

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## 3 March 2019 - Eighth Sunday of 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 (1st 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)



Every Friday (during term time) Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg 10-11am, Hall Boardroom

**Every Thursday**Prayer Group prior to mass 8:40am

March

Sunday 3 March Junior Choir 9am-11am

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday Masses at 6:30am, 9:30am and 7:30pm

Friday 8 March
The Light is On 7-8pm
Reconciliation, Exposition & Stations
of the Cross

Sunday 10 March—First Sunday of Lent Senior Choir 9am-11am



"Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Our speech patterns reflect our interior state; our words betray 'what fills the heart'. The writer of Ecclesiasticus, as well as the author of Luke's Gospel, are well aware of the power of speech and one's responsibility to use it wisely, compassionately, in the service of God. What makes for holy speech? Gratitude is a major factor. ('It is good to give thanks to the Lord'- Ps91:2). So too is confidence in the risen Lord. ('So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ'- 1 Cor 15:57).

Also, patience and perspective. Patience for the imperfections of others, while attending to the 'plank' in my own eye, prevents hypocrisy and fosters life-giving relationships (Luke 6:42). Today I could consider my own speech patterns, asking the Lord to heal my heart, and align my speech with the word of life.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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# The Light is ON for you!

Lent offers us a privileged time to reflect on our faith life and reorient ourselves more closely towards God. This year, our parish, along with other parishes of the Diocese of Broken Bay, is taking part in *The Light Is On*, where every Friday evening during Lent we will be open for quiet time and prayer, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition and Stations of the Cross.

Our church will be open on Fridays commencing 8 March from 7-8pm and you are invited to make a space to spend time with God and to allow God's light to enter the circumstances of your life in a new way this lent. You are very welcome! Please take some invitation cards from the back of the church and invite others also.

### Catechist Sunday - Sunday 3 March 2019

Today is Catechist Sunday, an annual event in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Calendar. Catechist Sunday originated in 1935 when the Vatican published a document 'On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education', which acknowledged the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and asked every country to honour those catechists who serve within their Christian communities.

As catechists begin another year of teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) to Catholic children who attend public schools in this parish, let us give thanks for their ministry and pray for their work that it will bear fruit in the hearts and minds of the children and their families.



The ministry of SRE in parishes is a tangible expression of parish evangelisation. Today Ask yourself – "is God calling me to teach SRE to Catholic children".

#### PROJECT COMPASSION—SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2019

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, which is themed "Give Lent 100%".

You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting <a href="https://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion">www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion</a>

#### Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

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

# Prayer Zone

#### Recently Deceased: Valerie Haynes

Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Anderson; Elizabeth Buay; Maria and Jack Garcia; Roseanne Kapel; Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Marie Martin; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, 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 — March
Wednesday 6 March, Ash Wednesday

#### **CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM:**

Weekend Retreat: Where to from here? March 22 @ 6:15pm—March 24 @ 1:30pm Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming OCD Cost: \$300

**Mid-Week Retreat**: Praying with the Doctors: St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of Lisieux.

March 26 @ 10:30am —March 27 @1:30pm Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, ODC and Geoff Stumbles Cost: \$135

Weekend Retreat: Contemplating the creative process

March 22 @ 6:00pm—March 31 @ 1:30pm Presenter: John Charadia and artist tutors Cost: \$330

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.

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#### **Prayer for a New Bishop**

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern.

In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care. In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel.

Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new bishop.

We ask this is in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our mother,

Mary Star of the Sea.

Amen.

#### HOSPITALITY NEED

This year we are organising Alpha in this Parish and need people to help in looking after hospitality which includes the preparation of simple meals. We would like to organise a team to look after this area. If you would like to commit or explore this possibility please call the office on 9144 6998 and ask to speak to Jen Perrott or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores faith.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

## Corpus Christi Primary School—Open Day

Monday 4 March from 9am to 11am.

A faith filled community dedicated to teaching young minds to think creatively in a nurturing, happy environment. Please come along and see what a Catholic education can offer your child. Brochures are available in the foyer for your information.

#### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Valerie Haynes whose funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 1 March 2019. May Valerie experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH



#### **Christian Communities**

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019**

World Day of Prayer (WDP) was celebrated on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is now the largest ecumenical event in the world, supported by Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Evangelical churches. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement is led by women but aims to bring together both men and women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer 2019 host country is Slovenia and the theme "Come - Everything is Ready!" The theme is grounded in the parable that Jesus told about a great dinner that was attended by the ones called off the streets, as the ones invited excused themselves. The theme reminds us that the community formed around the table is not enough to fill the house - there is still room. Who is missing from the table in our community?

