



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

25 June 2023, 12th Sunday of 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

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

July cancelled due to Carmelite Regional Chapter Meeting

Sunday 25th June

Youth Group Parish Hall—6pm

Sunday 2nd July

National and Torres Strait
Islander Sunday—Special Mass
10am

Wednesday 5th July

MenAlive meeting—7pm Parish
Office

School Holidays

Monday 3 July - Friday 14 July
The office will be working
reduced hours over this period.



***And do not be afraid
of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul.
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners

Jesus was no stranger to persecution, but it did not prevent him from boldly proclaiming the

Good News of the kingdom, and instructing his disciples to do the same. Jesus tells his followers, 'Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body'. Sometimes we can become discouraged in the face of opposition or difficulties. Jesus wants us to lift our gaze and set our eyes on what is eternal.

The Gospel message is too important for us to allow discouragement to stop us from proclaiming it boldly. Today we pray for courage to face the challenges that come from living out our faith. May our courage be renewed as we strive to build the kingdom of God here on earth and make the love of Jesus better known, even in the face of opposition and hardships.

On a separate note, ***the Carmelite community will be gathering in Varroville from the 3rd to the 7th of July for the Regional Chapter Meeting.*** There will be communion services on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week and ***the First Friday mass for July has been cancelled.***

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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The popular international evangelist Bruce Downes, also known as the Catholic Guy, will be in town on July 1st 2023 (Saturday). He will be available at St Patrick Conference Centre, 300 The River Road, Revesby Heights, NSW, from 12.30pm – 5.00pm for An Afternoon with the Catholic Guy with focus on the Holy Spirit – the Presence of God, and from 5.30pm – 9.00pm for Faith Builder's Dinner. General Admission \$30 to cover cost. Faith Builder's cost covered.

RSVP: 25 June 2023 to RSVP@TheCatholicGuy.com

Aid to the Church in Need ACN AUSTRALIA

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023?

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



BUILDING COMMUNITY AT THE SUNDAY EVENING MASS

A small group of Sunday night parishioners are working together to build community after Sunday night Mass. If you have ideas, would like to help out, or would like to find out more, please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com).



Social Justice Corner

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Sunday.

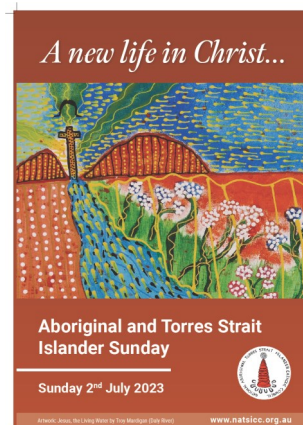
To mark Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Sunday (2nd July), **all are invited** after Mass to hear an address by Susan Moylan-Coombes, followed by tea, coffee and refreshments.

Susan is the founding director of Gaimaragal Group, a company established to create a new story of connection and wellbeing for all Australians. The group's aim is to facilitate the voice for indigenous Elders in the contemporary social space, empower youth to realise their full potential, and provide two-way cultural translation to bring individuals and communities together.

Susan's ancestry is Woolwonga and Gurindji from the Northern Territory and is part of a group known as the Stolen Generations. Susan has extensive experience in consultation with indigenous groups and the community as a whole and previously held the positions of Executive Producer ABC's Indigenous Programs Unit and Head of Production, NITV a division of SBS. Susan contributes her time to a number of boards and committees including Northern Sydney Local Health District Aboriginal Advisory Committee and founder and co-chair of the Guringai Festival Committee.

A Prayer for Refugee Week

*Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own,
look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief.
Inspire generosity and compassion in the hearts of all of us.
Guide us and every nation of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace.
Through Jesus Christ, our Brother and our Lord.
Amen*





WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The Corpus Christi Parish family would like to congratulate Anthea Nicholls and Rocco Di Mauro on their upcoming wedding. May God shower your new lives together with many blessings.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

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.

Youth News

Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and children under 12 years old together with their families. We had a fun night last Sunday, with many families joining us for dinner and games.



Next time will be Sunday 16 July in the Church Hall after the 5pm Mass – hope to see you there!

High School Youth Group



We will be in the Church Hall on Sunday 25 June after the 5pm Youth Mass. We will have dinner together and spend some time together as the Term wraps up.

Youth activities are free to attend.

Contributions/donations are welcome to cover costs.

Youth Mass

We would love for more people to get involved in our monthly Youth Masses. Our next one will be on Sunday 25 June at the 5pm Mass. Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more! For more info about the youth groups or youth mass, please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Michelle at the Office.



Office Hours during July school holidays

The office will be working reduced hours over the school holidays and will be closed on Monday the 3rd and 10th of July and open from 9am—12:30pm on the Tuesdays to Fridays.

FEAST DAYS JUNE/JULY

Wednesday 28 June, St Irenaeus
Thursday 29 June, Sts Peter and Paul
Monday 3 July, St Thomas
Tuesday 11 July, St Benedict
Saturday 15 July, St Bonaventure
Sunday 16 July, Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Saturday 22 July, St Mary Magdalene

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.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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The Word

Sunday 25 June 2023, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
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 Jeremiah Jer 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,

"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35.

R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. *(R.)*
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his

servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,

and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.