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8 September 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (4th 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)



I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus. (Second Reading)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The general context of today's Gospel is the Parable of the Great Feast. Jesus says; "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God." The Eucharist is a privileged place of encounter with the risen Lord and so I congratulate the children who make their first communion at the vigil or 10am mass either this week or the next.

The Gospel today speaks about the cost of discipleship which can be understood as the cost of living love of God above all else in a way that is committed to his project of loving others which includes loving one's parents but in a way that gives God his rightful place.

The Gospel shows Jesus on the road to Jerusalem with large crowds around him. Perhaps not all these people realise that Jesus' journey will take him to the cross. To wake people gently out of delusion, Jesus tells two stories about rich or powerful men embarking on expensive and dangerous projects at risk. Jesus wants his audience to understand that to follow him, they must be prepared to risk their most precious possessions, their lives.

The Book of Wisdom reflects about our limited knowledge of the ways of God. Even knowing our own world is difficult enough. For this reason, we are grateful that we are granted God's Wisdom that teaches us how to please God.

In a brief letter he wrote to Philemon, the Christian owner of a runaway slave (Onesimus), Paul appeals to the faith that all three men share. Paul must be very tactful in asking Philemon to receive back as a fellow-Christian, a person who was legally his property as a slave, who deserved severe punishment for running away.

In everyday life, we Christians often need great wisdom to know how to act. So we pray with the psalm, 'let us gain wisdom of heart'.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

Every Friday (during term time)
Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

First Friday of the Every Month
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
Holy Mass at 7:30-8pm

Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

September

Sunday 8 September
Parish Choir
9am-11am

Sunday 15 September
Children's Choir
9am-11am

Sunday 22 September
Parish Choir
9am-11am

Kids Rock Mass
6pm Mass

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John Huggett (Coordinator)
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FAMILY MASS Please save the date! Our next whole school **Family Mass** will be on Sunday 22nd September at 6pm, it will be led by the children of Stage 1 & 2.

We hope to see all of our families at this celebration of the Eucharist as our next one will not be till the 24th of November where we will also welcome our new incoming families for 2020!

Life Marriage and Family SmartLoving Marriage Seminar

A seminar that will equip you and your spouse to identify your unique love profile and learn ways to love more effectively. Whether you are in a stable marriage or a stressed one, you can consolidate strengths, overcome barriers, and move closer to being the couple you want to be.

Information and registration:

www.trybooking.com/BDEKL

Enquiries: events@bbcatholic.org.au

Date: 21-22 September 2019

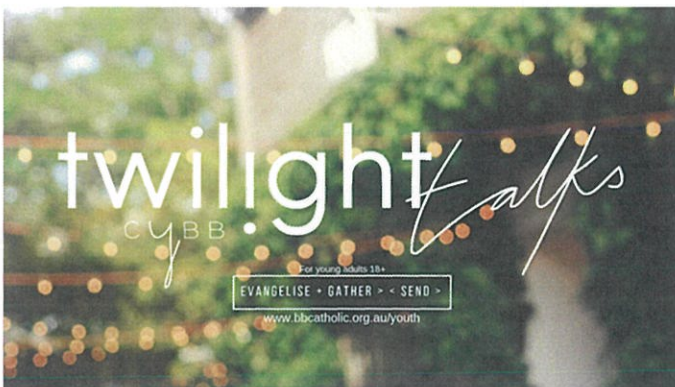
Venue: St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills

Cost: \$445 per couple, includes accommodation, all meals and resources



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 12 September 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.



Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to Twilight Talks. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers. This month we will be focusing on and breaking open Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. Hear from a panel of young adults with some of their insights, and join in discussion around the Holy Father's latest document to young people and the Church.

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Edward Lewis; Richard Kidziak

Please pray for the ill:

Joan and Tom Beram; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Tom Brewer; Anne Baillie, 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.