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Anyone interested in a new Book Club? If so we meet once a month, Tuesday's 2—4 at my place in St Ives. Next meeting is 19th March & we will be discussing "The Shepherds Hut" by Tim Winton.

Contact Colleen McMillan. colleenmcmillan11@gmail.com

#### **ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:**

68 year old female parishioner needing accommodation for approximately 6 months.

Please contact Victoria 0412 946 846.

#### SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values Servant Leadership... "Like good stewards of the manifold of grace of god, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."- 1 Peter 4:10

#### **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.



## A Letter to the People of God of the Diocese of Broken Bay Very Rev Dr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator 28 February 2019

It is difficult indeed to fathom the ramifications of the dramatic and historic events that have marked these days, resulting in the remand into custody of Cardinal George Pell, subsequent to his recent conviction. The verdict of guilt will be tested now in the Court of Appeal and will either be validated or questioned, and this will take some months. When that time comes, we will be impelled to reflect again on events, one way or another. Now, our thoughts and our prayers go always to those who have been so greatly wounded by the crime of sexual abuse, particularly from within our own community of faith.

The verdict of guilt by a court of law is one thing, shocking enough as it is. Our reactions to this outcome will be diverse and complex. However, the social reaction and the widespread commentary to the verdict is another. We cannot ignore or underestimate the community's response to the verdict that has been given, and which further adds to our distress. In different ways, the energy of this social response highlights the remarkable collapse of the credibility of the institution with which we are identified - whether by our belonging to our local Catholic parish, or by our association with our Catholic schools or agencies. It places our affiliation under extraordinary stress. It is shameful for us to have to stand before the constant analysis, the critique, and the commentary about our Church, and the declarations of its failures and inadequacies. It forces us to address the question, "Why would we wish to be identified with an institution condemned with such widespread disdain?" We cannot avoid this question. This is the crossroad to which moments such as this bring us. We must answer the inevitable question put to us by the sad circumstances of this week with humility, integrity and courage, such that a new sense of purpose might motivate and guide us into the future, not with stoic resignation, but with genuine Christian hope. In this way, this dreadful moment in the life of our Church in Australia can act to purify and clarify our discipleship.

In this inevitable personal struggle, I am reminded of the words of the famous Scripture scholar, Walter Burghardt, who put it this way once in a homily he gave at a baptism. He said to the woman, being baptised,

"Sonia Maria, before we welcome you through symbol and ritual into this paradoxical people, this community of contradictions, let me make an uncommonly honest confession. In the course of more than half a century, I have seen more Catholic corruption than most Catholics read of. I have tasted it. I have been reasonably corrupt myself. And yet, I take joy in this Church, this living, sinning people of God; I love it with a crucifying passion. Why? In spite of all the

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Catholic hate, I experience here a community of love. For all the institutional idiocy, I find here a tradition of reason. For all the individual repression, I breathe here an air of freedom. In an age so inhuman, I touch here tears of compassion. In a world so grim and humourless, I share here rich joy and earthly laughter. In the midst of death, I hear an incomparable stress on life here. For all this apparent absence of God, I sense here the presence of Christ. I pray, Sonia Maria, that your life within this community, your experience of a strange God and a still stranger people, will rival mine".

For many, the paradox presents as a contradiction too difficult to reconcile. But there will be those of us who can enter the paradox and discover a new possibility there.

In all that is transpiring, we are challenged not to lose sight of what is actually happening around us locally. Can we see that love into which we are invited by Christ exercised in our local communities? Does my parish family demonstrate this for me? Do I see this love exercised in my school community, in my agency? I can find the resource to continue to belong to this parish, or to this school, or to this agency if I see there the mystery of Christ's sacrificial love being lived out in a way that calls me forth to the sense of what is really true, what is really beautiful, what is really good. I know that this truth, beauty and goodness is evidenced in abundance by the remarkable witness, generosity and faith of those who are present with us in our parishes and in our schools and in our agencies.

Through all this, we hold in our hearts all who are so deeply affected, in so many ways, by the crime of abuse in all its different manifestations and dimensions. The ripples of this wound at the heart of our life together stretch out in incalculable ways. Each time we are confronted with its reality is an opportunity for us to reaffirm our diocesan commitment to ensure the safety of our children and vulnerable adults. It is a commitment underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ in whom we hold the fundamental sanctity of every human person. It is our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all within our community. Only in this way can we genuinely foster communities of safety and care for our people and be the Church that we so desperately want and need to be. May the Lord of the future lead us there.

