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**25 March 2018— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord —Year B**

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)*



**March 2018**

**Every Thursday**

Prayer Group prior to mass  
8:40am

**Every Friday (during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg  
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

**Sunday 25 March**

Palm Sunday  
Parish Choir—9am—11am

**Thursday 29 March**

Holy Thursday  
7:30pm Solemn Mass  
Prayer and adoration to 10:30pm

**Friday 30 March**

Good Friday  
10am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Solemn commemoration of  
Lord's passion

**Saturday 31 March**

7pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

**Sunday 1 April—Easter Sunday**

8am & 10am Mass.  
No evening mass



*Those preceding him as well  
as those following kept  
crying out: “Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord!”*

*(Gospel)*

Dear parishioners and visitors to the parish,

We begin the ‘Holy Week’ during which we see Jesus reach the climax of his mission, each unfolding event accentuating the deepest meaning of his life, words and teachings. During this week he will speak of our human condition: our life with all its sorrow, pain, work, worry, anguish and anxiety, or their absence. He invites us to walk with him so that we can imitate his ‘self-emptying’ attitude, emptying ourselves of our own will and our desire to control our own lives and the lives of others. This is not a call to a life of pain and misery but to a life of deep freedom, peace and happiness. It is not easy, however sincere we are; but Isaiah assures us, ‘The Sovereign Lord gives help and understanding.’

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest  
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Jennifer Perrott, Catechist Co-Ordinator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**HALL BOOKINGS**

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## What's on...

**Every First Friday**, 7-8pm, Holy Hour for Vocations. Adoration, reflection, evening prayer of the Church. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au

**Every Last Wednesday**, 7-9pm, A Discernment Evening for young adults (18-35) who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au

**Sunday 25 March**, 9:30am-3:30pm, Easter Silent Retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries at The Centre, 14 Frances Street, Randwick. \$50 including meals. Call Kylie 0403 453 620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

**Tuesday 27 March**, 7:30pm Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Bishop Peter A Comensoli to renew their priestly commitment. Please contact Bella Jakubek Bella.Jakubek@dbb.org.au should you require further details.

**Friday 8 June 6pm — Sunday 10 June 11am**, Better Blokes at Warrambui Retreat @ Conference Centre. Better Blokes is a national gathering of men. It is a life-changing and life-affirming experience where men are encouraged to get real with their mates, get real with God and get real with themselves. Men testify that they are equipped to be better blokes within their families, their churches and the wider community. This year we celebrate 10 years of Better Blokes. Our featured guests will be Col Stringer and Steve Grace.



### Easter Music Rehearsals

Choir rehearsal times for the Easter masses are listed below. Everyone is welcome to join! Rehearsals will be held in the Church.

The next rehearsal will be held from 7:30pm-9pm on 28 March (Easter Vigil Music - Miki and Miho Hachigo leading)

### 1 hour rehearsal prior to Good Friday and Easter Vigil



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

Join in the spiritual and humbling experience of having your feet washed. Please sign up to volunteer on the sheet in the church foyer.

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** Pauline King

**Deceased:** Margaret Pamela Downie (Pam), husband to Bert.

### Please pray for the ill:

Maurice Martin; Lewis Crinitti; Phillip Johnson; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Jan Davies, Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, John Edwards, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone, John Michael Walsh

### Feast Days — March

**Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st March**, Holy Week

### CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM:

#### Weekend Retreat: Living in the Light of Resurrection : A retreat in the spirit of Taize

April 6-10. Facilitated by Friends of Taize  
Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

#### Day Retreat: Out of the darkness, colour breaks

April 7 10:30am to 4:30pm. Presenter: Lorraine Murphy OCDS  
Cost: \$30  
Pick ups from Minto train station at 9:30 & 10am  
Please bring your own lunch.

#### Weekend Retreat: Journeying with the Disciples of Emmaus: Time to Reflect with two "insignificant disciples" as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord.

April 13-15. Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming OCD.  
Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

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](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)



## Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle

We are holding a Easter Egg raffle to be drawn on Sunday 1 April (Easter Sunday) We need your help. To make it a success we are inviting each member of the parish

to donate one Easter egg of any size to the cause. Eggs can be placed in the baskets at the church entrances. If anyone would like to assist by selling tickets, please contact the office. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Thank you for you help and good luck!!



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**WORLD WATER DAY:** World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about focusing attention on the importance of water. The theme for World Water Day 2018 is 'Nature for Water' – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.

Damaged ecosystems affect the quantity and quality of water available for human consumption. Today, 2.1 billion people live without safe drinking water at home; affecting their health, education and livelihoods. Sustainable Development Goal 6 commits the world to ensuring that everyone has access to safe water by 2030, and includes targets on protecting the natural environment and reducing pollution.

When we neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive. Nature-based solutions have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. We need to do much more with 'green' infrastructure and harmonize it with 'grey' infrastructure wherever possible. Planting new forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands will rebalance the water cycle and improve human health and livelihoods.

For more information and to view the "Nature is the Answer" factsheet, go to [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org)

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

**Formation in Spiritual Discernment That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.**



## Catechist Corner

A big welcome and thank you to a new catechist, Eliza Chan, who has responded to our need for a teacher in year 3/4 at St Ives Park. I trust the Lord will be your guide as you journey in faith with these children and you experience the rewards of the gifts you bring – in abundance. Also a big thank you to Cheryl Doyle and Celine Kok, current catechists, who have stepped up to support Eliza.

We still need catechists for 2 classes to teach the following classes at Turramurra North and St Ives Park on Wednesdays:

### Turramurra North

Year 5/6 – 10:20-10:55

### St Ives Park

Year 5/6 – 11:30-12:10pm

Would you please pray for catechists for these classes. Prayer is a powerful tool and as a community praying for this need, I trust God will provide. We are almost through the first term and **these children are currently going to non-scripture classes whilst we do not have a catechist.** All training and resources provided. **If you think you can help (even temporarily), please contact me urgently on 0415 242 898 or the office on 9144 6998 or email; [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au)**

Jen Perrott  
Catechist Coordinator

### ***Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group***

We will be praying for St John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Gordon and for Fr Keith Dalby.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul homeless shelter fresh bread deliveries needs a small number of new volunteers. If you are able to commit to helping one evening each month on a regular schedule, please email [michael.j.hill@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.j.hill@bigpond.com) for additional details.



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