



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

**28 July 2019 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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 (4th 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)



*“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

**Every Friday (during term time)**

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

**First Friday of the Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm  
Holy Mass at 7:30-8pm

**Every Thursday**

Prayer Group prior to mass  
8:40am

**July**

**Sunday 28 July**

Parish Choir  
9am-11am

**August**

**Sunday 4 August**

Children's Choir  
9am-11am

Acknowledgement Mass for  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
People

**Sunday 11 August**

Parish Choir  
9am-11am

My mum always haggled for anything she bought from the market. I used to imagine that we were destitute, only to find out later that she was only trying to stretch the family's budget. In our first reading we find Abraham as he 'haggled' with God in the same way mum haggled with the vendors in the market. But Abraham haggled with God himself and not with vendors in the market. Abraham did not haggle for vegetables, chicken, fish or meat; he entreated God for the salvation of the people of Sodom

Out of his deep compassion towards his people, Abraham pleads with God six times and each time Abraham received a positive answer from God. He said he will not destroy Sodom if he finds at least ten righteous persons in the city. On hindsight, we can ask Abraham: Why did you stop bargaining at ten? God did not show any sign of exasperation. God never stopped giving; it was Abraham who stopped asking. In the end, not even ten righteous persons were found in Sodom. Only four remained—Lot, Lot's wife, and their two daughters. Lot's wife, alas!, disobeyed God, turned around, and was transformed into a pillar of salt. Thus, finally only three righteous persons were left in Sodom and soon the city was destroyed.

Today, we reflect on Abraham as a missionary to Sodom. He knew that evil was widespread in Sodom, but did not realise its catastrophic proportion. Abraham had to admit the painful truth that he did not know the people of Sodom full well. He also did not know God full well since he put a limit to God's power to forgive. In the end, it was the sin of Sodom that brought about its destruction.

Jesus teaches us to persevere in prayer as we dedicate our life to mission. We need not put limits to God's power over our life unlike Abraham. We can keep asking God because he wants to keep giving. When our best efforts are reduced to failure, Jesus admonishes us not to despair: 'Ask and keep asking, seek and keep seeking, knock and keep knocking.' In effect, Jesus is telling us: 'Ultimately, it's not about you; it's about me.'

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## What's on...

**Every First Friday**, , 7-8pm, Exposition and Adoration at 7pm. Holy Mass at 7:30pm. Corpus Christi Church, St Ives Parish

**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

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

We will be praying for St Andrew's Presbyterian St Ives / Pymble and for Reverend Steve North.

## **KU-RING-GAI INTERCHURCH LUNCHEON**

**Please join us for our Interchurch Luncheon on Tuesday 6 August 2019 at midday at St Swithun's Anglican Church Pymble. Cost is \$15 per person. All are welcome. Please contact Cheryl Doyle if you have any queries. Phone: 0400 467 901**



### **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 1 August 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

## **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](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au). Please note that only the CWF donations are tax deductible.

### ***Our Deepest Sympathy***

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Jozefa Cernanec whose funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Monday 22 July. May Jozefa experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

## **Prayer Zone**



**Anniversaries:** Bob O'Connell; Rueben Gabila; Doreen & William Noonan

### **Please pray for the ill:**

Francis Follett; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, 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.*

***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 — July / August***

**Mon 28th**, St Martha

**Wed 31st**, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

**Thurs 1st**, St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

**Sat 3rd**, St Dominic, priest

### **CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM :**

**Day Retreat:** The Love That Keeps Us Sane: A Day with Saint Therese of Lisieux  
August 3  
Presenter: Br Phillip Tay, OCD  
Cost: \$30 (concessions apply)  
Pick ups from Minto train station at 9:30 and 10am

Making choices that keep us sane and rooted in God.

**Weekend Retreat:** Facing Today's Spectre of Meaninglessness with St Therese of Lisieux  
August 9-11  
Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD  
Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

"I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy....Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather, that your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10.17)

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](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com).  
[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

## 2019 CLERGY CONFERENCE

Fr Greg Chee will be attending the Diocese of Broken Bay Clergy Conference from Monday 29 July (after morning mass) to Thursday evening 1 August.

