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7 June 2020 –The Most Holy Trinity

*The Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has dispensed
with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays.*

*We invite you to join in Masses that are available for a limit of 50 people in the Church and for all
online, as listed below, and to continue to pray from home.*

**Mass at Corpus Christi
for 50 people in the
Church:**

**Please see article for
details of Masses.**

Mass Online:

**Corpus Christi Mass
Online. Sunday** mass will
be available on Saturday
afternoon.

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website and on our FaceBook
Account.

Mass on television:

Mass for You at Home:
6am Channel 10 every
Sunday morning.



*“The Lord, the Lord, the merciful and
gracious God, slow to anger and rich in
kindness and fidelity” (First Reading)*

Dear Parishioners,

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them’ (CCC 234). It is also what distinguishes our Christian belief in the one true God from that of our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters. If we are not well versed in philosophy and theology, we may find it helpful to extend our reflections on the doctrine of the Trinity beyond what it reveals about the inner life of God. We can see it as a summary of what we believe about the ways in which the triune God shares the divine life with us—as creator, redeemer and sanctifier. If this doctrine is to stand at the centre of our faith, truly and not just rhetorically, we must concentrate ‘more on the mystery of God with us, God for us, and less on the nature of God by Godself’ (Catherine Mowry LaCugna). How do I, created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1: 26-27), experience God’s presence in my daily life?

My God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Catholic Parish Renewal

I would like to refer to what Pope Francis said in 2013 in a document called "*Evangelii Gaudium*" or "The Joy of the Gospel" regarding his vision for parish reform.

The first thing he reminds us of is that a parish is not an outdated institution. It actually has lots of flexibility. He says a parish *"can assume quite different contours depending on the missionary creativity of the pastor and the community... ..This presumes it is really in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed cluster made up of a chosen few."*

I'd like to point out the use of the word "missionary": the *"missionary creativity of the pastor and the community"*. "Missionary" is about going out. It implies an outward looking Church - that is not self-absorbed; a Church whose mission it is to go out to bring the Good News, to reach people with the love of Jesus.

In fact, the word "mission" comes from the same base as the word "Mass". So the Mass means to go out. The Mass is not just something we go 'to', but something we go 'from'. We leave from Mass to be missionary in the world.

Pope Francis also speaks about the creativity of the pastor AND the community. In parish renewal, all the Baptised have a role to play.

In another place in this document "*The Joy of the Gospel*", Pope Francis says, *"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the church's customs, ways of doing things, times, schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of to-day's world rather than for self preservation."* So, again, not just focussing on ourselves so we can be preserved, like in a museum, but rather to open up, to be missionary and to take the message out, to 'evangelise'. You may not be that comfortable with the word 'evangelisation', but it simply means, "to share the Good News of Jesus with others". The parish is called to bear witness to the Gospel message in today's world, which is the message of the salvation gained for us by Jesus. In fact, this is our core identity as Church and why we exist - to be a witness to Jesus.

In our current times, that's not easy to do, and Pope Francis tells us that 'business as usual' is no longer an option. It's not working. We have to find new ways to reclaim relevance among our community and in our society; to be an effective witness. This is our challenge. So how do we move towards what Pope Francis is calling us to? This is what we need to discern as a community; to set a vision for our parish and a plan to move towards that vision.

So let's pray for the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit through this process, as we plan for a preferred future for our parish. Please join me for a Zoom meeting at 5pm on Sunday 7 June - details below:

Parish Planning Forum

All are invited to a zoom meeting on Sunday 7 June at 5pm to discuss our parish future. Please read the Draft Vision Statement on the next page—this will form the basis of our discussion.

To join by internet go to www.zoom.us, click on Join A Meeting.

To join by phone: Call 8015 6011

Meeting ID is 851 1355 2333. Meeting Password is 170096

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT FOR REVIEW

The Vision to date is:

- Corpus Christi is a welcoming caring joyful community with Jesus at the heart of the Parish and Mary as our spiritual mother inspired by our Carmelite spirituality.
- We invite people to experience and respond to God's love, continually growing in relation to Jesus.
- As a community and individually, we are committed to grow, to serve, to connect, to pray, to worship, to give; actively sharing our gifts in the power of the Spirit, as missionary disciples in the world.

Jesus is the perfect revelation of God and the perfect response to God. If we want to know who God is and how much He loves us look at Jesus. If we want to know how to respond humanly to God in our world look at Jesus.

Since the Gospel may be summarised as love of God in a way that is committed to his project of loving others, the world would be a much better place than it is now if more and more people took their inspiration from Jesus.

This is why in our stated vision to date we have "Jesus at the heart of the Parish". Everything else in the vision flows from "Jesus at the heart of the Parish".

We could summarise the vision in a purpose statement: "We love God; we love neighbour; we are disciples with a missionary focus".

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Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, 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— MAY/JUNE

Sunday 7 June, The Most Holy Trinity
Thursday 11 June, St Barnabas, apostle
Saturday 13 June, St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

MASS HAS RETURNED TO CORPUS CHRISTI From Monday 1 June 50 parishioners have been allowed in the Church.

We will be holding mass at the following times:

- Monday to Friday at 9:00am - Mass and the possibility of Reconciliation*
- Saturday at 9:00am - Mass, the possibility of Reconciliation and Exposition
- Saturday at 6:00pm—Mass only
- Sunday at 8am, 10am & 6pm —Mass only

* During the week, Reconciliation and/or private prayer will be available for 30 minutes immediately after Mass. Reconciliation at other times is available by appointment.

