

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

4 April 2021 – Easter Sunday

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

Easter Masses
Holy Saturday
9am Morning Prayer
7pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday
8 & 10am Mass
No evening Mass

Sunday 11 April
Parish Choir—9am-11am

Sunday 18 April
Children's Choir—9am-11am



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God's eternal love into history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real and decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we.

Indeed, our resurrection is happening here and *now*, but it is *not yet* complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in this mystery of God's eternal love?

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PARISH HALL TRESTLE TABLES – THANK YOU TO ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Following our article last week in regard to replacing our current Church Hall trestle tables we received a very kind and generous donation of \$1,100 from one of our Parishioners. For this we are very grateful. Future Parish Hall users will appreciate the lighter tables when having to set up the Hall.

As a result we can now move forward to the purchase of new tables for the replacement of our old ones. While this is happening we will be looking to find a new home for the existing tables. Over coming weeks we will seek to place details/adds on Gumtree and/or eBay.

We will also leave some details of the tables (i.e. printed photos and measurement details) near the Church Hall door **for any Parishioner that may be interested in providing a new home for one or more of our old tables.**

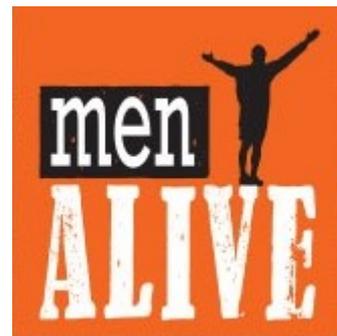
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ian Gibson, via one of the following communication channels:

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Wishing you all a very Blessed and Happy Easter from Frs Greg, Sunny, Gerard, Belinda, Michelle, Jen and Gerri.



menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

We would like to consider this possibility at Corpus Christi Parish and are after a small group to attend the menALIVE weekend at the Pymble Parish on the first weekend of May to experience what is involved. Please see the Parish Priest after mass if you are interested in becoming involved.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday; Easter Monday and Monday 12 April.

Over the school holidays Tuesday 6 April to Friday 16 of April the staff will be working from 9am - 12nn each Tuesday to Friday.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Prayer: Easter Blessings

by John O'Donohue from Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomroe Abbey

On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry - old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling - and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realise all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning.

The Social Justice Group wishes all parishioners a very happy Easter, filled with joy and peace.

NURSING APPOINTMENT

Arrupe House, Pymble, is a community of retired Jesuit priest and brother. One experienced Registered Nurse is required for a.m. shift duties on permanent part-time or casual basis. Email: secretary@canisius.edu.au or Mobile 0437 040 711 (Fr Michael McShane SJ)

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Patricia Meek

Please pray for the ill:

Maria Martin; 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.



The Feast of DIVINE MERCY

Prayer & Worship Service

SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2021
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Our Lady of Dolours, Archer/Kirk Streets,
Chatswood

"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to my Divine Mercy"
(Our Lord Jesus Christ to St Faustina, Diary Page 132)



Join us in the celebration of the Feast of Mercy

- Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- Silent Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Praises of Divine Mercy
- Blessing of Divine Mercy images
- Benediction

Reminder: The 9-day Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday (2nd April) and ends on Easter Saturday (10th April).

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer & Worship Service, Chatswood

Easter marks the salvation won by Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God's loving forgiveness.

Join us for the celebration of the feast of Mercy at Our Lady of Dolours Church, corner Archer and Kirk Streets, Chatswood on Divine Mercy Sunday, 11 April. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2.00pm and benediction at around 4.00pm. 2.00 – 4.00pm.

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)

Are You the One Who is to Come?

May 1 Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

The challenge and the blessing of responding to Jesus as the Messiah.

Weekend Retreat—Cost: \$300 per person

Praying with Saint Teresa of Jesus

April 16-18. Presenter: Fr. Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD

St Teresa guides us towards a state of sublime surrender to God, where in silence we will be taught in an interior way.

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: bookings@mtcarmel.com.au
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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.

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

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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 APRIL**

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

The Word

Sunday 4 April 2021: Easter Sunday

First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.