Feast Days — September

Fri 13th, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

Sat 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

A CONTEMPORARY PRAYER

TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER FOR OUR TIME

Father all Merciful,
let those who hear and hear again
yet never understand,
hear Your Voice this time and
understand that is You, the Holy of Holies;
open the eyes of those who see and see,
yet never perceive,
to see with their eyes this time
Your Holy Face and Your Glory,
place Your Finger on their heart
so that their heart may open
and understand Your Faithfulness,
I pray and ask you all these things,
Righteous Father, so that all the nations be
converted and be healed through the Wounds of
Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ;
Amen.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A hardworking, single, middle aged lady needing paid accommodation. Please contact Sabrina Bottini - 0402 616 002

Let's Listen & Discern

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:



Thank you for participating in the second phase of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020. In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment.

bit.ly/discernment_response



The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment.

Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER



Politicians, Scientists and Economists

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Why I Would Not Go to Alpha?

If someone invited me to Alpha I might not go because it seems to be for young people, or I might not go because my faith is well formed and/or I have studied theology. Every idea of God can never capture the fullness of God (St John of the Cross). We are invited to seek and desire Him. Any relationship is never forced, we must let Him in the doorway of our heart.



In truth, Alpha covers an essential part of the Gospel which is for young and old and meets us where we are in our faith journey. St John of the Cross says that "What prepares a person for our relationship with God is desire for Him and if we desire Him, he desires us even more." He also says that "In the even tide of life we will be examined in love." This means we are called to love God above all in a way that is committed to his project of loving others. Alpha fosters a genuine friendship and desire for God in a way that fosters a caring relationship with others. If I didn't desire these things with God, then I wouldn't go to Alpha.

Come and join us on the Alpha journey and share your experience in a way that can help others also grow in the Lord. Alpha commences this week on **Tuesday 10 September at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Please register your attendance at:

bbcatholic.org.au/stives-alpha

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.

explore

life
faith
meaning



Resuming this week

Tuesday 10 September, 2019

7-9:15pm - Meal Provided
Corpus Christi Parish Hall

Contact Jen Perrott: (02) 9144 6998 or email at
jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

Registration essential - limited spaces register on line at:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives-alpha

Alpha



Are you concerned that:

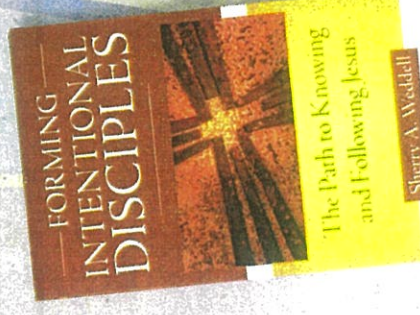
- Only 30% of raised Catholics are still practicing?
- Only 10% of Catholics regularly celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays?
- Since 1972 the number of marriages celebrated in all Churches decreased by 60%?

Pope Francis, in speaking about our Vocation said, Jesus wants to be a friend to everyone. Our salvation offered by God is an invitation to be part of a love story interwoven with our personal stories. If the Church is to reverse the above trends, we must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before we can draw others to Him.

Sherry Weddell is visiting our Diocese and is an international speaker, the author of "Forming Intentional Disciples", which is at the heart of reversing the above and is in keeping with Pope Francis' views.

This is a "**not to be missed**" event being held on Saturday 14 September 2019. I highly recommend attending this event if you can. Please register your attendance as advised on the flyer, to avoid disappointment.

