass – 4pm

High School Youth Group 5pm

**Tuesday 25 July**

Parish Finance Committee

Meeting

**Thursday 27 July**

Fr Sunny's bible study

The Acts of the Apostles

7:30 to 9pm in the Church

**Friday 28 July**

Corpus Christi School

Grandparents and Friends Mass

9am



**First collect the weeds and tie them  
in bundles for burning; but gather  
the wheat into my barn.**

**(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners,

When I was a child, I remember seeing a tree in our garden, being slowly overtaken by a parasitic plant. The plant looked beautiful and luscious, almost like a tree itself, but over time it started to choke the tree. Removing it was a big operation. In our Gospel today, Jesus uses similar imagery to reflect on the situation of the world and the reality of living a life of faith. Darnel and wheat look very similar until the ear appears. While the servants in the reading are ready to remove the darnel, the owner is wary they may pull out the wheat as well, and so instructs them to let them grow together.

Our society is full of wheat and weeds – beautiful acts and experiences of faith and love, and challenging, painful experiences of resentment, violence, and hurt. We realize that both coexist in our world with consequences for all.

In each individual's life there are wheat and weeds. It is appropriate to praise God for the wheat he has fostered as one has cooperated with his grace but also to acknowledge the weeds asking God under and with his grace over time to reduce the weeds with ones cooperation turning them into wheat. This is living our faith promises we solemnly made at our baptism, when we first received the spirit.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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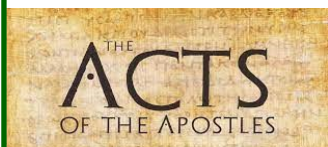
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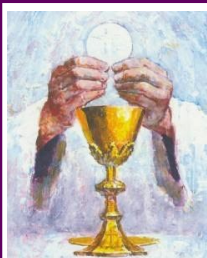
## FR SUNNY'S BIBLE STUDY



All are welcome to attend Fr Sunny's bible study on The Acts of the Apostles.

This session will commence on Thursday the 27th of July at 7:30 to 9pm and every Thursday thereafter with an extended break starting in the September school holidays.

The sessions are free and you will receive a handout. Please bring your bible with you.



### Enrolment for First Eucharist is now open.

If your child is Year 4 or older, has been baptised, and completed the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation, then they are eligible to enrol in the First

Eucharist sacramental program. The ceremony will take place on either Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6pm or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10am. To enrol go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CJSGB> or see our website for further details.

Any questions can be directed to [sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au)



## SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Jim McKeon, Parish Priest of Epping and Carlingford Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Jim will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church" and should not be missed. 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](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

Peace

Terry 0438 887 295



The Welcome Ministry is for volunteers who greet people on arrival at each Mass, in particular newcomers to the Parish

*Be part of a team to make our parish warmer and build up our community*

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS IN FOYER OF CHURCH, OR CONTACT ANDRENA BREWER ON 0438 698 993 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## WELCOME MINISTRY INFORMATION

*Night*

### WHERE:

CORPUS CHRISTI ST IVES  
PARISH HALL  
7:15-9:00PM

PLEASE SCAN THE CODE HERE TO REGISTER OR FILL IN THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.







### Our Deepest Sympathy

#### Eris McEncroe (husband of Mary-Louise)

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Eris. Eris's Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at St Leonard's Church, Naremburn on Monday 24 July at 10:30am.

Parking in this area can be difficult as there is limited parking in the grounds and outside the Church. However a little further afield should be easier.

May Eris experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

### Grandparents & Friends Mass

On Friday 28 July, Corpus Christi school students, along with their Grandparents and Friends, will be attending the 9am mass. Please allow a little extra time as parking will be limited.

### PARISHIONER SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

One of our parishioners is seeking accommodation. He is entirely independent and lives a quiet and private lifestyle, and would be of no burden. He would be willing to care for the garden, put out the garbage for collection and pay a fair rental.

If you have an unused granny flat, suitable to rent, could you please contact either Christina or Michelle in the office and they will be able to connect you. Email: [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au) or 9144 6998.

### 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.

### Prayer Zone



#### Recently Deceased:

Eris McEnroe

#### Please pray for the ill:

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; Victoria; 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 the office know.***

### FEAST DAYS JULY

Saturday 22 July, St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday 25 July, St James

Wednesday 26 July, Sts Joachim and Anne (parents of Blessed Virgin Mary)

Saturday 29 July, Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Monday 31 July, St Ignatius of Loyola

#### INAUGURAL GATHERING 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY

## VINE & BRANCHES

A community gathering after mass for wine, cheese and a chat

6pm

Each fourth Sunday of the month

*We can't wait to meet you!*



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

### For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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## The Word

Sunday 23 July 2023, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 book of Wisdom Wis 12:13.16-19

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience,

for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16.  
R. v.5

*(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:26-27

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 13:24-30

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.