

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

27 March 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 on Zoom

Second Thursday of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

Every Friday during Lent
Liturgy at 7:00pm with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

Just a reminder that we follow NSW Health advice to reduce the spread of Covid.

- sanitise your hands; &
- physical distance

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.



Your brother was dead and has come to life again. (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

According to Matthew, ‘Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables’ (Matthew 13:35). We listen today to one of the most memorable of them. Responding to the accusation of the Pharisees and scribes that he welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus told a story that could be variously entitled ‘The Parable of the Prodigal Son’ or ‘The Parable of the Forgiving Father’.

It is both challenging and reassuring to us—challenging if we have reason to see ourselves in the older brother and reassuring if, mindful of our sinfulness, we identify with his erstwhile wayward but repentant sibling. Their father receives his younger son with great love and compassion, rejoicing that he ‘was lost and is found’. With reference to this parable St John Paul II wrote: ‘[God’s love] is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and “restored to value”’ (*Dives in Misericordia* #6).

Is there anyone whom, like the older brother, I have yet to forgive? A good Lenten question!

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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cordially invite you to the

Solemn
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Ordination

of

Br Adalbert of the Beloved, OCD
at

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
193 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566
Saturday 7th May, 2022 at 11 AM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
193 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566
Sunday 8th May, 2022 at 12 NOON

*(Priests and deacons, please bring your white vestment
if you wish to partake in the liturgy)*

Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Kindly RSVP by 31st March, 2022

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Catechist Corner

Is God tapping you on the shoulder?

The Holy Spirit will move in us in a way that we may feel a stirring to respond. I warmly encourage you to respond to this call. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something very rewarding.

**Come and share your faith with the children
and pass on the Good News**

We still need catechists to join our ministry.

Please contact Jen Perrott on (02) 9144 6998 or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au We would love to meet you. All training and resources provided F.O.C.

Our Parish serves students from St Ives North Public, St Ives Public, Turramurra North & St Ives Park. For more information, please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 or by email at catechist@corpuschristi.com.au. I look forward to helping you. Jen

New time!

Sunday afternoon 4:30-6pm

YOUTH GROUP

For Corpus Christi students in Years 6-12
Come along for some snacks, games and discussions!

Parents message Natalie at 0499 636 266 to RSVP



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent. Liturgy at 7:00pm with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:
Ruben Gabila; Ambrose McCarthy

Please pray for the ill:

Patricia Mills; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, 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



Project Compassion 26 & 27 March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

The Parish Choir will be practicing for the Easter masses and would like to invite anyone with a love of singing to join them. All voices and instruments are welcome! The last practice will be held in the Church at 7:30pm on:

Wednesday 13th April 7:30pm-9pm

Please come along and join the Parish Choir.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. Next get together **Thursday 31 March 2022 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges;
may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with
prayer and action.

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The Word

Sunday 27 March 2022 4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the book of Joshua Jos 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. *(R.)*
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
2 Cor 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.