

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

4 July 2021 – 14th 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

**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

Sunday 27 June
Parish Choir —9am-11am

July

Sunday 11 July
Parish Choir —9am-11am



*Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,
and the brother of James and Joses
and Judas and Simon?
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

In the Scripture readings of today, Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus manifest their vocation as God's accredited ambassadors and prophets. Ezekiel is asked by God to go and preach to rebellious Israel. Paul, during his ministry, experiences the power of Satan as he is afflicted with a 'thorn in the flesh'.

Jesus was misunderstood and rejected by the people of his own home town. They are prejudiced by their knowledge of him— 'the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Judas and Simon'. They question among themselves: 'Where did the man get all this?'

In all three situations the protagonists are given strength and sustained by the power of God working in them. Jesus was aware of his role as the prophet sent by his Father and was not dissuaded by the opposition and rejection of his townsfolk. Paul experienced the power of Christ who assured him, 'My grace is enough for you'. And God promises Ezekiel that 'Whether they listen or not, this tribe of rebels will know there is a prophet among them.'

When we follow God's precepts and accept to be his messengers, we will experience moments of trial, misunderstanding and rejection. But we will always be strengthened and sustained by the plentiful grace of God.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**Sewers Needed
Calling upon our
Parish community -
are you able to SEW
squares for our social
justice initiative
*wrapped in love?***

**The students of
Corpus Christi wish to invite
Any PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY
WHO CAN
assist us by
SEWING TOGETHER OUR KNITTED
SQUARES TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL
BLANKETS.**

We are knitting both young and old generations together through our **'*Wrapped with Love*'** initiative. The initiative strives for a greater purpose; Every **joint generational blanket** knitted by the students of Corpus Christi and residents of your nursing home will be donated to the Hornsby Women's Refuge Shelter, **wrapped in love.**

If you require any further information please contact me at penny.delimage@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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.

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

Day Retreat -Cost: \$30 per person (Please BYO lunch)
Practicing the Presence of God in a Confusing World
August 7 10am to 4pm Presenter: Geoff Stumbles
A way of prayer that enables us to find the "still point" of God's presence in our ever changing world

Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)
St John of the Cross' Counsels: Instructions on How to Grow in Christian Perfection
Sept 4 10am to 4pm. Presenter: Bro Adalbert Imperial, OCD
We will explore how the substance of St John's Counsel can be adapted to help anyone who sincerely desires to live according to the values of the Gospel.

For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400
www.mtcarmel.com.au



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly. Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has adopted the NAIDOC theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – **Heal Country**. Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage. For further information go to: <https://www.natsicc.org.au>



Our Deepest Sympathy - Betty Walker

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Betty Walker. Betty's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday 5 July 2021. May Betty experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

During the two weeks of school holidays, the office will be closed on **Monday 27 June and 5 July**. The office will be open from 9am—12nn Tuesday to Friday.

Normal office hours will recommence on Monday 12 July.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Betty Walker

Please pray for the ill:

Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;
Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody;
Steve Swain; 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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Each Sunday, a number of our parishioners, take communion to the sick and the housebound. They appreciate this enormously and it helps keep our Parishioners who can no longer attend Mass connected with our Parish.

We are receiving more requests and this trend will continue given the demographics of our Parish. If you are able to take communion to Bupa Aged care (across the road from our Parish) or to a few Private Homes – once every 8 weeks – please contact me. Joy Pitts 0419 273 480. If you would like to volunteer to join the Turramurra House roster, please contact Anne Freer on 0400 407 252, alternatively contact the office on 9144 6998.

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

This week's message coincides with NAIDOC week. Ensuring a safe parish community involves its people understanding and respecting the strengths, needs and experiences of all from diverse backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people from culturally diverse and linguistically diverse backgrounds and those who are homeless.

Do I have the skill and knowledge to meet the needs of those in my community from diverse backgrounds and be inclusive in my practice?

FEAST DAYS— JULY

Saturday 3rd, St Thomas, apostle
Thursday 15th, St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor
Friday 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday 22nd, St Mary Magdalen

Alpha

life faith meaning

**Last Alpha for the Year begins
Tuesday, 27 July 2021**

In Corpus Christi Parish Hall
at 7:00pm sharp. Register here



FINANCE UPDATE – NINE MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Dear Parishioners

For the nine months to 31 March 2021 our total income was \$243,645, which, at face value, is higher than the same period in the prior year.

However, our income was boosted by the job keeper subsidy and cash boost stimulus from the ATO by \$64,000. If this subsidy is deducted from our income the picture is not quite as rosy as our income before the subsidy was \$179,645, a decrease of around 4% from the prior year. This may be as a result of our planned giving receipts being lower than for the same period last year. It is pleasing to see that our loose collection (including tap and go) was virtually in line with the prior year. To assist us in budgeting we do encourage those parishioners who have not yet committed to our planned giving to please do so by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you would like to know how to contribute by direct debit or credit card the Parish Office would be glad to assist. We are doing our best to control our expenses and this is reflected in the decrease in expenses compared to the same period last year.

The amount owing on the roof loan at 31 March 2021 was \$21,664 and we continue to make our normal monthly repayments.

As mentioned in the last finance update the Diocese will be selling Murphy House, currently used by our Carmelite priests as their priory. We are currently working on a plan to house our Parish priests in a presbytery to be built on the land adjacent to the Parish office. This plan is still in its early stages and is being managed by two of our parishioners who are experienced in the building and construction industry. We will certainly update parishioners as soon as we have more detail on the plan for the presbytery so that parishioners can provide their input.

We thank you for your generosity in the past and at present. Considering a bequest is one way of helping future generations continue to have the same spiritual and nurturing experience that we have had. For information on how to go about this, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these difficult times to enhance our Parish.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

Income & Expenditure

9 Months to 31 March 2021

	ACTUAL \$ 31-Mar-21	ACTUAL \$ 31-Mar-20	ACTUAL \$ 31-Mar-19
INCOME			
Planned Giving Credit Cards & Envelope Collection	113,435	117,486	108,757
Loose Second Collection	16,142	38,065	41,539
Tap & Go Collection	22,000	850	-
Donations & bequests	3,568	-	215
Pastoral Activities, Advertising, & other income	18,468	13,079	17,263
Alpha Program & Discipleship	4,851	12,606	-
Interest Received	1,080	3,399	5,206
Roof Donation Collection	100	2,108	2,338
Job Keeper Subsidy (No GST)	54,000	-	-
Cash Boost Stimulus via ATO	10,000	-	-
Total Income	243,645	187,592	175,318
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	4,667	7,038	8,865
Employment Expenses including on-costs	78,729	99,149	89,758
Jobkeeper Expense	32,377	-	-
Insurance	20,357	21,101	19,649
Office Expenses	8,010	14,082	9,005
Pastoral programmes, Utilities, Admin. & other expenses	18,901	33,757	21,555
Alpha Program & Discipleship	5,507	13,734	-
Repairs and maintenance	28,965	23,110	57,035
Clergy Car Expenses	6,699	6,492	7,056
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	1,099	2,645	6,709
Total Operating Expenses	205,312	221,107	219,631
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	38,333	(33,515)	(44,313)
Non Recurring Expenses	(10,585)	(9,393)	-
Specific Sponsorships	1,100	-	37,400
Commwealth Community Grant	-	-	10,000
Roof repayments to 31 March 2021	(25,050)	(25,050)	(25,051)
Surplus (Deficit) after roof repayments	3,798	(67,958)	(21,964)



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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The Word

Sunday 4 July 2021: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First Reading

From the from the prophet Ezekiel Ez 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.