

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

29 November 2020 – 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: 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

**First Friday
of Every Month**
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick —9am

December

Sunday 6 December
Children's Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Sunday 13 December
Parish Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Thursday 17 December
Parish Reconciliation 7-8pm

Christmas Eve Mass Times
6pm—Family Mass
9pm—Mass
12 am—Midnight Mass



*Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we
are the clay and you the potter: we
are all the work of your hand.*

(First Reading)

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus uses a number of vigorous verbs in this Gospel to describe the behaviour he wants to see in us as we await his coming: we are to 'be alert', to be 'awake'. These are all applied to our ordinary existence. Yes, the daily round that doesn't seem important in the eyes of the world is precious in the eyes of God as it is in daily life that the kingdom of God is unfolding for us. If we look with the eyes of faith we will find a meaning in our ordinary activities that has eternal significance. The smallest actions of love charm the heart of God and allows us to make this world a better place leading to everlasting life in the next. We do not drift into this kingdom or find ourselves within it by default. God wants us to actively and effectively participate in making his kingdom a reality in our world.

It takes great daily courage to take these words to heart but when we do our lives, our often very humble lives, attain a meaning and depth that cannot come from human sources. Judgement will be made, not upon what presentation we may be able to drum up at the last minute, but rather on what we do day-by-day when no-one is around. When we trust the plan that God has for our lives, the grace of the Spirit opens our eyes to infinite vistas in the confined spaces of our daily life.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Friday 4 December, 2020

**Exposition / Adoration at 7pm followed by
Mass at 7:30pm**

HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 20th 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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food Canned Fruits
Small Packet of Rice Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial or Soft Drink

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

Packet Tea Bags Instant Coffee
Packet of sugar Long Life Milk

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 box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 20 December.



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 3 December 2020 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR

NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence



We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Robert Meek, Jose Garces, Michel Stephan

Please pray for the ill:

Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack 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.



The Catenians

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Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

For further information phone Paul Rubenach on 0409 445 542 or Steve Swain on 0438 441 803

FEAST DAYS— NOV/DEC

Monday 30th, St Andrew, apostle
Thursday 3rd, St Francis Xavier, priest

Selbin Cleaning

- ◆ Weekly, fortnightly, spring or occasional cleaning
- ◆ Preparation for sale or rent
- ◆ End of lease cleaning

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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.



Advent & Christmas Program Begins this Week! Get Your Gift Media Bundle in the Foyer

Start this Advent season off right and pick up your gift bundle after all Masses this weekend! Music from The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet are all part of the plan to help you celebrate these seasons in a deeper way. Bundles are available in hardcopy or digital formats, and ushers will be outside the Foyer of the Church to give your gift to you. Have a blessed start to Advent as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour this Christmas!

This program may be done one of three ways: Individually, with a group of friends in your home or in small groups done through the parish.

Please take 1 CD and Devotional per family. Each CD has 5 downloads available including a soft copy of the devotional. Please indicate whether you plan to use your bundle individually, in a home setting or in small groups in the parish.

This is a free gift to you from the parish. However, if you would like to partner with us financially on this beautiful Advent journey, we have provided a donation box where you collect your bundle from.

If you would like to join a small group, these are the following options and days:

Monday: 7:00-8:00pm On Zoom

With Amy O'Connell & Anne O'Gorman

Zoom ID: 858 2845 8551

Password: 712553

Tuesday: 9:45-10:45am – in Parish Hall

With Jen Perrott & Teresa Leong

7:30 – 8:30pm on Zoom

Lectio group with Edith Chan, Marianne Ching, Miki Hachigo and Angie Rozali

Zoom ID: 824 5624 2165

Password: 285642

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm – On Zoom

With Melissa Pemberton, Charmaine Lubbe & Andrena Brewer

Zoom ID: 883 6339 9597

Password: 667069

Friday 10:00-11:00am – in Parish Hall

Lectio group with Lina Chan and Anne Freer

Please note this group will be 1 week ahead. The group will be covering each week's reading the Friday BEFORE Mass. So, the week everyone starts on week 1, they will be covering week 2 and so on.

Please contact Jen Perrott in the office on 9144 6998 or email jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au if you need help or have any questions. We look forward to journeying with you in joyful anticipation toward the birth of our Lord and Saviour. God bless.



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Join the Team at Broken Bay Diocese: New positions vacant

Are you keen to be part of a renewed vision for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Broken Bay?

After celebrating one year as Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo is announcing a call out to enthusiastic, faith filled and appropriately skilled people who might help implement his dynamic vision with the following invitation:

“As the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, I am shaping a team of people who can meet the challenges of our time with a bold and authentic vision to accomplish the will of God,”

There are six new roles available in the Chancery at Broken Bay:

- Team Leader - Catholic Youth;
- Team Leader - Life, Marriage & Family;
- Sacramental Life, Liturgy & RCIA Coordinator;
- Executive Assistant (job share / part time 2 days); and
- Diocesan Pastoral Project Facilitator.
- Diocesan Director, Communications

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The Word

Sunday 29 November 2020: First Sunday of Advent

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19
R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
(R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. *(R.)*

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.
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 Mark Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'
The Gospel of the Lord.