

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

26 September 2021 – 26th 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
10am Parish Hall

**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



***“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck.”
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners,

Scripture scholars (perhaps with John 6:60 in mind)

sometimes refer to the ‘hard sayings’ of Jesus—aspects of his teaching which may, at first glance, seem unduly demanding, even unreasonable, to his would-be disciples. In interpreting these ‘hard sayings’, we must make allowance for the fact that Jesus is sometimes speaking metaphorically and using Semitic hyperbole. If we take literally (as doubtless some people have done) Jesus’ words, ‘If your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out’, we may find ourselves like Dickens’s irascible schoolmaster, Wackford Squeers, who ‘had but one eye, and the popular prejudice runs in favour of two’. As we reflect on Jesus’ ‘hard sayings’ in today’s Gospel reading, we may feel rather discouraged. Even despite our best efforts, our life of faith falls far short of the ideal that he proposes. At such times we need to turn to God who is rich in mercy and pray like the father of the boy from whom Jesus expelled an unclean spirit— ‘I do have faith. Help the little faith I have!’ (Mark 9:24). Take heart and say with Paul: ‘There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.’ (Philippians 4:13).

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Pastoral Support Worker - Youth Ministry Coordinator Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives (P/T)

Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people to help them engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive team?

Job Description

St Ives Catholic Parish has identified Youth as a major priority in its three-year plan to transform the parish. The newly created role of Youth Ministry Coordinator will be employed on a part-time (12 hrs p/w) 12-month contract (with potential to convert to permanent) The working schedule is flexible, however the successful candidate will be required to be available for evening and weekend work. The role works under the direction of the Evangelisation & Discipleship Coordinator.

The role

Your main responsibilities will be to develop and implement an engaging contemporary program of youth and young adult activities that is aligned with the Parish Youth Ministry framework, producing Parish communications and other materials relevant to the Youth Ministry with a focus on digital communications and social media usage.

You will work with our amazing volunteers to build and maintain Parish youth groups ensuring a sense of fun, faith, community and belonging for the youth and young adults.

About you

The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic about the Catholic faith and eager to share Jesus' message of love. You'll be a natural leader with demonstrated experience in developing, coordinating and implementing a schedule of activities for youth and young people.

You'll have an ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and be able to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders.

Considering your audience, you'll need to be technologically savvy with demonstrated experience in digital communications and social media with strong verbal and written communication skills.

An ability to play a musical instrument will be highly regarded.

Interested?

For more information including the position description contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au or the Parish Office on 9144 6998.

If you are interested in applying for this role please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset required for this role to reception@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close **Friday, 22 October 2021**.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

This appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check Clearance in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW).

Vietnam Emergency Appeal

Malnourished children in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam need your support.

\$20 will feed a young child for three months.

Please give a donation at:

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Vietnam is experiencing its fourth wave of the coronavirus pandemic. Since 23 August, Ho Chi Minh City has been in complete lockdown, where residents are forbidden from leaving their homes – even to shop for food, or exercise. Soldiers are enforcing stay at home orders and helping with limited food deliveries.

COVID-19 restrictions have forced millions of migrant workers into great hardship, destitution and hunger. Mothers are struggling to feed their babies because of poor diet, leaving thousands of children malnourished.

To support vulnerable families in Vietnam, please give a tax-deductible donation to Jesuit Mission's Vietnam Emergency Appeal today at jesuitmission.org.au/vietnam-relief

“LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS” WEBINAR

Jesus taught us to both love our neighbour and to go make disciples. Join Cardinal Tagle, Nicky Gumbel and friends for an honest conversation around how we can live out this calling in the modern world.

Date: 30 September 7:00pm OR 1 October 7:00am

Register at:

www.tfaforms.com/4927075



Aid to the Church in Need

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A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary:** ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign ‘One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October.

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Code: UndoerofKnots.

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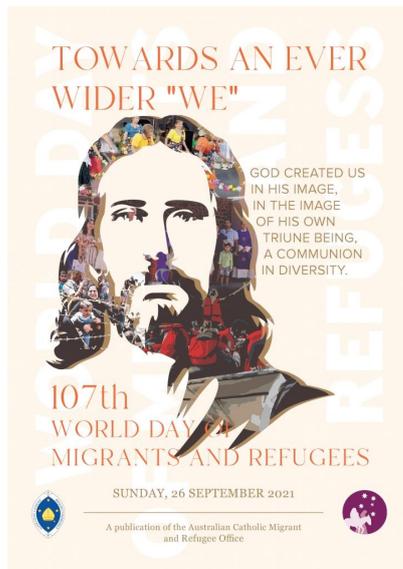
We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: 'Towards an Ever Wider We.'