Following the guidelines set by the NSW Government, masses will be limited to 50 people plus the priest.

In any gathering, social distancing measures of 4 square meters per person and hand sanitising needs to be maintained. We are also required to clean the church after each gathering.

To book online go to www.trybooking.com/BJUJG or call Belinda or Michelle in the office on 9144 6998. Bookings required by 4pm the day before the week day masses and 4pm on Friday 5 June for the weekend masses. Bookings for the weekend masses are compulsory.

Please do not attend mass if you are unwell.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:



"On this journey, every one of us has a role to play to build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures."
Uluru Statement from the Heart.

We commit to being companions on this journey

Our **SECOND** action is learning what The Statement means and how we can listen and learn more.

This is the second of four posters relating to National Reconciliation Week. The remaining two will appear over the following weeks. Please contact Jon Horan (jonhoran@bigpond.com) or John Lenehan (jslenehan@optusnet.com.au) if there are any questions.

ONLINE RESOURCES

BISHOP ANTHONY'S HOMILIES

Watch on the YouTube channel of Hornsby Cathedral Parish. Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website (<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au>) for the community to read.

LITURGY BRISBANE

Sunday Readings and Family Prayer Week by Week. The resources can also be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/Sunday-readings-and-family-prayer> and will be updated each week.

LITURGY HELP

Liturgy Help is offering free individual and family prayer resources for Catholics in social isolation. Resources can be found at <https://www.liturgyhelp.com>

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE



The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/cwf Any donation given will support our Parish quota. Please ensure you nominate your Parish as St Ives Corpus Christi. Any shortfall is made up from our Parish funds. Our shortfall is currently \$13,000.

The Charitable Works Fund supports five charities that provide faith based services to the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of our lives. This week we look at how the Ephpheta Centre has adapted to support those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Liz McDowell, Business Manager at the Ephpheta Centre stated:

The Ephpheta Centre - the Catholic Centre for deaf and hard of hearing people - has been working hard to continue to support our deaf and hard of hearing community at all times and especially through the current COVID 19 crisis. Many deaf people experience tremendous isolation in their daily lives - this is very much compounded by the current demands of social isolation and people being urged to stay in their homes.

Ephpheta has responded to the current challenges by the following:

1. *By providing online Auslan interpreted Mass from the Cathedral each Friday and Sunday.*
2. *We have been making a special monthly newsletter—this newsletter contains accessible articles and some visual games and activities for the community.*
3. *We have been making many one on one contacts with our deaf community via Facetime, Skype, Zoom, Text Messages and Messenger.*
4. *We have been making daily videos in Auslan of daily prayers and spiritual reflections.*
5. *We have been making regular videos in Auslan providing updated information on COVID-19 situation and announcements from the government.*

6. *Online social groups to bring the deaf community together to maintain social contacts.*
7. *For those members who have no access to the internet, we have been writing individual cards and letters.*

Through all of this, the Ephpheta team has been working overtime and will continue to do so until we can all see each other again.

The Word

Sunday 7 June 2020: The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading

From the book of Exodus Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.
With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
(R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
(R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
(R.)

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.
Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

FINANCE UPDATE – SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

Dear Parishioners

Up until December last year we were still able to attend Mass in the church and have our morning teas and other Parish activities. It is certainly a different picture at the moment. However, we can't forget that our Parish still needs your support as it continues to function as best it can.

Our envelope and loose collections were slightly up compared to last year but are down on the same period in 2017. We do encourage all parishioners to participate in the planned giving by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you would like to know how to contribute by direct debit or credit card the Parish Office would be glad to assist.

Our other expenses are up as we are spending more money on electricity, with the addition of the air conditioning units.

We continue to operate at a deficit and this may continue for some time. Your finance committee is watching this very carefully and making sure we do not exhaust our cash resources.

The amount owing on the loan at 31 December 2019 was \$63,414.69 and we continue to make our normal monthly repayments.

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND
TREASURE**

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

Income & Expenditure

	ACTUAL \$ 31-Dec-19	ACTUAL\$ 31-Dec-18	ACTUAL \$ 31-Dec-17
INCOME			
Planned Giving /Envelope Collection	81,815	77,328	90,433
Loose Second Collection	24,296	24,574	30,453
Donations	-	195	-
Pastoral Activities, Advertising and other inc.	7,737	6,300	9,433
Interest Received	2,591	3,523	502
Building Donations	900	1,509	2,084
Fund raising income	-	-	7,536
Total Income	117,339	113,429	140,441
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	3,716	6,684	6,604
Employment Expenses including on-costs	73,200	68,769	42,790
Insurance	21,101	19,649	19,163
Office Expenses	9,081	6,543	8,815
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	24,170	18,192	14,760
Repairs and maintenance	16,363	35,933	57,100
Clergy Car Expenses	4,135	4,828	4,453
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	1,905	4,665	5,473
Total Operating Expenses	153,671	165,263	159,157
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	-36,333	-51,834	-18,716
Other income -specific sponsorship	-	37,340	-
Roof Repayments to 31 Dec 2019	(16,700)	(16,700)	(18,565)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(53,033)	(31,195)	(37,282)

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