



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

26 August 2018 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 (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)



August 2018

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

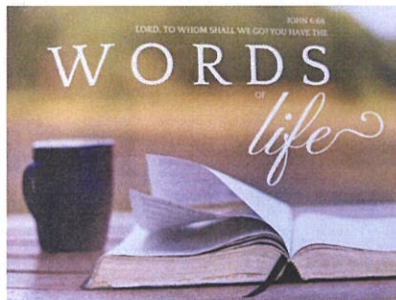
Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

Weekend 25 & 26 August
Social Justice Group Raffle for the
Tibetan and Syrian refugee
community and Blanket Drive

First Weekend of September
Masses are back in the Church

Sunday 2 September
Fathers' Day

Thursday 6 September
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am—Hall Boardroom



Dear Parishioner and visitors to the Parish,

Today the Church encourages us to choose Christ always. At times when we come to the crossroad of life, we become confused because we need to

make choices that will make or mar our future. The First Reading and the Gospel presents us with two choices: between remaining or abandoning God. Joshua asked the Israelites to make a choice between serving God and other gods. Christ asked His disciples: ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Using the analogy of marriage, Paul reminds us that just as a man or woman chooses a wife or a husband due to love, so did Christ choose and take us to himself.

King David displayed his wisdom by making a right choice: ‘I do not want to be punished by human beings. Let the Lord himself be the one to punish us, for he is merciful’ (2 Sam 24:10-25). In spite of all odds, choosing to remain with Christ is and will always be the best choice for anyone who is wise. As St Augustine says, “Our hearts were made for you O’God and they cannot rest until they rest in you”.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PARISH OFFICE TEAM

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

HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact the office

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



The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25cents of every dollar goes to the following five beneficiaries:

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – creating and updating the curriculum and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

St Lucy's School – for primary school students with disabilities.

S Edmund's School – for secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

We thank you for your generosity.

A Reminder: If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ensure that you write **Catholic** as your religion on admissions paperwork so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for Pymble Catholic Parish and for Fr Bogus and Fr Greg.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Andrew James Taylor

Recently Deceased:

Jolly Juan Camoens

Please pray for the ill:

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.

Feast Days – August

27 August, St Monica

21 August, St Augustine, bishop, doctor

22 August, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr.

TAX RECEIPTS

If you would like a receipt for your donations please contact the Parish Office on 9144 6998 or by email at office@corpuschristi.com.au. Please note that only the CWF donations are tax deductible.

August Safeguarding Message

“A child – focused complaints process is an important strategy for helping children and others in institutions to make complaints.” (Royal Commission, Final Report 2017)
This means;

- the process is not slow in addressing the concern/complaint,
- children know who to speak to if they have a concern/complaint,
- children are listened to, they are believed, they are supported and
- children feel comfortable and empowered by the complaints process.

VOLUNTEER POSITION VACANT

Position: Befriending visitor, Compeer Program
Corpus Christi, St Ives Parish
This is a new role in a very successful program throughout Sydney and the Central Coast.

The Role

An elderly lady living in a residential nursing facility at Wahroonga is seeking befriending visits from another woman of any age. She is recovering from a mental illness and has been cleared by the referring Psychiatrist as competent to develop a healthy friendship.

Full training is provided by the Compeer Program Coordinator. The commitment required is one (1) hour per week for 12 months.

This is a very rewarding ministry for a person seeking to extend their spirituality in a role that requires a missionary spirit towards persons feeling excluded and lonely.

Enquiries to:

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Applications close 15th September 2018

DROUGHT IN AUSTRALIA AND FLOODING IN KERALA

Australia suffers worst drought in 1000 years. Depleted reservoirs, fouled crops and arid farmlands spark global warming tussle.

Australia's blistering summer has only just begun but reservoir levels are dropping fast, crop forecasting's have been slashed and great swaths of the continent are entering what scientists recently called a "one in a thousand year drought".

By contrast, Kerala in India is experiencing massive floods with dreadful destruction. Eighteen of our priests in Broken Bay Diocese come from Kerala and so this is a very anxious time for them.

Let us continue to pray for them and support them in any way we see fit.

ROOF UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding while the church roof tiles have been replaced. All going well we anticipate that we will be back in the Church for mass on the first weekend in September.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Refugee and Migrant Sunday



Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

This weekend churches throughout Australia are celebrating the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. In 2018, Pope Francis has called for individuals, communities and world leaders to take more concrete action "to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees at every stage of their journey."

The Social Justice Group warmly invites all parishioners to support the annual blanket appeal and raffle being held this weekend to assist Tibetan and Syrian refugees in the Northern Beaches and Ryde areas. Your support will enable our parish to welcome the refugees with warm blankets and doonas, to purchase medication and provide emergency assistance on their arrival.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. This year there are six raffles, suitable for all ages – babies, teenagers and adults. Prizes are on display to help with the decision-making process! The raffles will be drawn after the 6pm Mass on Sunday.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Over the twelve months to June 2018 our Parish has continued to follow its mission of seeking to “Evangelise, celebrate our faith, foster community and serve God and each other.”

Our mission depends on our parishioners’ support and we thank you for your contributions over the last twelve months.

