

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

**8 July 2018 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)



**July 2018**

**Every Friday (during term time)**

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

**Every Thursday**

Prayer Group prior to mass  
8:40am

**School Holidays**

**Mon 9 July – Fri 20 July**

Office closed Mondays (9 & 16 July)  
1/2 days Tues-Fri (9am – 12nn)

**Thursday 12 July**

Parish Social Craft Group  
10:30am – Hall Boardroom



*Jesus departed from there  
and came to his native  
place, accompanied by his  
disciples (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Familiarity breeds contempt. So the well-known saying goes. And we see it realised in today's Gospel. In one way the people of Jesus' home town knew him too well, but in essence they knew him too little. They knew a lot about him—his family background, seeing who

he really was—a prophet, someone through whom the word of God was being spoken and fulfilled. In putting Jesus down, the people of Nazareth were putting themselves down as well. They had bought into the well-known saying, 'can anything good come from Nazareth?' It was beyond their comprehension that God would choose someone from Nazareth to be a prophet. Jesus was amazed by their lack of faith. Are we guilty of the same blindness? Does familiarity mean that we too fail to see the face of God in members of our family and local community, in the poor and outcast? Is Jesus amazed at our lack of faith also?

Let us use the faith we have because it will grow with use. Every grace cooperated with prepares the way for greater graces, like a muscle which grows stronger with use but atrophies without use.

My God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest

Fr Sunny Abraham, OCD, Assistant Priest

Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest

Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager

Michelle Miles, Office Secretary

Ed Wales, Parish Finance

Jennifer Perrott, Catechist Co-Ordinator

Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**HALL BOOKINGS**

John Huggett (Co-ordinator)

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## What's on...

**Every First Friday**, 7-8pm, Holy Hour for Vocations. Adoration, reflection, evening prayer of the Church. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au

**Every Last Wednesday**, 7-9pm, A Discernment Evening for young adults (18-35) who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills. Email: vocations.ministry@dbb.org.au

### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

We have permission from Bishop Peter to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at all Sunday masses next week. There is a rich spirituality here. Come along, enjoy and receive many blessings including the possibility of receiving the scapula.

### BECOMING AWARE OF GOD IN MY LIFE

*Both the contemplative and the active aspects of finding God in all things can be fostered by a simple, short, daily practice of review of life, it can take about ten minutes or less.*

- I begin by placing myself in God's presence and asking for the Holy Spirit's help.
- I thank God for gifts received: I dwell on those especially enriching or important.
- This is followed by a reflection on the day or the period of time since I made this review. I ask myself such questions as these: where and how have I found God, been aware of God, been drawn towards God, in that period of time? Where has God been touching me, speaking to me? (*The answer may be, for example, in the Mass, in Scripture, in prayer, in relationships or meetings with people, in my family, at work, in pain and suffering, in a book, in the mountains, in a film or TV programme....*)
- On the other hand, where and how during this same period of time have I been drawn away from God (in weakness, in blindness, in selfishness, in sin; the possible areas are the same as for the previous question).
- I end with a prayer of sorrow for times when I moved away from God and with hope that in the future I will be ready to listen to God, to follow his lead and to find him in all things; even among the thorns.

Adapted from John Veltri SJ, *Orientations*

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** John Doyle

### Please pray for the ill:

Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; Lewis Crinitti; Phillip Johnson; 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, John Edwards, 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.*

### Feast Days — July

**11 July**, St Benedict—abbot

### MOST REV PETER A COMENSOLI'S FAREWELL MASS

With the appointment of Most Rev Peter A Comensoli as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, the Diocese of Broken Bay will hold a Farewell Mass for him with all the faithful of the Diocese invited.

**Date: Sunday 22 July 2018**

**Time: 2.00pm**

**Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Cathedral, Waitara**

More details will follow in the coming weeks.

This will be the last public event that Archbishop Peter will be present at in Broken Bay before his move to Melbourne. The installation of Archbishop Peter will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne on Wednesday 1 August 2018.



### PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, lessons available. Next get together **Thursday 12 July 2018 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 9144 6553 or Merna 9449 2883.



## FINANCE & FACILITIES OFFICER—CHATSWOOD PARISH

(Part-time: 3 Days Per Week)

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood, has a vacancy for a **Parish Finance & Facilities Officer (FFO)**. The Parish extends over an area of some seven kilometres across and includes the suburbs of Chatswood, Castle Cove, and (in part) Roseville, Lindfield, Artarmon and Lane Cove and is situated in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

The FFO works as part of a team consisting of the Parish Priest, Assistant Priests, pastoral and other workers. The FFO is accountable to the Parish Priest. The role involves the provision of a range of duties to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish office, which is always at the service of the mission of the parish.

