

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

11 December 2022, 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

**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

Sunday 11th December
Parish Choir—10am mass

**Wednesday 14th
December—7:30pm**
Ordination to the Sacred
Priesthood of Rev Adalbert F.
Imperial, OCD - Varroville

**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.



**“When John the Baptist heard
in prison of the works of
Christ, he sent his disciples to
Jesus.**

Dear Parishioners

Isaiah's wonderful vision sings of the journey home to his enslaved people in Babylon. The sacred highway is lined with nature made new and luxuriant: nature itself sings for joy! And as they travel, people are given sight, hearing, speech— healing—and sing for joy! The image of growth underlies the second reading, as the farmer patiently awaits his crop. Be patient! And John himself continues to await the Messiah. He sends messengers to ask Jesus, but Jesus points them to the Kingdom and its fruits, and asks them to make the identification for themselves. Jesus' praise of John is extraordinary: even more extraordinary is his praise of the least in the kingdom of heaven. What does this say about your relationship with Jesus this Advent? A great question to take to your prayer!

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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a reusable grocery bag; a strong box or a clothes basket
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night. More information
shortly





Social Justice Corner

Human Rights are about Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All

Would you like to know more about social justice and human rights?

Hear from the many voices of those who are impacted & advocate human rights? Affinity Intercultural Foundation & the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) is organising an event at the Sydney Town Hall on Thursday, 15th December to mark International Human Rights Day. The event will focus on three major themes: Climate Impact on Human Rights, Conflict Impact on Human Rights and First Nations and Human Rights.

Speakers will include Omar Dehen (SBS), Mr Jihad Dib (MP), and Philippa McDonald (former ABC journalist), as well as representatives from Save The Children, the Australian Human Rights Commission, The Institute of Economics and Peace, and Amnesty International.

DATE: 15th December 2022

TIME: 6 - 9 pm AEDT

LOCATION: Sydney Lower Town Hall

TICKET PRICE: \$20 or \$15 for concession/UNAA (NSW) member

To register go to:

[One Voice, One Humanity 2022, Sydney, Thu 15th Dec 2022, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm AEDT | Humanitix](https://www.onevoice.org.au/2022/12/15/)

Parish Census

The Parish Council would like to update our parishioner database, so we can better understand our community and serve you better. All parishioners and visitors to the parish are invited to participate in this census. Please complete the census by scanning the QR code or accessing the following link: <http://tiny.cc/census22>. Paper forms are available at the back of the church.



FR GERARD'S HOW WE PRAY - FOLLOW UP

Fr Gerard highly recommended a book at the end of the course entitled: Praying with St Teresa, by Fr Jerome Lantry OCD. We have 8 copies of this book available in the Office at the cost of \$15 each. Please go and see Michelle if you would like to purchase a copy.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Noel Carmody; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; 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, 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— DECEMBER

Tuesday 13th, St Lucy, virgin, martyr

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

Sunday 25th, The Nativity of the Lord

Nativity Play Rehearsals

After 10am Mass

11th & 18th December

Dress Rehearsal 4pm Christmas Eve before the big performance at **6pm**

All children welcome.



PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish choir will be rehearsing for the Christmas Eve 9 pm mass over the next few weeks and everyone who is interested in joining us for Christmas are invited to come along to the rehearsals. Rehearsals begin at 7 pm in the Church and will be held each Monday until the 19th December. We hope to see you there!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation..

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The Word

Sunday 11 December 2022, Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 35:1-6, 10

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy,

everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. *(R.)*
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St James Jas 5:7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.