

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

6 March 2022 – First Sunday of Lent

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 on Zoom

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

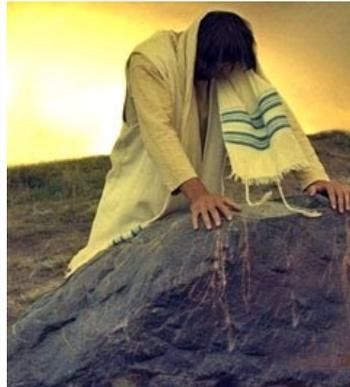
Every Friday during Lent
Exposition at 7pm followed by
Stations of the Cross

Just a reminder that we follow
NSW Health advice to reduce
the spread of Covid.

- sanitise your hands; &
- physical distance

**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.



***The devil said to him, “If you are
the son of God, command this
stone to become bread.” (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners,

Later in our Eucharistic celebration we
will pray, ‘Father... lead us not into
temptation.’ It is a plea that our loving
God will strengthen and support us in
the trials that inevitably confront us in

our efforts to live faithful lives in accordance with God’s will for his creation. In this, as in all matters related to our spiritual growth, Jesus, who was ‘tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin’ (Hebrews 4:15), is our exemplar. ‘Learn from me,’ he says, ‘and you will find rest for your souls’ (Matthew 11:29-30). The dramatic account of Jesus’ encounter with Satan (the adversary) occurs in all three Synoptic Gospels. It is an appropriate reading with which to introduce the penitential season of Lent. The temptations that Jesus faced at the beginning of his public ministry relate to three issues that lie at the heart of the discord and division that bedevil contemporary society—our self-centred attitudes to power, property and prestige—an unholy trinity that claims the worship of so many people. The ominous words which conclude today’s reading as a reminder that the tempter is still destructively active among us and that should be on our guard.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Sunday nights 7-8:30pm

YOUTH GROUP

For Corpus Christi students in Year 6-12
Come along for some food, snacks and games!

Parents message Natalie at 0499 636 266 to RSVP



Project Compassion 5&6 March

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent. Liturgy at 7:00pm with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

Become a catechist in 2022!

St Ives Parish is in need of catechists. The original meaning on "catechist" is one who "echoes God's word", however catechists are much more than that. Facilitating a child's faith formation is a rewarding experience that does not require a teacher's degree or an advanced degree in theology: all it requires is enthusiasm, as well as generosity in sharing your time with others.



Our parish provides SRE (Special Religious Education) to children at our local public schools. Classes are once a week for 30-35 minutes. **Resources, lesson plans, teacher's manuals, student workbooks, support and training are provided free of charge.** Please contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:



The Parish Choir will be practicing for the Easter masses and would like to invite anyone with a love of singing to join them. All voices and instruments are welcome! The practices will be held in the Church at 7:30pm on:

Tuesday 8th March 7:30-9pm

Wednesday 16th March 7:30pm-9pm

Wednesday 23rd March 7:30pm-9pm

Wednesday 13th April 7:30pm-9pm

Please come along and join the Parish Choir.



Social Justice Corner

Implementing Laudato Si' – Online forum for Parishes

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si': Care for our Common Home*, Pope Francis calls on us all to reflect on 'the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. St Dominic's Camberwell, Justice and Peace Group is holding an online forum to:

- consider models and resources available to parishes for implementing the *Laudato Si* message of care for our common home and
- engage in Q&A around what initial steps can be taken to build a systemic response to this pressing call.

The forum will be held on the 8th March at 7.30pm. For further information go to www.trybooking.com/BVHTM

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 we pray for the people of Ukraine.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who are in fear,
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion
 to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk
 and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 Amen.

Written by the Archbishops of Canterbury & York



Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Brendan O'Connell; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; 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, 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.

DIOCESE OF LISMORE FLOOD APPEAL

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account below:

BSB: 037-889
 Account No: 1061 5829
 Account Name: DOL Flood Appeal

Scan the QR Code for PayPal



Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au.

