

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

31 January 2021 – Fourth 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: 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

February 2021

Sunday 7 February
Children's Choir
9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 14 February
Parish Choir
9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 21 February
Children's Choir
9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 28 February
Parish Choir
9:00am – 11:00am



**Everyone who acknowledges me
before others I will acknowledge
before my heavenly Father.**

(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

In the synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus encounters a man possessed by an unclean spirit. What was this unclean spirit? Of course, we can only speculate. Perhaps it was spirit of injustice which meant that he was not paying his workers fairly. Perhaps it was the love of money. Perhaps it was the desire to be given the place of honour at table, to be considered better than others and superior to them. When we hear references to someone possessed by an unclean spirit, we should not conjure up graphic images of demonic possession as portrayed in horror movies. The devil is too smart of that and will usually masquerade as something good, even virtuous, while hiding deeper motives. The man may have been a respected member of the synagogue. Put simply, that man possessed by an unclean spirit could be you or me.

For a long time, this man could go comfortably to the synagogue and go home without feeling in any way disturbed about his life or actions. But when Jesus entered the synagogue and spoke with authority—the authority of God—the evil spirit in the man became deeply disturbed and threatened. Powerless against the Holy One of God, with a loud cry he came out of the man. It must have been shocking but liberating experience for that poor man.

One of the greatest plays of the devil is to help us feel comfortable in our ways, to assure that we are very good, and everything is OK even when this is not the case. May the Lord visit us, as he visited the synagogue in Capernaum, and disturb anything within us that is not of God. May he drive out any forces or evil that may be finding a home within us, whether as individuals or as a Church community.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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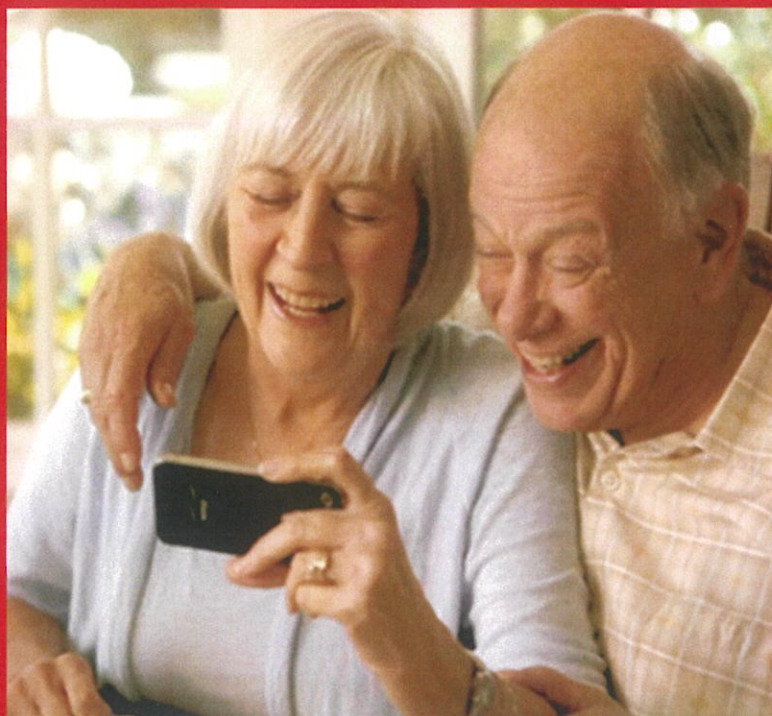
PARISH OFFICE TEAM

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest

Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager
Michelle Miles, Office Secretary
Ed Wales, Parish Finance
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