Achievements over the last year include:

- the installation of new TV screens
- commencement of the replacement of the ceiling tiles due to the water damage sustained before the roof was replaced. We thank all parishioners for their patience while this work is being undertaken
- a successful raffle was held in September 2017, raising just over \$7,500. Our thanks to those parishioners who donated prizes
- an Easter egg raffle was held in March 2018 raising just over \$750. Our thanks to those parishioners who donated Easter eggs
- the receipt of a significant and generous bequest from the estate of a long-term parishioner

Sacramental programme

The Children's Sacramental Program is a three stage process that is delivered over a twelve month period. The first sacrament in this programme is Confirmation, followed by Reconciliation and is completed with First Holy Communion, when the children become fully initiated into the Church.

Our thanks go to Gerri Hadwen, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, for the wonderful work she has done in working with the families to prepare the children for the sacraments.

Over the year we had 175 children through the programme, from both our local Corpus Christi Parish School and the state schools in our area.

Catechists

Our catechists, led by Jennifer Perrot, put a lot of work into preparing lessons, activities of significance and attending professional development opportunities. Our catechists bring the Word of God to approximately 458 children in state schools in our area and assist in preparing those children to receive the Sacraments.

Significant Parish Statistics

Sacraments and services:

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| • Infant Baptisms | 36 |
| • Confirmation | 53 |
| • First Reconciliation | 54 |
| • First Eucharist | 68 |
| • Weddings | 1 |
| • Funerals | 16 |

Parish Team and staff

Our thanks to Belinda Camilleri and Michelle Miles for their efficient running of the Parish Office. Our thanks to our Carmelite priests who do a significant amount of pastoral work, including home visits and anointing of the sick.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDE VITAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	28
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	25
Altar Society (look after the altar)	5
Catechists	31
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	50
Music ministry	32
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	66
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	19
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	20
Welcoming and hospitality	38
Morning tea	30
Liturgy Committee	5
Childrens' Liturgy	1
Adult and young adult Lexio groups	20
Finance Committee	5
Floral arrangers	10
Altar linen	10
Social Justice Group	26
Piety stall	15
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3
All our volunteers who contribute without acknowledgement.	Numerous

As you can see there are many ways to become involved in the work of the Parish. If you are not yet a part of one or more of the Ministries and are able to help please contact the Parish Office as it would help share the load with those already involved. As mentioned before we depend on our parishioners for their various contributions. Without your help we would not be able to function.

As baptised disciples of Christ we have the privilege and responsibility of being Christ's presence and action in the world both within and outside the church structure. To live this discipleship out of love for Christ in a way that cares for others, facilitates the effective running of this parish and influences, for the better, the world around us. Let us help each other to grow in this discipleship together

Thank you for helping our community.

Fr Greg Chee and the Parish Finance Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

Income & Expenditure

	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-18	ACTUAL\$ 30-Jun-17	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-16
INCOME			
Envelope Collection	176,873	186,377	196,019
Loose Second Collection	56,158	61,047	54,435
Donations	-	540	245
Pastoral Activities, Advertising, & other	24,361	26,384	26,723
Interest Received	2,530	11,270	9,430
Fund raising income	35,712	8,534	12,154
Total Income	295,634	294,151	299,007
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	12,240	13,148	15,103
Employment Expenses including on-costs	78,256	71,655	77,517
Insurance	19,163	19,216	18,643
Office Expenses	14,950	16,366	21,060
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	32,535	20,591	32,521
Repairs and maintenance	92,801	47,899	91,604
Clergy Car Expenses	8,441	9,232	10,885
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	10,417	12,497	15,917
Total Operating Expenses	268,802	210,604	283,249
Operating Surplus	26,831	83,548	15,757
Bequests	235,033	-	-
Roof Repayments to 30 June 2018	(35,266)	(37,877)	(52,408)
Cost of new amenities to church hall etc	-	(443,261)	-
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	226,598	(397,591)	(36,651)

LIFE MARRIAGE FAMILY BULLETIN

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time



1. Catholic Men's Conference: **Saturday 1 September Dooleys Lidcombe**

Join with other men to explore strategies for: What is Courage? How do we build authentic relationships? What is commitment?

Venue: **Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe**

Cost: \$60 Early Bird \$48 (11 August)

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=371291>

More information: Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. A collaborative of Schoenstatt Men, menALIVE, Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern Cross, Men of St Joseph and Catholic Men's Fellowship.



2. World Rosary Campaign for Family and Faith: **Sunday 07 October 2018**

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

Registration: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

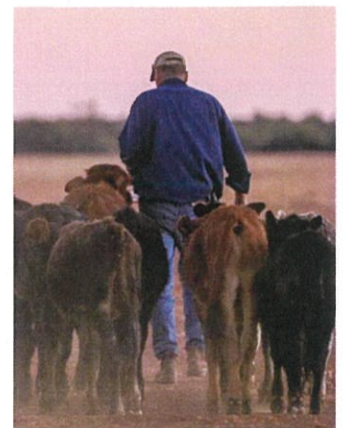
More information: Jane Chifley 0476 535 59 or <https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53/>



3. Prayers for Those Affected by Drought – **Prayer sheet available**

Prayer sheets are available from the Life Marriage and Family Team for those who wish to pray a specific prayer for the families and communities in our nation hit hardest by the current drought. Please feel free to share this prayer among your family and friends. You might even decide to come together in prayer during certain times of the day as a family or parish community.

Use Facebook or WhatsApp to remind family and friends of dedicated prayer



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