

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

31 July 2022 – 18th 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 facilitated
by Fr Greg on Zoom

**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

Thursday 4 August
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am in the Parish Hall

**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.



*By faith Abraham, when put to the test, was ready to offer his only son.
(Second Reading)*

Dear Parishioners

We experience many things that can make us fearful—pandemics, loss of employment, violence, financial and relationship stresses, and so on. In the face of such challenges it is easy to develop a self-protective stance towards life, to do what we can to be in control of our situation, to protect ourselves from dangers. Yet, the simple fact is that we can never have complete control over our situation. We always remain vulnerable to unexpected difficulties. Ultimately, the uncertainties of life, unpleasant as they can be, remind us that we are on this earth as pilgrims, journeying towards a better homeland, our heavenly homeland. If, like Abraham and Sarah, we can put our faith in God’s promises, we will find comfort in the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, **‘There is no need for be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.’** In the Greek these quoted words from the Gospel are stronger. They mean God is determined to give us the kingdom. All we need to do is make space for God by holding all things lightly. We will be generous with what we have, not focussed on our own security but on the well-being of our brothers and sisters. We will hold our possessions lightly.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

August 7-14 is National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we are called to pray for those who are searching for their vocation in life. Let us ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them grace and courage to respond to His call. We are all called to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

May we have the strength to follow his will.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Each Sunday, a number of our parishioners, take communion to the sick and the housebound. This ministry helps keep our Parishioners who can no longer attend Mass connected with our Parish.

Receiving a visit from our ministers every Sunday means a huge amount to these Parishioners – many who are lonely, struggling with deteriorating health and suffering in a variety of ways.

We are receiving more requests and this trend will continue given the demographics of our Parish.

If you are able to join our Ministry in taking communion to the sick and housebound on a 4 – 8 week rostered basis or want to find out more – please contact Michelle at our Parish Office or Anne Freer – T: 0400 407 252 or Joy Pitts - T: 0419 273 480.

We currently take communion to:

- Bupa Aged care (across the road) from our Parish
- Turramurra House (34 Curagul Rd, Turramurra)
- Kari Court (251 Mona Vale Road, St Ives)
- Private Homes - various

A number of our ministers have been involved in this ministry for many years and all say they find it humbling, deeply enriching and rewarding.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.



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Social Justice Corner

HOMELESSNESS WEEK 1- 7 AUGUST 2022

In Australia, there are over 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. Homelessness Week aims to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of homelessness. To end homelessness Australia needs a national plan to properly address the underlying issues driving, and to respond effectively so that homelessness is prevented where possible and quickly resolved when people do lose their home

The new Federal Government has committed to developing a national housing and homelessness plan. Discussions are being held within the sector this week about what the national plan needs to include to end homelessness in Australia.

Facts about homelessness in Australia:

- Social housing in Australia has shrunk from 4.8 per cent of all homes in 2011 to 4.2 percent in 2021.
- One in seven people coming to homelessness services in Australia are young people on their own.
- In 2020-21, 114,000 people seeking homelessness services had to be turned away because of a lack of resources. That's 20 per cent more than the year before.
- Homelessness is not "rooflessness". Only seven percent of people without a home are sleeping rough. The majority of homelessness is hidden - people in crisis accommodation, rooming houses, insecure housing, overcrowded dwellings or couch surfing. Rents in Australia have increased by 9.1 per cent in capital cities and 10.8 per cent in regional areas in the past 12 months.

To end homelessness we need a plan

- to make housing affordable for all.
- to provide the support people need.
- to end family violence.

Support Homelessness Week 2022
1-7 August
homelessnessaustralia.org.au

For further information go to: <https://homelessnessaustralia.org.au/homelessness-week-1-7-august-2022>.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Calisto and Michael Fernandes; David Buay

Please pray for the ill:

Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; 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; 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— AUGUST

Mon 8th, St Mary of the Cross, virgin
Wed 10th, St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Thurs 11th, St Clare, virgin
Mon 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 20th, St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Mon 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

CATHOLICARE BROKEN BAY



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 August.
Or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/homelessness

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 6th & 7th August. **Thank you in advance for**

supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Harold Brown

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Harold Brown.

Harold's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 9 August at 11am.

May Harold experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people, may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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The Word

Sunday 7 August 2022, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Wisdom Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the father. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God. Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about

themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:32-40

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.