

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

**28 November 2021 – First Sunday of Advent**

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
By Zoom until further notice

**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

**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.



*On earth nations will be in dismay; perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright. (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Another liturgical year has ended, and we stand at a new beginning. Advent has a two-pronged message.

Firstly, we remember and celebrate, and secondly we look forward to Christ’s coming in glory.. What wonderful readings we have to lead us into this season! Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord’s long-ago promise that ‘ a virtuous branch’ from David’s line would come to ‘practise honesty and integrity’. This immediately encourages us to ponder the wonder of Christ’s birth which we celebrate at Christmas. The Gospel reminds us that Christ will come again and calls on us to trust in God at all times and in all circumstances. Between these two readings the psalm confidentially asks for God’s help, trusting in the Lord’s goodness and uprightness, faithfulness and love. In the second reading Paul prays for the Thessalonians asking the Lord to increase their love and to help them live as God desires. Perhaps ‘the keys’ to the joy of Advents are to live with anticipation, with love, and to fulfil another of God’s promises: ‘you shall be holy, for I am holy’ (Leviticus 11:45; 1 Peter 1:16).

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## First Friday of Every Month

Friday 3 December 2021

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm

followed by Mass at 7:30pm

# ADVENT

## 1:23

Advent 1:23 – A Christmas Initiative We are excited to let you know that our parish is taking part in the Broken Bay Advent 1:23 initiative to spread Christmas joy this year by extending an invitation to our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to join us for Christmas Masses. Do you have family or friends who have disconnected from their faith that you would like to come to know Jesus? Do you have neighbours or co-workers who you would like to invite to the parish? Are there parishioners perhaps who you have not seen for a while and would like to invite back? Advent 1:23 encourages each of us all to invite people to Christmas Masses this year. Special cards are available at Masses to take home and write down the names of people that come to mind. We are asked to pray at 1:23pm each day for these people, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may be open to attend Christmas Mass and to encounter Jesus. They will also be prayed for at each Mass in the Parish during Advent. It is our prayers that will underpin this initiative and allow us to collaborate with God in drawing people to faith. The title of this initiative is based on Matthew 1:23, “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’ which means, ‘God is with us.’” Our prayer will be that those for whom we pray may come to know that God is with them during this Christmas season, and that they may come into relationship with God’s Son Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are planning to form welcome teams to ensure that everyone is made very welcome during Christmas Mass. Please consider being part of this welcoming taskforce. Contact the Parish Office if you can take part. We look forward to warmly welcoming our guests and sharing with them our Christmas joy.



## Social Justice Corner

### Uluru Statement From The Heart

The Social Justice Group warmly invites you to a presentation and discussion about the Uluru Statement From The Heart from 11am to 12pm on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December (after the 10am Mass) in the church. Bookings are essential as the event is limited to 40 people. Please RSVP to John Lenehan before the 7th December 2021 @

[Jlenehan60@gmail.com](mailto:Jlenehan60@gmail.com). Enquiries: John Lenehan: 0402 291 355

### The John Mac Foundation (JMF)

The John Mac Foundation (JMF) is a small volunteer-run, registered charity with a big goal: supporting disadvantaged students from refugee backgrounds to achieve their full potential at university and beyond. In partnership with Western Sydney University, JMF provides scholarships to people from refugee, humanitarian and other disadvantaged backgrounds to support access to university education, career mentoring and opportunities for meaningful employment. They believe that everyone deserves access to a quality education, no matter where you are from or how deep your pockets are.

JMF was founded by 2017 NSW Australian of the Year Deng Adut, who was rescued from life as a child soldier in South Sudan by his brother John Mac. Together, with the support of the Australian community, they started a new life in Western Sydney, learned English and graduated from university – some of the first South Sudanese refugees to do so. While Deng ultimately became a lawyer, his brother John Mac Acuek was unable to find meaningful work in Australia despite his university qualifications. To support his young family, John Mac returned to South Sudan to undertake humanitarian work and tragically lost his life in 2014 defending a South Sudanese village from armed forces. Since inception, JMF has awarded 11 scholarships so that others are not held back by the same issues. JMF is currently chaired by Social Justice Group member Dr Judith Preston and is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year by fundraising for a new round of scholarships over the Christmas period. If you would like to donate or find out more, please visit [www.johnmacfoundation.org](http://www.johnmacfoundation.org) email [info@johnmacfoundation.org](mailto:info@johnmacfoundation.org).

## NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month when we especially remember our departed beloved ones. You can have a special mass said for you departed beloved ones by using the envelopes in the foyer of the church with a small donation and by writing just the family name and / or you may respond by writing their names in the book at the entry of the church. We will remember them in a general way during the month of November.



## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** Robert Meek

**Please pray for the ill:**

Sue Ruberu; 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 Criniti; 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.**

## HAMPER MASS SUNDAY

19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - 10.00am:

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy

families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.



## FEAST DAYS— NOVEMBER

**Sunday 21st**, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Monday 22nd**, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

**Wednesday 24th**, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

**Tuesday 30th**, St Andrew, apostle

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes are ready for collection from the foyer.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food  
Small Packet of Rice/ Pasta

Canned Fruits  
Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding  
Christmas Cake  
Packets of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine  
Cordial or Soft Drink, Juice

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts  
Bag of Mixed Lollies/Chocolates  
Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags  
Packet of sugar  
Tissues

Instant Coffee  
Long Life Milk  
Paper Towel

*And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!*

Please place in a strong box; a recyclable grocery bag or clothes-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as a gift card or a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 15 December.

## A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC and graduating students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER  
INTENTION  
FOR NOVEMBER**

People who suffer from depression

**We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.**

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## The Word

### Sunday 28 November 2021: First Sunday of Advent

#### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 33:14-16

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David. See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:*

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

*(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.