



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

6 May 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - 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)



May 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

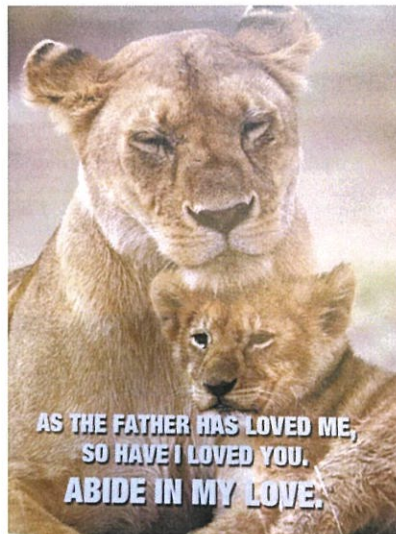
Sunday 6 May
10am Mass— Junior Choir

Sunday 13 May
10am Mass— Parish Choir
Mother's Day

Thursday 17 May
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am—Hall Boardroom

Sunday 20 May
10am Mass— Junior Choir

Sunday 27 May
10am Mass— Parish Choir



Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

When Jesus tells us: 'Love one another as I have loved you', what type of love has Jesus in mind? It is not *love of* pleasure, attraction or satisfaction. Nor is it only *love of benevolence* that focuses not on the one who loves but on the loved.

What Jesus intends is *transcendental love* that freely gives all that one is and one has to the one

who is loved. This is the highest form of love with which Jesus loved us. God is the focus of this level of love. In transcendental love, human love is not absorbed or suppressed, but illumined by the love of God.

This is Christian love, the love which Jesus proposes to his followers. Here the one who loves may even sacrifice one's own happiness if the good of the *loved* is at stake. In doing so, the one who loves elevates love to the level of virtue: a love which is self-sacrificing—CHRISTIAN LOVE.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee OCD

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What's on...

Every First Friday, 7-8pm, Holy Hour for Vocations. Adoration, reflection, evening prayer of the Church. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au

Every Last Wednesday, 7-9pm, A Discernment Evening for young adults (18-35) who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au



HOW YOU CAN PROVIDE TO THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND...

"How marvellous would it be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others" – Pope Francis

When you provide to the Charitable Works Fund today, your donations support your family and neighbours in our Diocese. Your donations provide financial support to the CatholicCare Hospital Chaplains and Pastoral Care Practitioners who minister across seven hospitals in our Diocese. The Hospital Chaplains and Pastoral Care practitioners care for our families, friends and neighbours during times of sickness and hospitalisation. Your generous donations provide for someone to bring God's love and comfort to new mothers and babies. Your donations also provide someone to bring sacraments and compassion to someone at the end of their life.

Your donations to the Charitable Works Funds provide support to five charities including **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and Ephpheta Centre** that support the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay and today we say thank you.

Over the last Financial year, your donations have raised \$ 32,632 for our Parish. Every Parish in the Diocese is set a quota in order to meet our commitments to the charities receiving the funds. In order to meet our quota we still need to raise \$ 18,500 to meet ours. Please fill in one of the CWF envelopes that we have in the pews for you today and place it in the collection plate.

Thank you.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; Lewis Criniti; Phillip Johnson; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Clara Di Mauro; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, Francesco Macolino, Jan Davies, Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, John Edwards, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone, John Michael Walsh

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM:

Weekend Retreat. St Teresa of Avila speaks to us today.

May 18-20. Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD. Cost: \$250 per person (concessions apply)

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: retreats@carmelite.com

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul homeless shelter fresh bread deliveries needs a small number of new volunteers.

If you are able to commit to helping one evening each month on a regular schedule, please email michael.j.hill@bigpond.com for additional details.

Bishop Vincent Long

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for Pymble Catholic Church and for Fr Bogus and Fr Greg.

ABORTION ON DEMAND PUSH IN IRELAND

There will be a referendum on the repeal of the 8th Amendment of the Constitution which was inserted there in 1983, to defend the right of light of the 'unborn'. The referendum takes place in a month's time on Friday 25th May 2018. The Church is, as you would expect, unanimously and strongly against, however the voice of the hierarchy has lost its influence due to strong anti-clerical movements in Ireland and the effects of the abuse scandals and their aftermath.

Let us pray that God's will may prevail in respecting the unborn life as a precious reality to be protected.

Catechist Corner

Did you know..... The Big Bang Theory came about from a Catholic priest? In the last few days, I went along to two presentations by Brother Guy Consolmagno which were held on Saturday 28 April and Monday night 30 April at Waitara and Tuggerah. Br Guy is the Director of the Vatican Observatory who holds a PhD in Planetary Science, written a number of books and has a plethora of other achievements under his belt. As both a Jesuit and a scientist, Br Guy explored the fascinating topic of how faith and science co-exist. This was both informative and exciting. For me, it really brought to the forefront of my mind how amazing our God really is. We know this, however, until it is put right in front of you in this manner, do we really appreciate it. Many children in the classroom will say things like "I don't believe in God, I believe in the Big Bang." It is not an either/or reality as many children believe it to be. They seem to think you have to believe in God or a Big Bang it can't be both. They don't understand God created the Big Bang!!

'God's creation out of nothing, doesn't mean something that happened billions of years ago... It means continual creation by a God that is not limited by time. God continually wills the universe to exist...'

Brother Guy Consolmagno

All schools and scripture classes have resumed this week for Term 2. The holiday break is always a great. It gives the children a chance to catch their breath (as well as Mum's and Dads) and begin again fresh for another 10 weeks. We are still in need of two teachers for years 5/6 at Turramurra North and St Ives Park. Please pray for someone to come forward and keep the catechists in your prayers. We have our Term Meeting this **Monday 7 May 2018 at 1pm in the Hall Conference Room.**

Jen Perrott
Catechist Coordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion this year. The generosity of parishes during Project Compassion is helping empower young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has already started with your support!

This year Project Compassion demonstrates how Caritas Australia empowers young people to become channels of love and positive change for their entire communities.

We thank you in advance for supporting Project Compassion. So far our Parish has raised just over \$5000.



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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. The Feast Day on 1st May is an opportunity to reflect on the true dignity and value of work and its place in our family and community life. St. Joseph, foster father to Jesus and a humble carpenter, is an important example of the holiness of human labour. St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of workers and of social justice.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens (On Human Work)*, Pope John Paul II reminds us of the sacred and deeply human nature of work and the role of the Church in calling "attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE AWARD TO PROFESSOR JOSEPH STIGLITZ

Professor Joseph Stiglitz, American economist, Nobel laureate and lifelong champion for global economic justice, has been awarded the 2018 Sydney Peace Prize. Professor Stiglitz is a former senior vice president and chief economist of the World Bank and is a former member and chairman of the US president's Council of Economic Advisers. He has also been a member of the Pontifical Academy for Social Sciences.



FAREWELL TO FR JUSTIN

Most of you may be aware that Fr Justin will be returning to Korea towards the end of May. Fr Justin has become an integral part of

our Parish community and we will all miss him. We are organising a farewell morning tea after 10 am mass on Sunday the 20th May. It would be appreciated if you could contribute by bringing a plate to share; helping with set up or clean up. Let us also know if you wish to be involved in planning or helping out.

Your suggestions are most welcome.



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