

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

5 August 2018 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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: 2nd 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)



August 2018

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

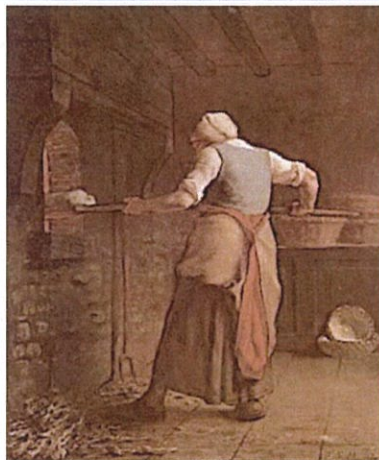
Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

Wednesday 8 August
Feast of St Mary of the Cross
Mass at 6:30am & 9:15am.
All are welcome

Thursday 9 August
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am—Hall Boardroom

Thursday 9 August
Come and Have Your Say - Youth
Forum Feedback and Discussion
about the Future.
6:30-8:30pm. Parish Hall

Wednesday 15 August
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 6:30am, 9:15am and 7:30pm



So they said to him, “Sir give us this bread always.”
Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life.”
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Today we recount how the Israelites revolted against Moses and despised God because of their hunger for physical food. They quickly forgot all the great things that God had done for them. God, however, proved to be a great provider by feeding them with manna from heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish out of necessity. However, the crowd has been taken up only by the material things they could get from Christ. So, rather than first accepting Christ and the word of

God he preached, they allowed physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger. When we pay too much of attention to material things, we tend to forget the goodness of God in the past. So, rather than counting our blessings we might end up counting our woes, and blaming God for our misfortunes.

National Vocations Awareness Week begins 5th August 2018 and provides an opportunity for all parishes and schools to focus at the same time on the ‘call to holiness’ that arises from our Baptism and thus to further foster a Vocation's Culture across Australia. In this Year of Youth may our prayers and support assist them to discern God’s plan and call for their life.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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KU-RING-GAI INTERCHURCH COMMITTEE

A cordial invitation for the 2018 Social Awareness Luncheon. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Guest speaker: Sister Alisa Mackinnon from Mercy Works, who is presenting on "Welcome to Australia".

Date: Tuesday 7th August 2018

Time: 12:00 for 12:30pm

Cost: \$20 per person

Venue: St Andrew's Presbyterian Church 258 Mona Vale Road, St Ives.

Brochures with more information are available at the back of the Hall. You can also contact our Parish representatives Cheryl Doyle 9488 8803 and MernaThompson 9449 2883 for more information.

YOUTH FORUM

Recently we conducted our own survey in a 'Come and Have your Say' Forum. We have collated the information and since Youth have an important place in the Church and we want to take this forward in our own Church we will hold another gathering on the 9th August as per the poster for interested parishioners. We would love to see young people present at that meeting. This is an aim of the Parish Pastoral Council in this Year of Youth.

Also attached a survey which explores young people's hopes and challenges on a national level. There were 15,000 young people who responded in the national survey. It is interesting to view these as well.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Bob O'Connell, John Patrick Wood

Please pray for the ill:

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.

Feast Days — July/August

6 August, The Transfiguration of the Lord

8 August, St Mary of the Cross

10 August, St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

11 August, St Clare, virgin

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION— WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2018

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be held at 6:30am, 9:15am and 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 August. We are looking for volunteers to read and to Acolyte. If you can help out at any of the masses, please write your name on the form at the back of the Hall.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for St Swithun's Anglican Church Pymble and for Rev Dr Roger Chilton.

LISTEN TO POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis wrote a lovely apostolic exhortation on the 19th of March 2018, the Feast of St Joseph. It is called *Gaudete et Exsultate* which means rejoice and be glad. They are the first words of his beautiful exhortation.

Essentially, the whole exhortation is about holiness for all. I simply want to give you a taste of the first chapter. What is holiness? Essentially it is the full flowering of love. So when parents raise children with great love and work hard to support the family, that is holiness. Hence there are not only saints in heaven but also saints next door.

Who does the Lord call to holiness? Essentially it is everyone. Vatican II says, "All the faithful whatever their condition or state are called by the Lord – each in his own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect." Our living of mature love in all walks of life must have a positive impact in the world in a way that has eternal implications not only for ourself but for others. St John of the Cross says, "In the eventide of life we will be examined in love."

In the quote above from Vatican II, I like the part where it says all are called to holiness – **'each in his own way'** because it allows expressions of mature love in many ways. So, individually we need to ask 'Who is Christ and we for each other.' What aspects of Jesus' life am I called to reflect in my daily encounters with others? There is a need to be sensitive to what God willed for each of us from all eternity. Mary was called to be the Mother of God, John the Baptist was called to prepare the way of the Lord, and Jeremiah was called to be a prophet to the nations. So, what has God called you to be?

What is your mission in Christ? Is it related to holiness? Do I have a mission or is my identity my mission? My mission is to be a Carmelite priest in a community of four in Australia in St Ives as a parish priest expressing the Golden Rule which is the Gospel. My mission will be linked with my particular identity in Christ. I don't have a mission. I am a mission. My mission and holiness will be linked with certain aspects of the richness in Christ. So what is your mission? How do you understand it? We must model our life on Christ coming to glorify the Father.

As one lives one's mission which is inextricably linked with loving God in a way that is committed to his project of loving others we will have a positive impact on the world, grow in holiness and simultaneously gain eternal life. In living holiness in the above sense we are more alive and more human. St Teresa said 'beware of sour face saints.' Holiness is authentic living. Here one encounters one's weakness with the power of God's grace. The only great tragedy is not to become a saint.

Have a lovely day.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD



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PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE UPDATE



Pictured L-R Andrena Brewer, Bryan Freer, Linda Taneja, Ron Huntly, Jen Perrott, Fr Greg Chee and Frank Bosci

Members of our PPC attended a workshop on Sunday 22 July presented by Ron Huntley. Ron works closely with Fr James Mallon in Halifax Canada, author of the book *Divine Renovation*. The topic of Ron's address to the group was Renewing Parish Culture and growing as Missionary Disciples in our Parish.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, lessons available. Next get together **Thursday 9 August 2018** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.



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