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7 April 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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)



Every Friday (during term time)

Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

Every Thursday

Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

Tuesday 9 April

7:30– 8:30pm
Parish Reconciliation.

Wednesday 10 April

PPC Meeting

Thursday 11 April

Parish Social Craft Group
Parish Hall 10:30am

Friday 12 April

The Light Is On
7-8pm—Parish Church

Sunday 14 April– Palm Sunday

Parish Choir
9am-11am



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her”

(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The primary intent of God with respect to human beings is to set them free—to call them out of various

captivities in which they find themselves, into which Paul calls “the glorious freedom of the children of God”. What would have been the next chapter in the life of the woman in today’s Gospel. Did she go away and sin no more? She lived in a society where public sinners were shunned by everyone, even their own families. There were no social security systems to help her as there are today. Perhaps her only option for survival was to continue as a prostitute.

But we do have reasons to hope that she found a better future, perhaps in the company of Jesus’ followers. She has a remarkable strength of character. Her behaviour during her ‘trial’ foreshadows Jesus’ behaviour during his trial— he too will remain silent before his accusers. She also remains standing before Jesus after all of her accusers have left. At that moment she could have fled herself but she waits in the presence of Jesus. She knows that something significant is happening here, and to her. Her wait is rewarded when Jesus speaks to her respectfully, quietly and firmly and says ‘neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.’

I’m sure Jesus words, ‘neither do I condemn you’, remained with her throughout her life. Maybe she was transformed by them. Maybe she did manage to create a new life for herself. I hope so. May we too have the courage to simply stand before Jesus in our sinfulness and allow him to speak to us. May we hear him say, ‘I do not condemn you, go away and sin no more.’

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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The Light is
ON for you



The Light is ON for you!

This Friday is the final opportunity to participate in *The Light is ON* Lenten initiative. Now is the time to go to Confession before Holy Week and Easter. To help you do this, Parishes across the Diocese of Broken Bay have been offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evenings during Lent. Our church will be open this Friday, from 7-8pm for quiet time and prayer, with the Sacrament available to anyone who wishes to participate. Say 'yes' to receiving the peace and joy that God wishes to gift you with Easter.

For further details, Lenten resources, and participating Churches across the Diocese, please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org.au.

PARISH RECONCILIATION—TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2019

PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Fr Gabriel Malliakal OCD will grace us with his presence. Fr Gabriel is a Professor in Moral Theology. He will preside with a rite of reconciliation consisting of a short reflection on the Gospel; help us in examination of conscience and then we will have to opportunity for individual reconciliation. It is a great way to prepare for Holy Week and let the Lord's mercy and healing touch your heart. Please join us from 7:30-8:30pm so you can appreciate the full reconciliation experience.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2019 at Corpus Christi Parish on 21st June. In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 2 or older and have been Baptised.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so filling in the enrolment at the Parish Office by 1st May 2018 with a payment of \$30 or \$80 to enrol in all 3 Sacraments upfront. The enrolment form is also available on our website <http://www.stives.dbb.org.au> in the Sacraments section.

There will be ONE Parent Information Evening held in the Church at 7:30pm on Thursday 9th May. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE TO ONE ONLY PARENT MEETING FROM THE PREVIOUSLY ADVISED TWO MEETINGS. Confirmation will be held on Friday 21st June 2019 at 7pm. Attendance by at least one parent at the information evening is a requirement of the course.

All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Roseanne Kapel whose funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 5 April. May Roseanne experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:
Patricia Meek
Recently Deceased:
Roseanne Kapel

Please pray for the ill:

Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia;
Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle
Sok; Lewis Criniti; 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.

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.

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM:

Weekend Retreat: Finding life and joy in today's world: A retreat using worship from Taizé

April 12-14

Facilitated by Annemarie Nichol

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

"The lights shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

Holy Week and Easter

April 17-21

Presenters: The Carmelite Team

Cost: \$500 (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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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 11 April 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

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

Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern.

In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care. In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel.

Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our mother, Mary Star of the Sea.

Amen.

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. The practices will be held in the Church at 7:30pm on:

Wednesday 10 April; and
Wednesday 17 April

Please come along and join the Parish Choir.

HOLY SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2019—SUPPER AFTER MASS.

The 7:00pm *Solemn Vigil of Easter*, will be followed by Easter Supper in Hall. **All are welcome – please bring a plate.**

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT... "Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy."- see Proverbs 31:9



Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle

We are holding a Easter Egg raffle and Easter Egg guessing competition to be drawn on Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday) We need your help. To make it a success we are inviting each member of the parish to donate one Easter egg of any size to the cause. Eggs can be placed in the baskets at the church entrances. Tickets are on sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Thank you for your help and good luck!!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



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SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

7th April 2019: International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda. The violence claimed the lives of between 800,000 to 1,000,000 Rwandans.

At the 2018 International Day of Reflection, the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres made the following remarks: *"Today, we remember all those who were killed in the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.*

The men, women and children who were systematically and brutally murdered were overwhelmingly Tutsi, but included Hutu and others who opposed the genocide.

As we honour the dead, we also reflect on the suffering of those who survived this dark chapter in human history. Let us today unite in renewing our resolve to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again. And let us also draw much-needed inspiration from the survivors."

Corpus Christi parishioners have a well-established history of helping survivors of the Genocide by supporting the Rwandan Franciscan Sisters in their work with families with children with disabilities. Since 2012, the Social Justice Group has held several fundraising evenings and raffles. The funds we raised helped to finance the building of a multipurpose centre providing physiotherapy, educational and vocational training services. It is a few years since our last raffle. However, a Raffle for Rwanda is planned after each Mass on the weekend of 27 – 28 April. For more information on the project in Rwanda, supported by our Social Justice team, please visit <https://globaldevelopmentgroup.org/au/projects/j688n-friends-of-st-francis-youth-life-skills-project/>, or contact Margaret Salem at margaretsalem@hotmail.com.

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday—Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm followed by prayer and adoration to 10:30pm.

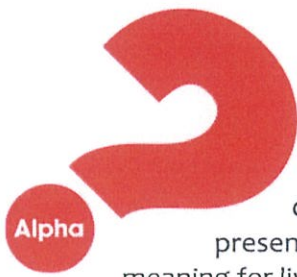
Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 10am; Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Supper—3pm

Holy Saturday—Solemn vigil of Easter 7pm

Easter Sunday—Easter Mass at 8am; 10am. No evening mass

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.



Alpha Pilot Feedback: Last Weekend

As described previously, Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring our faith. There are three elements to an Alpha session. Firstly, there is a meal, during which people enjoy each others company. Secondly, there is a presentation of an element of the gospel message in a way, that can deepen our meaning for living. Thirdly, there is a discussion in a small group in a non-confrontational way. It is fun and encourages a culture of invitation.

Last weekend our Alpha pilot group had a very enjoyable time away. The weekend focussed on the Holy Spirit in a way that has the potential to make a difference to our lives. Here are some photos of the weekend.



You are invited to share in Alpha sessions **beginning Tuesday, 14 May 2019, 7-9pm**. Come and enjoy a meal, a video, and a chat. Please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 or jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au Registration essential for catering.

Alpha runs here.



Beginning:

Tuesday 14 May 2019 7-9pm

263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives NSW 2075

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