The recent unrest in Afghanistan has brought the issue of welcoming those in need to the forefront of many people's minds. This weekend, Catholics around the world are celebrating Migrant and Refugee Sunday. It is an opportunity to consider how we can pray for and offer practical support to our neighbours around the world.



The 2021 theme for Migrant and Refugee Sunday is 'Towards an Ever Wider We.' Pope Francis has released a [message for Migrant and Refugee Sunday](#) with an emphasis on creating a diverse and beautiful world which celebrates our differences while remaining as one. As Pope Francis reminds us:

"... we are all in the same boat and called to work together, so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single 'we', encompassing all of humanity."

The Corpus Christi Social Justice Group continues to provide practical support to the Tibetan refugee community living on the Northern Beaches. The annual blanket appeal and raffle to raise funds to support the community with prescription medication and emergency assistance has been postponed until the end of this year due to the current stay-at-home orders.

Prayer

*Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded
is gathered into our "we",
which thus becomes ever wider.
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the "we" of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.
Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021
Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Molly Tang; Mary Tang

Please pray for the ill:

Rob Sanders; Colleen Bosci; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria 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— SEPT/OCT

Monday 27th, St Vincent de Paul, priest
Thursday 30th, St Jerome, priest, doctor
Friday 1st, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Saturday 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil

Saturday 2 October

The First Plenary Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm.

"Listen to what the spirit is saying" has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God's relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering.

We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register please visit: www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect .



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Dear Parishioners

This last year to June 2021 has been another challenging one for our priests, our parish and our parishioners. We are grateful for the wonderful support of our parishioners, many of whom work behind the scenes to assist with the day to day running of the parish. We are also grateful to our office staff who work hard to provide the support services needed to keep the parish going.

In October last year the parish was advised that the diocese intended selling Murphy house, which is the priory occupied by our parish priests. Fr Greg advised all parishioners of this via a letter in the parish bulletin. Subsequently the diocese has advised that Murphy house will be put up for sale in October this year with a sale and leaseback arrangement. The leaseback arrangement will be for two years to allow the parish time to build a new presbytery. The diocese will fund the lease for the two years so there will not be a cost to the parish over that period. As a result, your finance committee together with the help of suitably qualified parishioners have been working on a plan to rehouse our parish priests in a suitable presbytery. We are currently investigating the most appropriate options for a new presbytery to be constructed next to or adjoining the parish office. As soon as we have some definite options and some idea of what the costs may be we will advise all parishioners. In the meantime we would welcome any assistance from parishioners who are or have contacts in the building and construction industry.

On the finance side we managed to achieve an operating surplus for the year thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. The installation of the tap & go machines has been successful in improving the amount we received from the “loose” second collection. Unfortunately, we had an overall deficit after some non-recurring expenses and the roof loan repayments. The non-recurring expenses included new carpets for the parish office and a shortfall in superannuation payments from previous years. The roof loan will be fully paid off by the end of November this year.

As with last year we applied for and received the Jobkeeper allowance. This has helped us maintain our staff levels and has also meant that we did not have to reduce our staff numbers or the hours that they worked. We also applied for and received the cash flow boost.

During the year we replaced all the heavy tables in the hall with new, easy to carry, tables. This will make it a lot easier for parishioners to set up and take down the tables for functions in the hall. We express our sincere gratitude to the parishioner who donated the funds for the purchase of the new tables. We are also grateful to the parishioner who managed to sell or give away all the old tables, saving us the job of having to take them away.

Our parish continues to follow its mission of seeking to “Evangelise, celebrate our faith, foster community and serve God and each other.” Our goal is Missionary Discipleship. We are moving from a maintenance church to a missionary one in keeping with Jesus’ great commission: “Go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all I have commanded you” (Mt 28).

The parish pastoral council has been engrossed with developing strategies and plans for the achievement of the parish vision. Initial consultative discussions were held with the parishioners and further interactions will commence once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Over the year, with the able assistance of Jen Perrott, we ran two Alpha programmes, the Big Picture programme as well as commenced the Wild Goose Holy Spirit series. The two Alpha programmes had a total of 29 guests and 17 team members, Big Picture had 6 guests and the Wild Goose Holy Spirit Series has 52 participants. Due to COVID all these programmes were run online. This has resulted in parishioners getting to know each other better and a significant number have been touched by the Spirit in relation to their faith.

