

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

30 October 2022, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Third 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

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

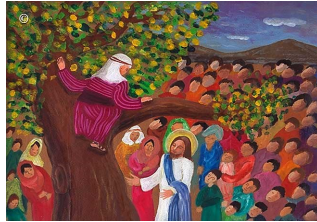
**First Friday of Every Month
- Friday 4 November**
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Sunday 30 October
Catholic Mission collection

Thursday 3 November
How Do We Pray, a short course
led by Fr Gerard Moran
Parish Hall - 7:15pm

**Tuesday 1 November—All
Saints Day** - 9am Mass

**Wednesday 2 November—
All Souls Day**—9am and
7:30pm mass.



*“Today salvation has come to this house,
because this man too is a son of Abraham;
for the Son of Man has come to seek out
and save what was lost.”*
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

Zacchaeus wanted to ‘see’ Jesus, while Jesus wanted to ‘meet and stay’ with Zacchaeus. The subtle difference in intent between Jesus and Zacchaeus has implications for our relationship with God. God wants to be engaged in our lives, to meet and stay with us where we are, sharing his forgiving love and presence. If we let him into our lives, we will go through a Zacchaeus-experience: everything I have, I am willing to share, to give up everything to receive the giver of all things into my life! From a mere desire to see, Zacchaeus takes Jesus home, regardless of what others think. Without being asked, he declares that he will share his wealth with the poor, not out of selfish motives but obviously moved by Jesus’ love. His life’s priorities straightened out, money was no longer the driving force. All he cared about was to follow Jesus. We can learn much from Zacchaeus in our daily life. An effort to catch a glimpse of Jesus will have him waiting for us, inviting himself into our hearts. When we take one step towards God, he takes several towards us. Do we still only want to ‘see’ Jesus or ‘to meet’ and be transformed by him forever? *Lord, I leave the doors of my heart open, please enter in.*

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

On All Souls Day we often hear the expression: *“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.”*

What is the biblical basis of this? What implications does it have for you and me?

In 2 Maccabees 12:42-46 Judas Maccabeus was the leader of the Jewish people one hundred and fifty years before the birth of Jesus. He led an army against the Greek invaders who had taken over his country. Several of his men were killed in battle. It turned out that all of them had been wearing superstitious amulets or charms around their necks, a practice that was totally opposed to their Jewish faith. When Judas Maccabeus discovered this, he took up a collection among all the people and sent two thousand drachmas to the Temple in Jerusalem to have sacrifices offered for those who had died.

“If he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. That is why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin”, (2 Maccabees 12: 44-45).

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.” Praying for your departed beloved ones is an exercise of charity which brings graces not only for those who are held in our prayers but for ourselves as well. St John of the Cross tells us that in the eventide of life we will be examined in love. Praying for the dead is such an act.

Those in purgatory are certain of the experience of heaven. We speed them to experience the fullness of glory with the help of our prayers. Hence when St Monica knew she was dying she said: *“I only ask that you remember me in your prayer”*. St Maria Faustina, through her conversations with Our Lord and Our Lady as recorded in her diary, including her own beautiful prayers and, of course, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, show this important work of mercy—praying for the dying souls and those in purgatory.

St Faustina was told by the souls in purgatory that the main way to avoid purgatory is to do the will of God in all things. She wrote: *“How very easy it is to become holy; all that is needed is a bit of good will. If Jesus sees this little bit of good will in the soul, He hurries to give Himself to that soul, and nothing can stop Him, neither shortcomings nor falls—absolutely nothing (291). May you be blessed, O God, for everything You send me. Nothing under the sun happens without Your will (1208)*

Hence I encourage you to pray for your departed beloved ones by making a small donation and putting it in an envelope found in the foyer. You can put this in a collection bowl or hand it in at the sacristy. God bless, Fr Greg.

First Friday of Every Month

Friday 4 November 2022

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

GREAT MARKET DAY OUTCOME

Thank you to all who supported our Market Day last Sunday. The weather was not great so thanks for coming along. We managed to raise just over \$10,000, a very good result.

A big thank you to Kit and her amazing team for organising the event and to all the helpers who worked very hard to set up the hall and the stalls that we had. The food was excellent and the organisation extremely well carried out.

We also thank our sponsors, Comfort Discovered, Warrawee Bowling Club and First National Real Estate (St Ives) for their generous contributions.

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Warrawee Bowling Club is inviting parishioners to try out lawn bowls at no cost, croquet at \$10 a session or host a party at the Club. The location is close to the Warrawee station. They are having a Melbourne Cup lunch on 1 November at \$40 per head with free bowls, bridge or mahjong from 10am or lunch only for \$30 from 1.30pm. To take up these offers please contact Sonny Ching on 0401 142 882.

First National (St Ives) is offering to donate 10% of their commission to the parish on any property sale introduced by a parishioner. Contact Noelene Johnson on 0410 588 833.

Thanks again to all who contributed in any way.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

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The Word

Sunday 30 October 2022, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Wisdom Wis 11:22 – 12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R.

v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. *(R.)*
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.