

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

24 September 2023, 25th 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: 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 Monday
(during term time)**

Divine Will Prayer Group
10-11:30am - Hall

Second Wednesday of Every Month

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**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

Weekend of 23/24 Sept

SJG Tibetan Fundraising w/end

Sunday 24 September

Vines and Branches following
5pm Mass

School holidays 25 September
to 8 October. Reduced hours in
the Parish Office.

Thursday 28 September

Parish Social Craft Group
10am in the Hall



***What if I wish to give this
last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I
wish with my own
money?
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah speaks of God's ways and thoughts being unlike the logic and expectations which define the human community. This is reflected in the Gospel from St Matthew which presents the parable of the vineyard labourers.

When we read the parable through the human lens of justice and equity we, like the labourers in the vineyard, experience a contradiction. However, if we understand the parable as God's invitation to work with Jesus in mission, in the 'vineyard of our lives', then remuneration for this work flows to us in terms of grace. The psalm affirms the generosity and compassion of God who is abounding in love. These infinite divine qualities can never be quantified, measured, divided up or stored.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Social Justice Corner

Annual Fundraiser for the Tibetan Community

Corpus Christi Parish has supported the Tibetan refugees living in the Northern Beaches for many years. This weekend, we are holding our annual fundraising appeal after each Mass.

Donations received will be used to purchase prescription medication, fund the gap for hearing aids and provide other assistance to vulnerable Tibetan families when they first arrive in Australia. Robust systems are in place to ensure funds raised are used appropriately, and money is not provided directly to the families.

If you are unable to attend Mass next weekend, a donation can be transferred to the following account:

Northern Beaches Tibetan Health Fund

BSB: 06 2287

Account No: 1043 9094

Please note that donations are not tax deductible.

For further information, email Cathy Butler, tibetanhealthfund@gmail.com or call 0401 393 051



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in."

Matthew 25:35-40

WE ARE KEEPING SUNDAY 5PM MASS

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on the 5pm Sunday Mass trial. We received 32 responses. 66% preferred to keep the 5pm Mass time, 9% preferred to revert to 6pm, and 16% suggested 5pm during Winter and 6pm during Summer. 9% did not have a preference. We acknowledge a few concerns that 5pm Mass during daylight savings might be too early and conflict with afternoon activities. There was strong feedback supporting the 5pm Mass during the cooler months.

Given the results, we will continue with 5pm Sunday night Mass from now until the end of Winter in 2024. We will monitor Mass attendance through the coming warmer months, and re-review for Spring 2024. Please contact any one of us if you would like to discuss further.

Your Parish Council (Fr Greg Chee, Sherwell Fernando, Jen Perrott, Atat Li-Kim-Mui, John Goh, Cel Tria, Phil Liang, Edith Chan)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

25 September to Friday 6 October

The Parish office will be closed on Monday the 25th of September and Monday 2 October (Labour Day public holiday).

The office will be open on Tuesdays through to Fridays from 9am to 1pm.

Normal office hours resume on Monday 9 October



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 28th September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's. 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.



Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. We had a great turnout on Sunday the 10th of September, and was so busy chatting that we only managed to get a photo after a few families left! The next dates are 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!



Praise & Worship

SAVE THE DATE
5TH NOVEMBER
2-4PM

Fundraiser community building event
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS AS A PARISH

'Calling all business owners or people who can ask their place of work - we are looking for **sponsors** or **donations of vouchers, services or goods** for our raffle.

Please contact the office by Wednesday, 27 Sept. Thank you for your generosity!!!! We will be actively encouraging all parishioners to support our sponsors and donors at their place of business.'



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 28 September 2023**
@ 10.30am in the Parish Hall.
Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

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: Christina Gomez
Anniversary: Denise Carmody

Please pray for the ill:

Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; Amy O'Connell; 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; 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 Michelle or Christina know.

FEAST DAYS SEPTEMBER

Sat 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina , priest
Wed 27th St Vincent de Paul, priest
Fri 29th, Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Sat 30th, St Jerome, priest, doctor
Mon 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

BEAUTIFUL HYMNS

Try our YouTube playlist of current and soon to be sung hymns



Scan me!

SUNDAY 5PM WORSHIP CHOIR

Come sing, harmonise and make music with us

Invigorate our Mass

Contact sueanne.sherwood777@gmail.com to join 😊 come have some fun



Recent pizza social



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of less importance.

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The Word

Sunday 24 September 2023, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law, upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 prophet Isaiah Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.
I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.
(R.)
The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
(R.)
The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'
The Gospel of the Lord.