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

Sacramental programme

The Children's Sacramental Programme 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 74 children through the programme, 46 for confirmation and 28 for first Eucharist. The children came 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 children in state schools in our area and assist in preparing those children to receive the Sacraments. Due to COVID we are struggling to get catechists and would welcome further volunteers for this very important ministry.

Significant Parish Statistics

Sacraments and services:

Baptisms	20
Weddings	0
Funerals	23

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

Parish Pastoral Council	12 (8 parishioners and 4 ex-officio representing the schools and the diocese)
Parish Finance Committee	6
Hall booking co-ordinator	1
Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	27
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	19
Altar Society	3
Altar linen	8
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	51
Music ministry	30
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	63
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	18
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	28
Welcoming and hospitality	38
Morning tea groups	8 family and friends
Liturgy Committee	4
Childrens' Liturgy	0
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	16
Floral arrangers	11
Social Justice Group	9
Piety stall	14
Catechists	20
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3
All our volunteers who contribute without acknowledgement.	Numerous

In addition to the above we have an active St Vincent de Paul team who provide vital services in our parish. We also have an organised roster for providing food to Youth off the Streets. Our priests are very active serving our spiritual needs and those of patients at the San and Hornsby hospitals and Neringah Hospice. They conduct spiritual services to residents at BUPA and Fernbank. In addition, they run study groups examining the gospels.

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. Once the current lockdown restrictions are over, we particularly need volunteers for the catechist and children's liturgy ministries. 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

For the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL\$	ACTUAL \$
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
INCOME			
Planned Giving Credit Cards and Envelopes	149,386	151,683	157,369
Loose Second Collection	20,601	42,251	61,234
Tap & Go	30,120	2,390	-
Donations	5,033	1,860	215
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	22,811	10,579	27,527
Bulletin Advertising	7,013	1,560	-
Alpha & Discipleship	1,931	12,236	-
Discipleship	2,920	620	-
Interest Received	1,256	4,042	6,933
Building donations	100	4,348	-
Job Keeper Subsidy	54,000	24,000	-
Cash Boost Stimulus	10,000	10,000	-
Fund raising income -Mothers Day Raffle	3,709	-	2,568
Total Income	308,880	265,568	255,847
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	6,691	8,354	9,022
Employment Expenses including on-costs	125,137	111,366	130,514
Job Keeper Expense	32,377	32,736	-
Insurance	20,357	21,101	19,649
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	16,368	17,335	-
Office Expenses	11,880	16,268	13,786
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	8,545	15,538	32,358
Alpha Program	3,742	12,658	-
Discipleship Program	3,069	1,944	-
Repairs and maintenance	39,879	30,959	80,179
Clergy Car Expenses	8,566	7,992	8,739
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	1,271	3,249	7,952
Total Operating Expenses	277,882	279,499	302,200
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	30,998	(13,931)	(46,353)
Total Specific Sponsorship	1,910	-	-
Total Non -recurring expenses	(16,333)	(9,393)	-
Roof Repayments to 30 June 2021	(33,401)	(33,401)	(33,401)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(16,825)	(56,725)	(79,754)



Safeguarding Month September 2021

Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities

Dear Clergy and Parishioners of Broken Bay,
You are invited to join the following initiatives

WEEK 1: 1-4 September

- Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities

WEEK 2: 5-11 September

- Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - www.napcan.org.au/ and learn about the theme: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**
- Wednesday 8 September** – Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay – *Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.* Access the e-resource here - www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021 Printed copies are available from the **Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) P 8379 1605** or **E safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au**
- Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm – 1.30pm** – Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18. **To register click here: register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752**
- Thursday 9 September @ 7pm, Liturgy of Lament** – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. **Click here to view: www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021**

WEEK 3: 12-18 September

- Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday** - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at **9.30am** via livestream from OLOR, Cathedral. **Click here to view: www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ**
- Prayers** – Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. **Prayer resources are available from our webpage: www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021**

WEEK 4: 19-25 September

- Wednesday 22 September @11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom** – *Ministering to a Church in Trauma* presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. **To register and receive your zoom link click here: bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWVhIVTlq22Px**

WEEK 5: 26-30 September

- The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated **Tuesday 28 September**. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. **A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here: www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena**

Thank you for your participation



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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The Word

Sunday 26 September 2021: 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Numbers Nm 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R.)*
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. *(R.)*
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From from the letter of St James Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.