Fr Greg Chee



CATHOLIC LIFE &
FAITH FORMATION
Disciples
MAKING AND FORMING

We welcome
Sherry Weddell,
author of
"FORMING
INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLES"
and Co-founder of
the Catherine of
Siena Institute

Saturday 14 September 2019 Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish: Discerning Our Mission

A day for all those committed to parish life
and evangelisation

Topics include:

- The nature of intentional discipleship and the thresholds of discipleship
- Supporting people from one threshold stage to the next through a variety of entry points
- Practical ways that ministries and parish activity can foster intentional discipleship
- The importance of discerning our gifts and using them to live the mission of Jesus

Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre,
Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills



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RSVP: Pina Bernard faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au 8379 1627

Ministry Rosters

8 September 2019

| <i>(Week 6) 7/8 Sept</i> | <i>Vigil 6.00pm</i> | <i>8.00a.m.</i> | <i>10.00a.m.</i> | <i>6.00p.m.</i> |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| LECTORS | First Eucharist Children | Julia Gibson | First Eucharist Children | Diann Hynes Chris Hannan |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION | Phil Davies Jan Davies Ed Wales Catherine Wales Belinda Camilleri | Marie Lo Carmel McIntosh Zelia Caldeira Rosa Price | Crystal D'Souza Majella Egan Sue Ruberu Francisca Silvianty Jean Lee | Virginia Anania Daniel Anania Diann & John Hynes |
| WELCOMING MINISTRY | Colleen McMillan Jill Royle Janet Lee Shirley Lockett | Laura Su Jenny Lloyd Carmel McIntosh | Eva Stautner Indira Gomez | Rachel Blake Elaine Dignan |
| WARDENS | | Hector Fernandes | John O'Connell | Matthew Dmello |
| PIETY STALL | Minda Licuanan | | | Virginia Anania |
| MUSICIAN | | Tamaryn Harris Miho Hachigo | Parish Choir | Marianne Ching Jason Licuanan |
| CHILDREN'S LIT. | | | Bev Howie | |
| COUNTERS | Patty Bowie | Elly Wignell | Jenny Lloyd | |
| ALTAR LINEN | Clara Myoung | | | |
| ALTAR SOCIETY | Kathy Lee | | MORNING TEA | John Goh Kitty Rawlingson Pearl Buay |
| FLORAL ARRANGER | Tammy Malouf Helen Russett | | | |

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| Turrumurra Hs | Private Homes C | Private Homes D | Kari Court |
| Carmel McIntosh | Cypriana Liem | Cypriana Liem | Gerry Hoy |

| <i>(Week 7) 14/15 Sept</i> | <i>Vigil 6pm.</i> | <i>8.00a.m.</i> | <i>10.00a.m.</i> | <i>6.00pm.</i> |
|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| LECTORS | First Eucharist Children | Julia Gibson | First Eucharist Children | John Izzo |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION | Gwen Jugmans Glenda Chidrawi John & Mary Stone | Colleen Bosci Anne Freer Sandy Mountfort Carmel Gandar | C & S Fernando Natasha Shih Mark Foran Christella Uwimpuhwe Rosalind Paes | Tammy Malouf Sid Veyret |
| WELCOMING MINISTRY | Jeanette Long Nicole Gorman Elizabeth Calnan | Anne Freer Angela Tesoriero | Mika / Julie Tregale | Graham Walker Annette Walker |
| WARDENS | Mike Dunn | | Wilfrid Paes | |
| PIETY STALL | | | | |
| MUSICIAN | Martin Stebbings Miho Hachigo | Trevor Housley | Junior Choir | Miki Hachigo Daniel Full |
| CHILDREN'S LIT. | | | Bev Howie | |
| COUNTERS | Garry McIntosh | Paul Rubenach | David McKay | |
| ALTAR LINEN | Julie Tregale | | | |
| ALTAR SOCIETY | | | MORNING TEA | Francisca Silvianty |
| FLORAL ARRANGER | Gwen Jugman Rohini Gratiaen | | | |

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| Turrumurra Hs | Private Homes | Private Homes | Kari Court |
| Pat Dayton | c) Marguerite Sequeira | d) Marguerite Sequeira | Estelle Sok |

The Word

Sunday 8 September 2019: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Wisdom Wis 9:13-18

*Who can comprehend the will of God?
What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.
The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to Philemon Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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