Fr Johny Arattukulam and Fr Sunny Peackal will be attending the Carmelite Regional Gathering from Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August.

Communion Masses will be held from Tuesday 30 July to Thursday 1 August. Fr Greg will be back on Friday 2 August for the morning mass.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY



#### Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

SNAPSHOT reports for the National Themes for Discernment have been released and provide a summary of each of the themes for discernment, inspired by the voices of the People of God in Australia. On 28 July the comprehensive report from Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue will be released.

This Year affords us time to Gather, Listen and Discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this time. Look out for *Listening & Discernment Guides* that will help guide you on this journey.

Find out more: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values WISDOM... "Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom."- James 3:13

### Homelessness Week 4-10 August 2019

On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless. Homelessness Week is an annual week coordinated by Homelessness Australia to raise awareness of people experiencing homelessness, the issues they face and the action needed to achieve enduring solutions. This year's theme is "Housing Ends Homelessness." Factsheets can be found at [www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au](http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au) or support the "Everybody's Home" campaign at [everybodyshome.com.au](http://everybodyshome.com.au)



### SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Mass of Acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Sunday 4th August 2019 at 10am

Next Sunday, 4th August, at the 10 am Mass, Corpus Christi Parish will be celebrating a special Mass to acknowledge the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Catholic Church and wider community.

As part of the celebration, Mr Laurie Bimson will conduct a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony prior to the start of Mass. Mr Bimson is a noted Guringai man and will welcome us to the land of his ancestors. The Mass will include special prayers including the Aboriginal "Our Father."

At the conclusion of Mass, Fr Greg will bless the acknowledgement plaque, which will be affixed to the church wall in the garden near the front entrance. The plaque is a symbol of welcome for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and an acknowledgment that our parish has an understanding of Australia's past.

Parishioners, family and friends are warmly invited to attend the Mass. Please ensure you arrive at the church no later than 10am for the start of the Smoking Ceremony.



Peace to this House and to all who dwell within.

*"People talking to Jesus in the Bough Shed" (1995) by artist Queenie McKenzie of Warmun Community.*

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### 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.

# Alpha Launch / Celebration Party

## Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

(and continues weekly from Tues, 10 September 2019)

### “Come and See”



Some Alpha Attendees did The Climb to Mount Kedron - Alpha Weekend Away – June 2019

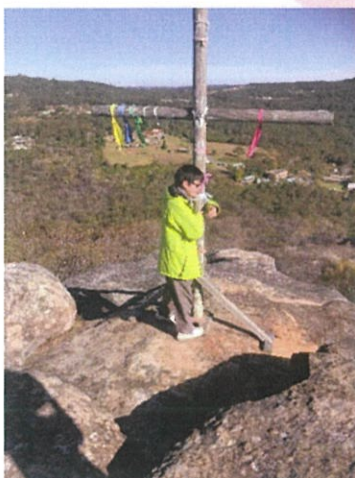
All of us have a desire for happiness. We may seek it in different ways, but deep down we yearn for something more but don't necessarily know what it is and sometimes we find ourselves asking "What is this life all about?" Only God can completely and perfectly satisfy the human heart.

Jesus is the way the truth and the life. Our relationship with Him is more than simply coming to Church on Sunday and "ticking the box," but

involves a very real and personal relationship with Jesus. There is simply something much deeper than knowing about Him, it's the life changing experience of knowing Him. For many, when they experience this, it is totally life changing, and many find a yearning for more. Alpha helps you to come to **know Jesus** in a personal way through a series of interactive sessions. It allows us to ask the big questions of life.



Sharing A Meal



A Moment of Reflection

**Alpha is for everyone irrespective of age, colour or creed.**

Regardless of where you are in your faith journey, Alpha meets you where you are at ..... which means ..... Alpha is for EVERYONE. It includes young, old and the retired. It is a wonderful journey. Consider coming and joining us on the next Alpha journey.

**Registration is essential and is now open.** Please register on the boards at the entrances to the Church or on-line at:

**[bbcatholic.org.au/stives-alpha](http://bbcatholic.org.au/stives-alpha)**

Alternatively, please contact Jen Perrott on 9144 6998; email at [jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au) or see the postcards in your seat or foyer of the church.



