

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

6 November 2022, 32nd 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: Third 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

**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 6 November 2022
Youth Choir—10am mass

Monday 7 November 2022
Parish Pastoral Council meeting

**Thursday 10 November
2022**
Parish Social Craft Group
Parish Hall at 10:30am

Sunday 13 November 2022
Parish Choir—10am mass

Tuesday 15 November 2022
Parish Finance Committee
meeting

Sunday 27 November 2022
Pray & Play Young Family Group



***They can no longer die, for
they are like angels; and
they are the children of
God.”
(First Reading)***

Dear Parishioners

Today’s readings speak strongly about ‘new life’, ‘resurrection’. As children of God, we are people of the resurrection. Jesus refers to Moses’ experience of God at the burning bush; Jesus, our new Moses, states that this same God who spoke to Moses is ‘God of the living; for to him all are in face alive’.

The seven brothers mentioned in today’s first reading from the Second Book of Maccabees, died ‘relying on God’s promise that (they) shall be raised up by him’. In the psalm we proclaim that God will ‘fill us with the sight of (God’s) glory’ when we ‘awake’ after our death. The Gospel acclamation proclaims that ‘Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead’. In wonder and awe, with strong hope, trust and joy we proclaim: ‘glory and kingship be his for ever and ever’. Every Sunday, like Easter Sunday, celebrates the resurrection of the Lord, in which our own resurrection is assured because God is not a God’ of the dead but of the living, for to him all are, in fact alive.’

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

We are hoping to build up community between the families of young children in our parish. We'd love for you to join us for an early lunch together, while the children play and adults chat. Our upcoming gatherings are:

Next date: Sunday 27 November

Time: Approx 11am, straight after 10am Mass

Location: Corpus Christi school oval (weather permitting) or Corpus Christi church hall if wet

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Edith Chan (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Charmaine Lubbe (charmaine.lubbe1@gmail.com) for more details.

POSITIONS VACANT

Parish Secretary vacancies – Toukley Parish & Lower North Shore Parish Permanent, part-time

Could you see yourself as the face of the Toukley Parish or the Lower North Shore Parish, providing high level administrative support and a warm and inviting welcome to visitors?

Both these Parishes are seeking to recruit a new permanent part-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support. If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief **cover letter and CV to** recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Toukley Parish, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00am to 2:00pm
Lower North Shore Parish, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Applications close **Friday, 11 November 2022.**

2022 Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our goal this year is to provide 100 hampers to any needy parishioners in the Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We would appreciate your support to make this happen.

Suggested Hamper Contents—please refer to the insert.

Where and when do I deliver my Hamper?

Please deliver to our Corpus Christi Church at any time during the two week Appeal period. ***This runs from the 6pm Mass on Saturday 3rd December and ends at the special Hamper Mass at 10am on Sunday 18th December.***

If you require your hamper to be collected from your home please call Michelle at the Parish Office on 9144 6998 by Monday the 12th of December and we will organise a pickup from your home.

Cash donation

If it is more convenient for you to make a cash donation in lieu of a Hamper you can bring this to the Parish Office or use the Parish's Electronic Funds Transfer account:

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish
BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 100001798
Reference: Parish Hamper

Thank You!

For over 35 years our Parish has had a rich heritage of support to the parishioners of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We thank you for your Christmas spirit generosity.





NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

On All Souls Day we often hear the expression: *“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.”* What is the biblical basis of this? What implications does it have for you and me?

In 2 Maccabees 12:42-46 Judas Maccabeus was the leader of the Jewish people one hundred and fifty years before the birth of Jesus. He led an army against the Greek invaders who had taken over his country. Several of his men were killed in battle. It turned out that all of them had been wearing superstitious amulets or charms around their necks, a practice that was totally opposed to their Jewish faith. When Judas Maccabeus discovered this, he took up a collection among all the people and sent two thousand drachmas to the Temple in Jerusalem to have sacrifices offered for those who had died.

“If he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. That is why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin”, (2 Maccabees 12: 44-45).

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.” Praying for your departed beloved ones is an exercise of charity which brings graces not only for those who are held in our prayers but for ourselves as well. St John of the Cross tells us that in the eventide of life we will be examined in love. Praying for the dead is such an act.

Those in purgatory are certain of the experience of heaven. We speed them to experience the fullness of glory with the help of our prayers. Hence when St Monica knew she was dying she said: *“I only ask that you remember me in your prayer”*. St Maria Faustina, through her conversations with Our Lord and Our Lady as recorded in her diary, including her own beautiful prayers and, of course, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, show this important work of mercy—praying for the dying souls and those in purgatory.

St Faustina was told by the souls in purgatory that the main way to avoid purgatory is to do the will of God in all things. She wrote: *“How very easy it is to become holy; all that is needed is a bit of good will. If Jesus sees this little bit of good will in the soul, He hurries to give Himself to that soul, and nothing can stop Him, neither shortcomings nor falls—absolutely nothing (291). May you be blessed, O God, for everything You send me. Nothing under the sun happens without Your will (1208)*

Hence I encourage you to pray for your departed beloved ones by making a small donation and putting it in an envelope found in the foyer. You can put this in a collection bowl or hand it in at the sacristy. God bless, Fr Greg.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, 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— NOVEMBER

Wednesday 9th, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday 10th, St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Friday 11th, St Martin of Tours, bishop
Saturday 12th, St Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Thursday 17th, St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious



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 10 November 2022** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

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.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

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The Word

Sunday 6 November 2022, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the second book of Maccabees 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. *(R.)*
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. *(R.)*
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone.

But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 20:27-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.