



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

9 December 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

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)



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Lord, your precursor is already on the scene. His mission is to prepare the way for your entry into our midst as our Saviour. God's Word that John received in the desert now resounds disturbingly in the whole territory where he began his

mission. John's invitation shakes me too awake from my lethargy. I realise the need for a true conversion in my own life. I need to admit that I am basically selfish and that I fall far short of what God wanted me to be when he gave me the gift of life. Despite my experiencing you close to me many times, I see that my life still is a tangle of loose ends and shattered promises. At John's bidding, let me face up to the brokenness of my life. But, Lord, I am utterly helpless to repair my life, at times even woefully disordered. I know that any amount of will power and self-discipline cannot do the job. Only by the power of your Holy Spirit can I purge my heart of selfishness and greed.

May God bless you.

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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

Every Thursday
Prayer Group prior to mass
8:40am

December 2018

Sunday 9 December
Parish Choir
9am—11am

Sunday 16 December
Junior Choir
9am-11am

Hamper Mass for Holy Family
Parish, Mt Druitt

Tuesday 18 December
Reconciliation 7-8:30pm

Sunday 23 December
Parish Choir
9am-11am

Monday 24 December
Parish office opened for 1/2 day
9:00—12nn

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IN ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

- waiting-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- conversion, to which the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3,2); In this advent where may I repent and grow?;
- joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (cf Rm 8, 24-25) and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2)

TRUE LIFE IN GOD

True Life in God is to learn to pray without ceasing. To pray without ceasing is to live in perfect union with God and in God, thus living daily the "we, us" that Jesus taught us. It is to learn to have this heart-to-heart conversation with God.

To be in constant prayer is the first commandment, for it is the fruit of our love for God, desiring to be with Him always. This love will gush out from our hearts into the hearts of our neighbours, loving them, which is the second commandment.

For this, we have to be willing to offer God our will daily and to abandon ourselves entirely to Him, so we can live with our feet on the ground and with our heart and our soul in heaven. Jesus does not like the lukewarm. He desires a sincere heart.

If we do not abandon ourselves entirely to God, it is as if we tied His Hands. His will cannot be done to us. We must root ourselves in God. **True Life in God** is to expand God's Kingdom and make the Triune God known. It is to reveal the real images of God our Father so that our spirit will call out to Him "Abba!"



Join the Christmas Midnight Mass Choir

Next rehearsal:

Wednesday 19 December at 7pm

No experience required just a love of singing! Please come along and join us! You are more than welcome.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Victor Sammut; John Eckl

Please pray for the ill:

Tony Lee; Jose Mestres; Marie Martin; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Maurice Martin; 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.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for Pymble Uniting Church and for Reverend Steve Aynsley.

Feast Days — December

Thursday 13th, St Lucy, virgin, martyr

Friday 14th, St John of the Cross, priest, doctor



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We have St Vincent De Paul Christmas cards for sale in the foyer. If you would like to purchase they are \$8 a packet and the money goes into the poor box.

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Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



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70
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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS

#STANDUP4HUMANRIGHTS

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 70.

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December, the anniversary of the day in 1948 that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In 2018, Human Rights Day marks the 70th anniversary of the Declaration. The Declaration is a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. While its promise is yet to be fully realised, the very fact that it has stood the test of time is testament to the enduring universality of its perennial values of equality, justice and human dignity.

The principles enshrined in the Declaration are as relevant today as they were in 1948. We can all take action in our own daily lives, to uphold the rights that protect us all and thereby promote the kinship of all human beings.

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. ... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." Eleanor Roosevelt

CHRISTMAS BUSH

The flower ladies are after donations of Christmas Bush for decorating the church altar for Christmas. If you have a Christmas Bush at home in full bloom and would like to donate some cuttings please call Gwen Jugmans on 0400 338 282

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

Each one of us can make a difference. Each of us can help to protect one another. We are called to Step Up and to Speak Out for the protection of all.

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.

HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER - 10.00am:

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food Canned Fruits
Small Packet of Rice Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial or Soft Drink

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts
Bag of Mixed Lollies Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags Instant Coffee
Packet of sugar Long Life Milk

And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!

Please place in a strong box or clothes-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 16 December.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

In the service of the transmission of faith.

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 2019

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Term 1 of 2019 at Corpus Christi Parish on **23rd March**.

In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and be both **Baptised** and have completed the sacrament of **Confirmation**.

Parents wishing to enroll their child for the Sacrament of reconciliation should do so filling in the form attached and returning it to the Parish Office by **Monday 11th February 2019** with a payment of \$30. You may have already enrolled your child if you paid for all three sacraments in 2018. In this instance an email will be sent to you.

There will be one **Parent Information Evening** held in the Church at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 14th February**.

Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 23rd March 2019 at either 9:30am or 3:30pm.

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



6 December 2018

Dear Parishioners

In September we asked for your help in funding various items which are integral to the ceremony of Mass. We also asked for assistance to cover the cost of one off improvements to our Church and its surrounds.

There were 4 options offered, in which you, as members of Corpus Christi Parish could support this appeal:

1. Annual Sponsorship
2. One Off Improvements
3. Planned Giving
4. Bequests and Gifts in Wills

Your response to the above options was very generous. To date \$40,067 has been received/pledged. Thank you so much for your incredible support, which shows the depth of care you have to our Church and Parish.

The items listed in Annual Sponsorship: Altar wine; Hosts; Oil canisters; Lector books and flowers have been fully sponsored for next year. Thank you!

Your generous giving to One off improvements has enabled the installation of the new ceiling fans; the purchase and installation of CCTV cameras; the purchase of new Microphones for the Church; remarking of Parish car park; funds to repair and clean the Sanctuary light have been received and there are also available funds for the purchase of Drum and cymbals, as well as funds to repair and clean the Thurible. Thank you!

The response to planned giving resulted in two new families supporting the Parish in this way and several parishioners increasing their weekly giving and using the available credit card facility. Thank you!

As with every living, growing entity there will always be a need for future funds and support to make our Corpus Christi Parish the best it can possibly be. In the past your generosity and support has enabled us to put a new roof on the Church, build the new amenities block and refurbish the Hall.

There are new items identified as needing funding in the future, such as the security of the Church building, the garden surrounds, electricity upgrade and air conditioning.

We thank you again for your generosity in the past and we hope that you will be able to support our parish into the future.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee



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