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25 October 2020 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth 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 Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10:30am on Zoom until further
notice

**First Friday
of Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick –9am

October

Sunday 25 October

Parish Choir
9:00am–11:00am

November

Sunday 1 November

All Saints

Children's Choir
9:00am–11:00am

Monday 2 November

All Souls' Day



**“You will love the Lord, your God, with
all your heart, with all your soul, an
with all your mind. ... You shall love
our neighbour as yourself.”**

(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

The Gospel reading for this Sunday contains the great commandment Jesus gave us to love God and to love one another as ourselves. The verse that ‘you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind’ can be broken down into its three elements: heart, soul and mind.

- 1) Loving God with our heart requires a deep commitment to give yourself daily to God, accepting that all things flow from God and return to God.
- 2) Loving God with your soul allows you to reflect and contemplate God and to pray constantly and with sincerity and gratitude.
- 3) Lastly, loving God with your mind compels you to give both your head and your heart to God. Our mind is often caught up in logical and rational thought and can easily embrace the ‘prove it to me’ mentality.

However, loving God with one’s mind requires a deep humility to accept that God exceeds our understanding and is beyond the depth of the human intellect. How do you love God each day— with heart, soul and mind?

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Broken Bay News—Digital Edition

Please see below the link to the digital edition of Broken Bay News in your parish newsletter.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_october_2020_issue_207

The October issue celebrates one year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, as well as testimonies from our seminarians on their next steps in their journey to priesthood, CatholicCare's services for domestic violence and the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 on Mental Health. Plus much more!

PARISH OFFICE— NEW CARPET

The carpet in the Parish office will be replaced on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 November. The office will be closed on Monday and possibly Tuesday. The phones will be redirected and the office staff will be working from home and can be contacted by email as well.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Celebrate

Children's Week

24 October - 1 November 2020



Children's Week is a National celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship held on the fourth Wednesday of October in Australia to coincide with Universal Children's Day. Each year the theme of Children's Week highlights a particular Children's Right.

The Theme for 2020 is Article 15 – 'Children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.'

Please see the poster in the foyer for more information.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church



We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Davies; Peter Shih; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, 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— OCTOBER

Wednesday 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles



The Catenians

Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

For further information phone Paul Rubenach on 0409 445 542 or Steve Swain on 0438 441 803

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2020/21 Planned Giving Envelopes are ready and are in the foyer. Please remember to collect your envelopes when you leave mass.

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.



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

St Irenaeus said only what is experienced by Jesus is redeemed. Jesus experienced human death and hence his saving action on the cross reaches even to the dead. In fact, when he died his body remained in the tomb but his soul descended into the realm of the dead. That is where Adam, Eve, the patriarchs like Abraham, the prophets like Isaiah and many other good but not perfect people were. No one could enter heaven until Jesus first entered there. When Jesus met those in the underworld, he said to them: "Now your salvation is at hand." He then took them to where his body was and said: "See the wounds on my back, the holes where the nails entered my feet, and hands, the piercing of my heart where my last drop of blood and water was shed for you. That is how much I love you." Then his soul entered his body and he rose gloriously. They knew that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. We know by faith that the same is true for us. We do have a glorious future.

Because of Jesus Christ forgiveness and love cross the grave. We may pray effectively for our departed loved ones but they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can and will pray for us especially expressing their gratitude as we pray for them. The Eucharist is one of the most powerful ways of so acting because sacramentally we have present the saving event of the cross.

Hence I encourage you to pray for your departed beloved ones by making a small donation and putting it in an envelope found in the foyer. I will probably do both for my father and mother and my two brothers who have gone before me.

Prayer

Lord God, in whom all find refuge,
we appeal to your boundless mercy:
Grant to the souls of our deceased sisters and brothers
a kindly welcome,
cleansing them from sin,
release from the chains of death
and enable them to enter into everlasting life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

God bless, Fr Greg.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Religion and Global Ethics Annual Event: Catholic Social Teaching and the Climate Crisis – Wednesday, 11th November 2020 from 5pm- 6pm

The release of *Laudato Si'* by Pope Francis in 2015 was hailed as a major milestone for ecology and environmental action across the world: the encyclical offers a framework for Catholics to both understand the contemporary climate crisis and take action. In this timely and interactive event, Dr Celia Deane-Drummond (*Laudato Si'* Institute, Oxford) and Fr. Peter Smith (Sydney Catholic Archdiocese), discuss the successes, challenges, and possibilities of Catholic responses to the climate crisis. Dr Deane-Drummond and Fr. Smith together bring a wealth of theological expertise and practical experience on Catholic approaches to ecology and climate change. This is a unique opportunity to hear a scholar and practitioner 'in conversation' on one of the pressing issues of our time.

To register for the event please email ies@nd.edu.au. The zoom link will then be sent to you.

Volunteers Needed. Opportunities at Jesuit Refugee Service

Jesuit Refugee Service's (JRS) mission is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees, people seeking asylum and forcibly displaced people. During the COVID -19 crisis many of the people JRS support have lost their jobs in the casual sector and are not able to secure food, buy life-saving medicines or pay the rent. Demand for JRS' services has increased by more than 250% and JRS is directly providing food to around 900 people per week with the help of amazing volunteers. Several volunteer roles are available supporting the food bank and food deliveries including delivery drivers, food packers, food collection volunteers and dispatch coordinators. Please contact jane.turner@jrs.org.au for more information.

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Reach out. Give life.

Love one another. Just as I have loved you....
(John 13:34)

As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission plays a vital role in responding to the call to love God and our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus, sharing their faith in action and prayer.