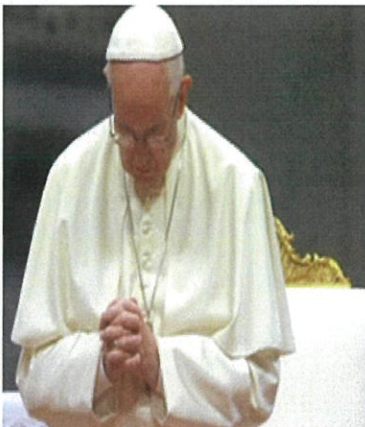
Applications addressing the requirements of the position may be made through the **Seek** website or [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

Enquiries may be directed to **Gail Gill, Acting Parish Business Manager**, on **02 9410 9000** or through [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

Applications close on **Friday, 10 August 2018**.

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Thank you for all your generous support last week as we gathered to take up the Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father. Our collection will be added with the collections of other Parishes in our Diocese and sent the Vatican to support the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis. Your generous donations will support the charitable works and structures of mercy of the Holy See. Thank you.



### Pope Francis' Prayer

#### Intention for July

Evangelisation—Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

**That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.**

### ***Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group***

We will be praying for St Ives Uniting Church and for Reverend Dr Geoff Dornan.

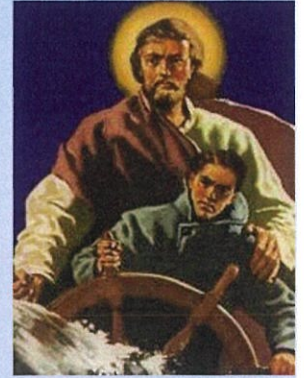


## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

### SEA SUNDAY

Today, the Catholic Church acknowledges the men and women who work on the seas, and Catholics who minister to seafarers by providing spiritual, social and material support.

Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson reminds us: "In our daily lives, we are surrounded by and use many objects and products that at some stage of their journey towards us have been transported on vessels.



On Sea Sunday we are invited to recognise and express our gratitude to this force of more than 1.5 million seafarers, (the majority of them coming from developing countries), who with their hard work and sacrifices are making our life more comfortable.

Though their contribution is essential to the global world economy, there are many challenges experienced by these people and many are the difficulties affecting their life and dignity....Let us ask Mary, *Star of the Sea*, to sustain our service and dedication to seafarers, fishers and their families and to protect all the people of the sea.

### July Safeguarding Message

"Recruitment and selection procedures for new employees and volunteers should clearly signal the organisations commitment to children safety." (Final Report, Royal Commission).

### 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.





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For further information phone:

Martin Stebbings on 0412 726 803 or

Steve Swain on 0438 441 803



### Having a party or family celebration?

- Hire our Parish Hall
- Reasonable rates
- Check availability

Contact:

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## Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### **PLENARY COUNCIL AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"*

A Plenary Council is the highest form of communion between the various local or particular churches of a nation. The gathering of all the dioceses of Australia represents a once in a century opportunity to discover and discern, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the future course of the Church.

This year, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we look toward the future and begin the process of preparing for the Plenary Council. We too, will need to rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to speak boldly, and to listen humbly and with open hearts to one another and especially to God.

The Plenary Council gives us all an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia. We are going to build the agenda for the Plenary Council together through dialogue. We will practise talking with one another, even if we disagree. In the midst of dialogue, we can hear God's voice. Every one of us is invited to listen to God by listening to one another.

Alongside the preparation for the Plenary Council, this year we are celebrating the Year of Youth. Our young people are like those early Christians when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost – anointed and sent, they have the energy and vibrancy of youth and we are all nourished by their witness and their youth. They are a precious gift to us.

We have already begun to listen to each other by listening to the Youth and to other interested adults when we recently had the Youth Cross in an event called "Come and Have Your Say". This information has been collated and given to the newly commissioned Parish Council who believe it is important to do something specific for young people in our Catholic community. They believe that this is best achieved through a systematic and organised approach to youth ministry in the context of a faith community.

The second goal articulated in Anointed and Sent, "to draw young people into a responsible participation in the life mission and work of the Catholic faith community", challenges us to look at how we implement a model of youth ministry in the Parish that invites young people to participation. They have much to offer us now.

To the above, the Parish Council will invite interested youth and adults to examine the collated responses of "Come and Have Your Say" in the near future and together with such a group decide what our next concrete steps will be. May I as Parish Priest thank those who have shown a real interest in this significant major aim of the Parish Council.

In terms of the Plenary Council which is another significant aim of the Parish Council, we are looking for local animators who will liaise with myself as Parish Priest and will be responsible for coordinating and encouraging listening sessions in our local community on the future of our Church, on what God is asking of us in Australia. We already have three local animators from the Parish Council but would love to invite others to support them in this important task of listening to each other. I do not believe this is a huge commitment. So, if you see you way clear or would simply like to find out more I suggests you contact the office or talk to a member of the Parish Council. The Plenary Council is a very significant event in the life of the Australian church and has the backing of Pope Francis.

For further information on the national Plenary Council, please visit

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)