John Horan & Tania Rimac

# Alpha runs here.

## What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith.

## Food

### How does it work?

Typically run over eleven weeks, no two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a short talk and a discussion where you can share your thoughts. There's no pressure and no follow up.

## Talk

### Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

## Discussion

### How much is it?

There's no charge for Alpha, though some places may ask for a contribution towards food.

## "Come and See"

Launching Tues, 20 August 2019 at 7pm in the Church Hall  
and continuing weekly from Tues, 10 September 2019

Register at:

[bbccatholic.org.au/stives-alpha](http://bbccatholic.org.au/stives-alpha)

[alpha.org.au](http://alpha.org.au)

Alpha

# Ministry Rosters

28 July 2019

<i>(Week 8) 27/28 July</i>	<i>Vigil 6.00pm</i>	<i>8.00a.m.</i>	<i>10.00a.m.</i>	<i>6.00p.m.</i>
<b>LECTORS</b>	Phil Davies	Martin Stebbings	Quentin Stewart Amy O'Connell	Chris Hannan
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	A. & A. Brewer Patrick Brewer Maria Sapuppo	Aubrey Crawley Chris & Joy Pitts Sandy Mountfort	Charles & Sharon Thomson Linda Taneja Atat & Lise Li-Kim-Mui Nancy Lee	Beverly & Chris Hannan Nerissa Davey
<b>WELCOMING MINISTRY</b>	Alain & Kerry Latouche John Lenehan Minda Licuanan	Cath Gordon Danielle Hadley	Paul Bizannes Kate Bizannes Morela Alfonso	Ira Rozali Kitty Rawlingson
<b>WARDENS</b>	Patrick Brewer	Jan Martin	John O'Connell	
<b>PIETY STALL</b>		Raymond Tsui		Rachel Blake
<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Miller Family		Parish Choir	
<b>CHILDREN'S LIT.</b>			Bev Howie	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Phil Davies	Marguerite Sequeira	Joseph Li	Danielle Hadley
<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>				
<b>FLORAL ARRANGER</b>	Jane Sachs Morela Alfonso		<b>MORNING TEA</b>	Marguerite Sequeira
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Kathy Lee			

Turrumurra Hs	Private Homes	Private Homes	Kari Court
Carmel Gandar	Julie Tregale	Julie Tregale	The Carmelites

<i>(Week 1) 3/4 August</i>	<i>Vigil 6.00pm</i>	<i>8.00a.m.</i>	<i>10.00a.m.</i>	<i>6.00p.m.</i>
<b>LECTORS</b>	Glenda Chidrawi Tracey Bakos	Kathy Lee Tony Lee	Jacqueline Gooley Elizabeth Gooley Jonathan Lee	Nerissa Davey
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Karen McEwen Minda Licuanan Andrew Sim	James Cheah Kathy Lee Greg Murray Raymond Tsui	Denise Carmody Marina Albuquerque Bev Howie Gerry & Cheryl Hoy John & Betty Goh	O'Kelly Tam
<b>WELCOMING MINISTRY</b>	Ruby Camilleri Charlie Camilleri	Jan Martin Margaret Summersgill Fran Lerner	Jean Lee John O'Connell	Beverly Hannan Sara Figueroa
<b>WARDENS</b>	Allan Chidrawi	Chris Dayton	Ken Lee	John White
<b>PIETY STALL</b>	Gwen Jugmans	Anne Freer	Francisca Wong	
<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Trevor Housley	Trevor Housley	Junior Choir	Marianne Ching Jason Licuanan
<b>CHILDREN'S LIT.</b>			Bev Howie	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Claude Jugmans	Bryan Freer	Steve Swain	Brian Tosley
<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Cheryl Doyle			
<b>FLORAL ARRANGER</b>	Grace Saracino			
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>			<b>MORNING TEA</b>	Buay and Lee Families

Turrumurra Hs	Private Homes	Private Homes	Kari Court
Mark Foran	c) Estelle Sok & Carmel McIntosh	d) Estelle Sok & Carmel McIntosh	Sonny Ching

# The Word

Sunday 28 July 2019: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

## First Reading

From the book of Genesis Gen 18:20-32

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 2:12-14

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

## Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 11:1-13

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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