

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

24 February 2019 - Seventh Sunday of 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
Youth Mass: 6:00pm (1st Sunday of month)

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)



“To you who hear, I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to the Parish,

Today’s Gospel is a continuation of the Beatitudes according to Luke. They are considered as part of the

hard sayings of Jesus. They do not make sense if taken literally but make eminent sense when considered in a nuances and deeper way.

A teacher asked her class, ‘If you were arrested and charged by a hostile regime with being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?’ This prompted a discussion on what would constitute compelling evidence. There was general agreement that anyone whose life bore witness to the teaching of Jesus proclaimed in today’s Gospel would not have a leg to stand on. Even for us, who claim to be committed Christians, Jesus’ commands that we should love our enemies and lend without any hope of return go against the grain and are not easy to respond to with much enthusiasm. They are what New Testament scholars sometimes refer to as the ‘hard sayings’ of Jesus.

Discipleship on these terms is costly but not impossible. We have the example of Jesus himself who practised what he preached and of many of his saintly followers. Three years before his martyrdom in Algeria in 1996, French Cistercian Father Christian de Cherge wrote a letter ‘wholeheartedly forgiving whoever (his) killer might be’ and praying, ‘May we meet each other again, happy thieves, in paradise, should it please God.’

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

Every Friday (during term time)
Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

February

Sunday 24 February
Parish Choir
9am-11am

March

Sunday 3 March
Junior Choir
9am-11am

Wednesday 6 March
Ash Wednesday

Sunday 10 March—First Sunday of Lent
Senior Choir
9am-11am

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PARISH OFFICE TEAM

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest
Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest
Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager
Michelle Miles, Office Secretary
Ed Wales, Parish Finance
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

HALL BOOKINGS

John Huggett (Coordinator)
0412 882 263

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL - R.E. UPDATE

Thank you to all our families who have made me feel so welcome to the community of Corpus Christi. It was lovely to see our new leaders for 2019 commissioned into their new leadership roles at our Opening School Mass. Many parents, friends and parishioners joined us to celebrate this special day as we prayed for God's blessing for our new school year. Thank you to our Year Six students led by their teacher Mrs Williams for organising this Mass.

Last Thursday I joined Fr Greg and Gerri Hadwen our Sacramental Coordinator with our Year 3 families to register their children to complete the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday 23rd March at either 9:30am or 3:30pm in the Church. These children will begin their four week preparation program this weekend. We ask our parishioners to keep these children in our prayers as they prepare in the coming weeks for this special day.

This year we would like to bring our family Masses to the Rock Mass on a Sunday evening at 6pm. Our first one this year will be on **Sunday 24th March** and is being led by Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6 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 now on at 6pm, free in your diary:

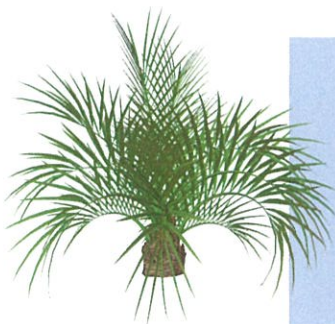
Sunday 24 th March
Sunday 26 th May
Sunday 23 rd June
Sunday 28 th July
Sunday 22 nd September
Sunday 27 th October
Sunday 24 th November

We are planning to introduce new music under the great guidance of Toby Carroll (iRock).

Blessings

Sharon Kelly

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR



Reminder:

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

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Ruben Gabila

Please pray for the ill:

Elizabeth Buay; Maria and Jack Garcia;
Roseanne Kapel; Tony Lee; Jose Mestres;
Marie Martin; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice
Martin; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria;
Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer;
Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Carmel
Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien,
Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa
Doherty, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer
Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie
Spencer, Brendan Stone,
John Michael Walsh

Please let the office know of any changes to the ill.

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 — February

Friday 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle
Saturday 23rd, St Polycarp, bishop, martyr.

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM:

Day Retreat 'Laudato Si, mi' Signore"

March 2 @ 10:30am—4:00 pm

Presenter: Fr Michael Dyer

Cost: \$30

Weekend Retreat: Where to from here?

March 22 @ 6:15pm—March 24 @ 1:30pm

Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

Cost: \$300

Mid-Week Retreat: Praying with the Doctors: St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of Lisieux.

March 26 @ 10:30am —March 27 @1:30pm

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, ODC and Geoff

Stumbles

Cost: \$135

Weekend Retreat: Contemplating the creative process

March 22 @ 6:00pm—March 31 @ 1:30pm

Presenter: John Charadia and artist tutors

Cost: \$330

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.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:

68 year old female parishioner needing accommodation for approximately 6 months.

Please contact Victoria 0412 946 846.

INVITATION WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, ST IVES UNITING CHURCH

FRIDAY 1 MARCH, 5:30-7PM

St Ives Uniting Church, as this year's host church of World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical world wide event celebrated annually in over 170 countries, invites everyone to join with us, and other church members in the area, to celebrate this event and to pray as one for peace and justice in the world this year.

A short DVD about Slovenia with a light supper, followed by a short ecumenical Service focussed on prayer for the world, and for Slovenia in particular. More information on the invitation in the Church foyer.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, lessons available. Next get together **Thursday 28 February 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY



Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

A Conversation with Fr Frank Brennan S.J., A.O.

The Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara has organised an afternoon of conversation with Fr Frank Brennan next weekend: Sunday 3rd March, 2.30pm to 5.15pm. St. Bridget's Hall in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre, Holy Family Catholic Church, 2-4 Highfield Rd., Lindfield. Frank Brennan has a longstanding reputation for advocacy in the areas of social justice, refugee protection, Aboriginal reconciliation and human rights activism. He is currently CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia. Frank will discuss a number of important issues facing the church at this critical time in our history as well as sharing his insights on various social justice topics.

To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/468555>

Choir for Rite of Election & Chrism Mass

Singers and Musicians from across the Diocese are warmly invited to lead the congregation in prayerful song at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara for the following diocesan events:

Rite of Election

10 March 2019 (Sunday)

Rehearsal on the day in the Fr Farrell Room from 12:45 PM for 2:00 PM ceremony start.

Chrism Mass 2019

16 April 2019 (Tuesday)

Rehearsal on the day in the Cathedral from 6:00 PM for 7:30 PM Mass start.

(Supper provided)

RSVP

To ensure we have enough seats and music/hymn books for everyone. Please RSVP ASAP to cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au

and on the subject line type "CHOIR RSVP"

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values COMPASSION.... "Finally all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind"- 1 Peter 3:8

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.



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MCP PSYCHOLOGIST NOW AVAILABLE IN ST IVES

Mr Vinicio Herrera has a Masters Degree in Psychology and has been a practicing psychologist for over 20 years.

SPECIAL INTEREST:

* Parent/children attachment/bonding history and transgenerational trauma implications of trust, love and fear

* Improving children/adults abilities to regulate cognitive behavioural and emotional functioning

* Divorce/separation –incorporating principles which can help parents and children adapt/ transition to changed circumstances.

* Building strong foundations for emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual resilience- so that children, adolescents, adults can engage confidently in a changing world with appropriate skills to plan, adapt, communicate and manage stress.

For an appointment or queries please call 02 94409944 or 0417665673 .

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