The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW. To view this message please go to www.lismorediocese.org



FINANCE UPDATE – SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioners

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

This last six months has been challenging for all of us. The on and off restrictions and the Omicron wave has been quite stressful and has had an effect on our church. Our attendances at Mass are understandably down with the consequent effect of lower collections. We are grateful to those parishioners who continue to support both the parish and our priests with their contributions. The assistance we received from the NSW government certainly helped to reduce our deficit. We are pleased to report that our roof loan is now fully paid off. Our expenses are under control and we continue to closely monitor them.

We encourage parishioners who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card please either call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the attached **form** and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church.

Parishioners will know that Murphy House is now sold and no longer owned by the Diocese. However, the Diocese has entered into a lease agreement with the new owners to allow our priests to remain there until October 2023. This gives us the chance to plan and build a new presbytery. To this end a subcommittee has been formed and has explored a number of options for a new presbytery. At this early stage some preliminary plans have been drawn for a new building alongside the parish office. The subcommittee has recommended that the parish office be renovated at the same time to cater for the longer term needs of the parish as outlined by the parish pastoral council. A full briefing will be given to parishioners to allow questions and comments. The date for the briefing has not yet been set but should be within the next month or so. Parishioners will be given adequate notice of when the briefing will be.

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

| | ACTUAL \$ | ACTUAL \$ | ACTUAL \$ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 31-Dec-21 | 31-Dec-20 | 31-Dec-19 |
| INCOME | | | |
| Planned Giving - Envelopes | 15,710 | 45,155 | 45,595 |
| Planned Giving - Credit Cards | 35,374 | 37,059 | 36,220 |
| Planned Giving - EFTs | 22,050 | - | - |
| Total Planned Giving | 73,134 | 82,214 | 81,815 |
| Loose Second Collection | 4,341 | 10,184 | 24,296 |
| Tap & Go - \$5 | 700 | 2,110 | - |
| Tap & Go - \$10 | 1,820 | 6,750 | - |
| Tap & Go -\$20 | 3,540 | 5,660 | - |
| Tap & Go -\$50 | 490 | - | - |
| Donations | 3,250 | 3,568 | - |
| Pastoral Activities, Piety store and other inc. | 4,668 | 7,074 | 7,737 |
| Bulletin Advertising | 2,652 | 5,980 | - |
| Alpha Program | - | 1,254 | 11,715 |
| Discipleship | - | 2,860 | 600 |
| Interest Received | 338 | 836 | 2,591 |
| Building Donations | 100 | 100 | 900 |
| Total Income | 95,035 | 128,589 | 129,653 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Church Requisites | 5,596 | 3,732 | 3,716 |
| Employment Expenses including on-costs | 61,639 | 46,210 | 73,200 |
| Jobkeeper Expense | - | 32,377 | - |
| Insurance | 22,323 | 20,357 | 21,101 |
| Office Expenses | 2,404 | 5,758 | 9,081 |
| Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp. | 9,456 | 12,307 | 23,981 |
| Formation | 1,600 | - | - |
| Alpha Program | 1,247 | 1,544 | 11,575 |
| Discipleship | - | 1,767 | 928 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 13,822 | 20,609 | 16,363 |
| Clergy Car Expenses | 5,193 | 4,488 | 4,135 |
| Interest repayment on Roof Loan | 133 | 816 | 1,905 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 123,413 | 149,965 | 165,986 |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | (28,378) | (21,376) | (36,332) |
| NON- OPERATING INCOME | | | |
| Job Keeper Subsidy | - | 54,000 | - |
| Cah Boost Stimulus -ATO | - | 10,000 | - |
| NSW Business Grant | 7,500 | - | - |
| NSW Jobsaver Grant | 18,000 | - | - |
| Total Non-Operating Income | 25,500 | 64,000 | - |
| NON -OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Tap & Go units | - | (172) | - |
| New carpets in parish office | - | (6,818) | - |
| Short Fall Super Expenses prior years | - | (3,595) | - |
| Preliminary Expenses for new Presbytery | (6,200) | - | - |
| Total Non-Operating Expenses | (6,200) | (10,585) | - |
| Roof Repayments to 31 Dec 2021 | (13,321) | (16,700) | (16,700) |
| Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments | (22,399) | (15,339) | (53,032) |



NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY- 5 & 6 MARCH

Our parish has been selected to participate in the National Church Life Survey on behalf of our Diocese which gives

useful information for planning in the context of the whole of Australia. It is also an opportunity to hear what people are really thinking whether they come to Church or not. We would be then in a better position to serve and care for them. We will receive our own parish report with survey results which we could share with you. The results would give us a basis for planning a positive future for those we serve. Please see below for some other reasons to participate.

Churches of all sizes and traditions, in urban, rural and remote communities, complete a *Church Life Survey*, as a way to reflect on their church's health and vitality.

'Life to the full' is the underlying philosophy as the survey aims to be a life-giving resource for churches, to nurture their vitality and inform their decision making, as they seek to be part of God's mission where they are.

- 1. Hear all the voices - take time to listen** Hear the attitudes and beliefs of all people at church, including those who don't always get heard: ministers, lay leaders, adult attenders, youth and children, at one time, in a season of listening.
- 2. Make better choices:** Use a credible evidence base to inform your discussions and decisions. Discern where best to place your energy and direction, based on your survey feedback.
- 3. Find out things you need to know:** As mission researchers, the NCLS team know things about what you care about. Doing a nation-wide survey helps churches to learn from each other and allows leaders to identify key trends.
- 4. Find out the giftings and hopes of attenders :** Receive a list of areas where your attenders are gifted and motivated to act. Harness their energy, motivation and hopes to move forward. Encourage all to contribute their gifts and skills.
- 5. Take stock of your church's health :** Beyond counting heads, use the NCLS Research framework of church vitality to assess nine core qualities and three attendance measures, at regular times in your church's journey.
- 6. Identify your strengths and use them to grow:** Survey results will show where your church's strengths lie. Identify your strengths and use them to inform areas of growth. Our planning resources are strengths-based, the best place to start when making any change.

To complete the survey online please go to <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/> . Our Parish code is TA228101.

"Rend your heart and not your garments."
Joel 2:13

LENTEN GROWTH RETREAT

with Fr Roni George VC & Fr Joby George VC

18th-20th March 2022

For more info & bookings please contact:
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MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:

Day Retreats -Cost: \$30 per person (Please BYO lunch)

Jesus Encounters "The Adultress" John 8:1-11

April 2 10am to 4pm. Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

May the Lord teach this recollection to those of you who don't know about it, for I confess that I never knew what it was to pray with satisfaction until the Lord taught me this method. W.29.7

Who Am I Interiorly?

June 4 10am to 4pm. Presenter Barry Morkel
Reflecting on Scripture and this wisdom of St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, we will explore the paradoxes inherent in discerning and understanding how to develop a balanced SELF KNOWLEDGE, with a view of growing in authentic Christian living.

Weekend Retreats—Cost: \$300 per person

The Gift of Joy! A retreat in the Spirit of Taize

March 11-13. Presenter: Br Matthew
Exploring pathways to joy in life with the help of the prayer and worship of Taize.

Embracing Multi-Dimension Thinking: The Length and the Breadth, the Height and the Depth

March 18-20. Presenter: John Charadia & Artist Tutor Team
How do we come to know and embrace the full capacity of God's presence in our Lives?

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

The Word

Sunday 6 March 2022 1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading

From the book of Deuteronomy Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' *(R.)*
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. *(R.)*
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. *(R.)*
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'
Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.
The Gospel of the Lord.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

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