Every October, during World Mission Month, Catholic Mission focus their appeal on one particular program. This year they are partnering with *The Arrupe Centre* in north-western Cambodia. Started in 2001 by the compassionate Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Centre supports young residents with disabilities due to landmine incidents or other illnesses. Offering children the potential to live a full life by providing education, healthcare and opportunities for many, including a young man called Chen, whose life (and that of his family) was impacted so suddenly by a landmine incident which took both of his legs at the age of 16.

Find out more about Chen and this year's appeal at catholicmission.org.au/cambodia and discover how much these young people's lives have been turned around by the love and compassion of the Church, providing them with hope, joy, happiness and support they would otherwise not have access to, in order to help them live a fulfilling life.

If you are able to and wish to donate, you can do so by any of the following methods:

- Texting **GIVE** to **0488 854 436** (please include your parish name in the notes)
- Supporting online at **catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia**
- Completing and returning your **parish appeal envelope**, if you have received one
- Phoning **freecall: 1800 257 296** to talk to one of the friendly team about Catholic Mission projects, regular giving or making a donation over the phone

Catholic Mission thanks our Parish Community for its generosity and ongoing support: "God Bless you all and may he keep you safe."

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FORMING OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2020

Four members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have recently retired from their role on the Council. As Pastor, I wish to express my gratitude for the support and assistance I have received from these members:

Kevin Ruberu, Belinda Camilleri, Bryan Freer, Frank Bosci

2020 has certainly been an unusual and eventful year, but despite the challenges, our Parish has made much progress with pastoral and formation initiatives. We also now have a Parish Vision Statement that will be able to guide us into the years ahead.

Who Is Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi is a welcoming caring, joyful, faith community with Jesus as the heart of the parish and Mary as our spiritual mother, inspired by our Carmelite Spirituality.

Vision

To be an invitational parish that leads people to experience and respond to God's love, continually growing in relationship with Jesus as missionary disciples who connect and serve, pray and worship, give and actively share our gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Purpose

We grow in friendship as disciples of Jesus and bear witness to the experience as we take the message of the Gospel to others.

The role of the PPC is to foster the pastoral life of the Parish. In other words, we look forward to how best to achieve this future goal, in a strategic manner and carry out its mission. A key task of the PPC in coming months will be to prepare a 3-year Parish Pastoral Plan so that the Parish can move more intentionally towards making our vision a reality.

We are now undergoing a process to appoint 4 new members to the PPC, and **invite all parishioners to recommend other parishioners (or themselves)** who they feel have the right skills and gifts for this role at this particular time in the life of the Parish. In terms of our vision the skills and gifts we are looking for, are:

- An excitement about the vision
- Be willing to discern God's plan for Corpus Christi
- Be able to compliment each other's gifts in a team environment

I encourage you to participate in this process. Further information and key dates are detailed below, as well as the Recommendation Form, which is to be returned by 1 November 2020.

With gratitude
Fr Greg Chee

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is to promote and support the evangelising mission of the Parish, working in collaboration with the Parish Priest to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of all the Christian faithful. The PPC enables the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission and to connect their needs and their strengths with the Parish's plans for the future.

THE PPC:

- Meets regularly with Fr Greg, usually on a monthly basis
- Reflects on the life of the parish community
- Acts as the body in the Parish from which Fr. Greg seeks advice about the pastoral life and strategic direction of the Parish community
- Discerns key pastoral priorities and initiatives as part of parish pastoral planning
- Reflects on the 'signs of the times' and the context of the Parish, and considers how the Parish can best carry out its mission, as in our vision and purpose statements.
- Brings forth issues and considerations from the members of the Parish community which might shape the life and future of the Parish community

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS COMPRISED OF 11 PERSONS

- 8 members are appointed to the Council, by recommendation or by direct appointment
- The Principal of Corpus Christi Primary School, the Religious Education Coordinator of Corpus Christi Primary School, and a member of the Finance Committee are *ex officio* members of the Parish Pastoral Council

The 4 members of the current Parish Pastoral Council who continue in their 4-year term until the end of 2022 are:

- Linda Taneja
- Sherwell Fernando
- Andrena Brewer
- Jennifer Perrott

Recommendations for 4 new members are now invited from the community

The terms of membership of each of the new members will be a maximum of 4 years (membership is normally 2 years with a further 2 year option). This means, therefore, that the membership of our Parish Pastoral Council rotates with new members every 2 years.

THE PROCESS

From the weekend of 17/18 October 2020 through to 1 November 2020, recommendations for positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are called. Recommendations need to be of those who show:

- A commitment to the practice of the faith, to the parish community, and to the purpose and vision of Corpus Christi Parish;
- An ability to collaborate, consult and discern with others for the mission of the Church;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- A capacity to think strategically toward the development of Parish Pastoral Plans.

All parishioners recommended will be invited to an Information Evening to better understand the role of a PPC Councillor, and to accept nomination. Those nominated will be invited to a Discernment Evening to determine the members of the Council.

Thank you for your consideration and participation. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all during this process of discernment.

KEY DATES	
17 October	Call for recommendations
1 November	Recommendations close
11 November	Information Evening
19 November	Discernment Evening
28 November	Inaugural Session

For further information regarding the role of the PPC, please read the “Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Broken Bay” at

[CLICK HERE FOR THE GUIDELINES](#)

Please complete this Recommendation form and submit to the Parish Office, Attn: Linda Taneja, by 1 November 2020. Alternatively, please complete the online form at:

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE RECOMMENDATION FORM](#)

The Word

Sunday 25 October 2020: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.