

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

9 September 2018 - 23rd 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 (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)



September 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

Sunday 9 September
Parish Choir 9am-11am

Sunday 16 September
Junior Choir 9am-11am

Thursday 20 September
Parish Social Craft Group
10:30am—Hall Boardroom

Sunday 23 September
Parish Choir 9am-11am



*He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”- that is, “Be opened!”- And immediately the man’s ears were opened.
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

We welcome and congratulate the young people at the 6pm vigil and the 10am mass who will make

their 1st Holy Communion either this weekend or the next. The Eucharist is central to our faith. I remember my 1st communion; it was a turning point in my life with consequences to this very day. These graces are possible for you as well. On the Holy Thursday, the day before Jesus gave up his life for us, he gave us this precious gift. Part of the meaning of the Eucharist is that he was unconditionally committed to die for each one of us. That mystery is sacramentally present at every Eucharist and won for us infinite mercy. Jesus is also present at every Eucharist in a very special way. So come to Him with reverence and love believing in the interest and love with which He listens to you. So congratulations to all who are making their 1st Communion.

Plenary Council

The Plenary Council is a historically significant event in the life of the Church. It was called by the Bishops of Australia and backed up by Pope Francis. Together as a nation in each Diocese we have committed ourselves to a three year process commencing with a year of Listening in 2018, of Discerning in 2019 and Proposing in 2020. Your voice is important in answering the question “What is God asking of the church in Australia at this time?” Please see more details further in the bulletin for opportunities to have your say and to be really listened to.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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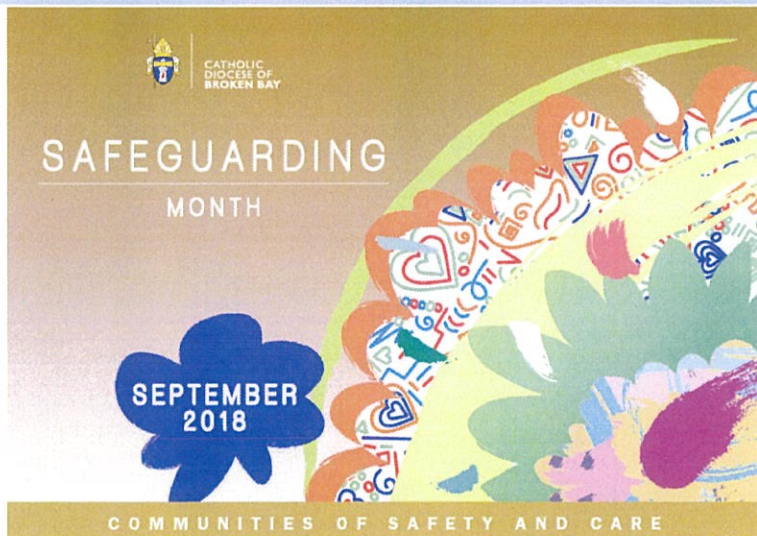
HALL BOOKINGS

Please contact the office

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



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Feast Days — September

13 September, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

14 September, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 September, Our Lady of Sorrows

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for St John the Evangelist Anglican church, Gordon and for Fr Keith Dalby.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

The Mission for Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Maria Lombardo; Cesar Roque

Recently deceased:

Edward Price

Please pray for the ill:

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.



The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. We are asked to listen to what the Spirit is saying. Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. 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?"

LISTENING & DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Listening and dialogue sessions will be held on the following dates. Please use the sign-on sheets in the Church entrance, or email Jen, catechists@corpuschristi.com.au Sessions will be held in the hall. Coffee, tea and light refreshments served
Tuesday 25, Sept 10-12 midday
Wednesday, 26 Sept 7-9pm
Saturday, 29 Sept 3:30-5:30pm

If you cannot join any of these small groups, download a *Listening & Dialogue* guide and make your own submission, either on your own or with family or friends online at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Calling Volunteers for Gingerbread Houses 2018

We are looking to put a group together now to run our annual gingerbread house event again this year which will be on Sunday, 2 December 2018. There is not much involved in running this event, but we need people willing to be involved to:

- Promote the event and collate the orders
- Order the gingerbread houses
- Purchase the lollies and bits
- Be involved on the day

Since this has been done in the past, all the hard work has been done and it's very easy, a lot of fun and you get to know new people. I will also be there to support you.

I need to know by Sunday, 16 September 2018 if you can help. Otherwise we will cancel the event for this year. If you would like to know more or can assist, please contact me (Jen Perrott) at the office on 9144 6998 or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au.

PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVE: NAME BADGES

We are embarking on a new endeavour. We are introducing name badges.

Our objective is to increase our level of personal contact with one another and foster a deeper community culture within our parish.

While we know one another by face, putting a name to that face adds a new dimension to our relationship and brings us closer together.

As a first step we have prepared badges for 'visible officers and servers' including Eucharistic ministers, readers, wardens, those taking communion to the sick, acolytes, the choir and welcome ministry. Over the coming months we intend to prepare many more. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to have one.

The badges will not damage your clothing as they have a magnetic clip.

The badges will be kept in a cabinet at the back of the church and should be worn at each mass. They should be returned to the cabinet after mass. We encourage your participation in this new venture.

GUIDELINES FOR GIVING AND RECEIVING COMMUNION.

We have received guidelines for giving and receiving Communion from the Diocese of Broken Bay. Copies have been placed in the Church foyer. Please feel free to take a copy.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

MERCY FOUNDATION REPORT: INCREASING HOUSING SECURITY FOR OLDER WOMEN

The Mercy Foundation, in collaboration with a number of universities and advocacy organisations, has issued a publication titled "Retiring into Poverty: A National Plan for Increasing Housing Security for Older Women." The report outlines the issues facing older women living in housing insecurity or homelessness and identifies needed changes to policies and programs. For more information and to download a copy of the report visit

https://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/latest_news/retiring-into-poverty/

2018 Diocesan Children's Choir Games

The Children's Choir Games will be held on Sunday 21 October, at St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge.

Open to any young singer from Year 2 to Year 12. Registration opens at 12.30pm, followed by workshops and rehearsals plus a break for socialising. Families and friends are invited to join the action at 3pm and watch the choirs compete. Afternoon tea for all will be provided after the Games.

Registration \$5.00 per singer.
Places are limited - please RSVP to music@lms.org.au or 9958 8846.

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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