In these days let us care for one another, and especially all those who have been hurt by the crime of abuse. Be mindful of those resources available for our personal support, including those of CatholicCare. Please do not hesitate to call Melinda Rixon, Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) on 8379 1605 or by email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au">safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au</a>. Other supports include 1800 Respect — Call 1800 737 732 or visit <a href="mailto:www.1800respect.org.au">www.1800respect.org.au</a> or Lifeline on 131114 or <a href="mailto:www.lifeline.org.au">www.lifeline.org.au</a>

With my sincere good wishes during this difficult-time,

(Week 3)2/3 Mar	Vigil 6:00pm	8.00a.m.	10.00a.m.	6:00pm
LECTORS	Andrena Brewer Andrew Brewer	Kerry Latouche Paul Bizannes	Maggie Rodely Michael Wehrhahn	O'Kelly Tam
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION	Gwen Jugmans Glenda Chidrawi Mary Stone John Stone	Colleen Bosci Anne Freer Carmel Gandar Sandy Mountfort	Rosalind Paes C & S Fernando Natasha Shih Mark Foran Christella Uwimpuhwe	Tammy Malouf Sid Veyret Danni Napton
WELCOMING MINISTRY	Jeanette Long Nicole Gorman Elizabeth Calnan Genevieve Stebbings	Angela Tesoriero Anne Freer	Jon Horan Mika / Julie Tregale	Graham Walker Annette Walker
WARDENS	Wilfrid Licuanan	Raymond Tsui	Wilfrid Paes	
PIETY STALL	Frances Hewitt		Jonathan Lee	Kitty Rawlingson
MUSICIAN	Trevor Housley	Trevor Housley	Junior Choir	Jacinta Ching Marianne Ching Jason Licuanan
CHILDREN'S LIT.			Bev Howie	
COUNTERS	Les Leong	Peter Surtees	Marilyn Surtees	
ALTAR LINEN	Mary Stone			
FLORAL ARRANGER	Veronica Lilley Helga Spitzer		4200	
ALTAR SOCIETY			MORNING TEA	Fernando Family

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Anne Freer	Eva Stautner	Eva Stautner	Maggie Rodely

(Week 4)9/10 Mar	Vigil 6.00pm	8.00a.m.	10.00a.m.	6.00p.m.
LECTORS	Isabel Hopping	Frank Bosci	Kevin Ruberu	Majella Egan
	Michelle Biggs		Nelson Gale	Rory Egan
EXTRAORDINARY	Andrena Brewer	Aubrey Crawley	Charles&Sharon Thomson	Beverly&Chris Hannan
MINISTER OF	Andrew Brewer	Chris & Joy Pitts	Linda Taneja	Nerissa Davey
HOLY	Patrick Brewer	Sandy Mountfort	Atat & Lise Li-Kim-Mui	Conor Marley
COMMUNION	Maria Sapuppo		Nancy Seah	
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WELCOMING	Alain & Kerry Latouche	Cath Gordon	Paul Bizannes	Ira Rozali
MINISTRY	John Lenehan	Danielle Hadley	Kate Bizannes	Kitty Rawlingson
	Minda Licuanan		Morela Alfonzo	
WARDENS	Nick Brewer	John Boland	Ken Lee	John Izzo
PIETY STALL				Marguerite Veyret
MUSICIAN	Josephine Edwards	Tamaryn Harris	Parish Choir	
1	Belinda Camilleri	Miho Hachigo		
	Liz Sim			
CHILDREN'S LIT.			Bev Howie	
COUNTERS	Lou Lazzari	Frank Bosci	Colleen Bosci	
ALTAR LINEN	Adriana de Luca			.,
FLORAL	Betty Goh			
ARRANGER	Jean Lee			
ALTAR SOCIETY	Judy Henville		MORNING TEA	Erik Pridgen

Turramurra Hs	Private Homes C	Private Homes D	Kari Court
The Carmelites	Raymond Tsui	Raymond Tsui	Wilfrid Paes

## Sunday 3 March 2019: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Corpus Christi) - Year C

#### First Reading

From the book of Ecclesiasticus Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken. In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

- 1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
- 2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
- Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ. When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart. Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother. "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart: a bad man draws what is bad from the store

of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his

The Gospel of the Lord.

heart.'



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