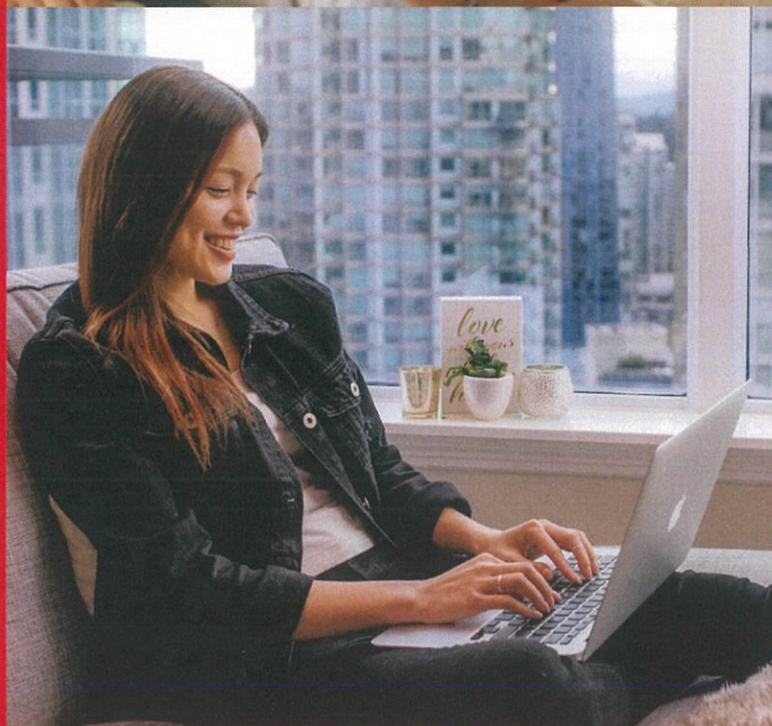
HALL BOOKINGS

Parish Office
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Try Alpha Online

For more information, go to:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives



Wondering about Alpha "Come and See" Celebration Event at Camp Kedron

Wednesday 3 February: 7:00-9:15pm
Everyone Welcome

Got Questions??

Online Alpha begins:
Tuesday, 9 February
7:30-9:00pm

Zoom Login Details
Meeting ID: 824 3787 3848
Password: ALPHA



Register here with this QR
Code for
Camp Kedron
7 Emmaus Road
Ingleside 2101



Register here for
Alpha beginning
Tues, 9 February 2021
7:30-9:00pm online

First Friday 5 February, 2021

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

The Big Picture Course

We are beginning
the Big Picture
Course on Monday

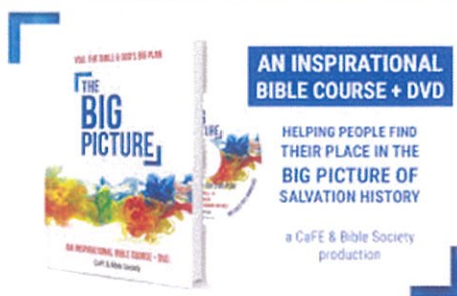
22 February 2020 at 7:30pm online on Zoom. This was hugely successful last year. If you missed out, now is the opportunity to register.

The Big Picture is a personal journey through the Bible exploring our place in the story of salvation history. Join us on this exciting journey of discovery and deepening of your faith. All welcome, whatever your starting point. Allow God to reveal even more about his love for you and the role of Jesus in God's plan for us and all of creation, now and in the future.



Each book contains the study as well as the DVD. The study is free but you will need your own journal Big Picture book – which is approx. \$20 Please email Jen Perrott for further information at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

Use this QR Code to register or complete the registration from in the foyer of the church. For more information and to watch the promotional video go to <http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org>



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 4 February 2021 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Marie Hinton

Please pray for the ill:

Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;

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

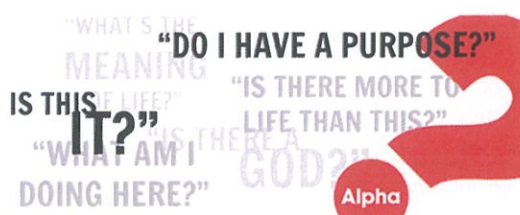
FEAST DAYS— FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord
Friday 5th, St Agatha, virgin, martyr
Saturday 6th, St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

Alpha

Alpha returns online on Zoom on Tuesday nights from 9 February at 7:30pm. If you have considered attending now is the time to register. We also have the "Come & See" Celebration even on Wednesday 3 February at Camp Kedron.

If you have family or friends that have been away from the church for sometime, then this is great way to help them reconnect with Jesus. Many people are asking lots of questions these days especially with Covid19, and Alpha is a great place to discuss questions of any nature. So, bring them along and come and join them. See this bulletin for more details.





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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.

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

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**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER
INTENTION
FOR DECEMBER**

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us
the grace to live in full fellowship with our
brothers and sisters of other religions, prayer
for one another, open to all.

The Word

Sunday 31 January 2021: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Deuteronomy Dt 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.