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**19 February 2023, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
- 3 March**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Ash Wednesday**  
22nd February 2023  
Mass at 9am and 7:30pm

**Thursday evenings**  
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John  
Prayer Group  
7:30-9pm in the Church

**Sunday 26 February**  
Catechist Sunday

**Thursday 2nd March**  
Social Craft Group  
Hall—10:30am

**Friday 3 March**  
World Day of Prayer hosted by  
Corpus Christi—11am



**“Yes, an eye for an eye  
and a tooth for a tooth.  
But I say to you, offer no resistance  
to one who is evil”  
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners

What an affirming thought: each of us in God's temple, and the Spirit of God lives among us. Yet the implications are enormous. Can we treat every other person as God's temple too? Can we be as holy and perfect as God is? Can we really love our neighbours and our enemies as ourselves? They are grand and difficult ideals, but God doesn't leave us without resources. Sometimes we just need to start small. In today's world, it is often a mark of prestige of good judgement to disparage whatever is not up to standard. We do this in many subtle ways: complain about those who do not follow the rules, put down those who are not as enlightened as we are, despair about what the world is coming to. However, a simple substitute is to have compassion for whatever falls short around us. We can pray for those who think differently, and for situations that are mediocre or unjust. And because the Spirit of God lives among us, we can work to build a better world rather than focussing on its flaws. After all, God sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save it out of love.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Pilgrim Mother Apostolate members invite all parishioners to afternoon tea to celebrate the renewal of the crowning of Mother Mary.

Date: Saturday, 11 March 2023  
 Time: 3:00 – 5:00PM  
 Place: Corpus Christi Parish Hall  
 For more information contact Crystal D’Souza – mob: 0498 256 509

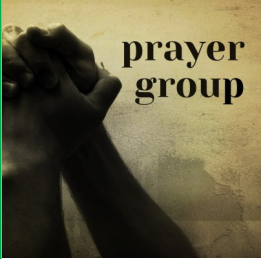


**EASTER CHOIR**

Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum. Dates are:


**Holy Thursday 6th April**  
**Good Friday 7th April**  
**Easter Vigil 8th April**

The rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday** evenings in the Church from **7-8:30pm** on the **8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th of March**. A tentative additional rehearsal can also be held on the 5th of April after the 10am mass. This will be confirmed closer to the date. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.



**prayer group**

**Day & Time :** Every Thursday 7:30-9pm, with a break during the Easter school holidays  
**Venue:** Church  
**Topic :** The Gospel of John  
 Totally free sessions with handout, please bring your bible



**LARGE PALM LEAVES**

Do you have Palm Trees at home? We need some large palms to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Assistance can be offered to cut and collect the palms. Please contact Michelle in the Parish office if you can help.



**LOST AND FOUND**

We have accumulated a lot of Lost and Found items. Could you please have a look at the lost and found on the table in the foyer and collect any items belonging to you.

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**Social Justice Corner**

**Support Needed for Survivors of the Earthquake in Syria and Turkey**

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground to respond to the devastation caused by the earthquake. As of 14 February, the death toll has surpassed 30,000, with more than 80,000 reported injured. It is estimated that 5.3 million people in Syria have been left homeless in the depths of winter, with blizzards raging in the affected areas. Donations are needed to help provide urgent aid and assistance. Your support can provide life-saving essentials, such as food rations, clean water and emergency shelter. To donate go to: [Turkey & Syria Earthquake \(caritas.org.au\)](http://Turkey & Syria Earthquake (caritas.org.au)). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

*God of Compassion,*

*We call on your name in times of need.*

*We pray for the thousands upon thousands of our sisters and brothers who at this moment are feeling the terrible impacts of earthquake.*

*We remember especially those who have died, those who grieve, the communities struggling with basic needs, the workers who are trying to help.*

*We ask that you open the hearts of all people, even those far away, to contribute to the rebuilding of a broken world.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, who suffers with all who suffer.*

*Amen.*

**Lent**



**Lenten Prayer Group**

Please register your interest and preferred times for our

Lenten Prayer group which will be held either on a Tuesday or Wednesday at 10am after mass or at 2pm in the afternoon. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. Lent is a time when we make a special effort to grow as a loving person. So please come along!

**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.

**Prayer Zone**



**Anniversary:** Elizabeth Shin

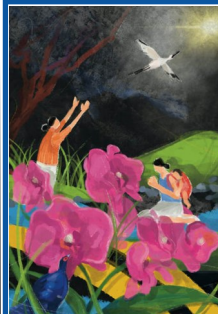
**Please pray for the ill:**

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, 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— FEBRUARY 2023**

Wednesday 22nd, Ash Wednesday



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
Friday 3 March 2023  
Hosted by Corpus Christi  
CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

***We are looking for volunteers to help set-up for the service and to help serve morning tea afterwards. Please contact Cheryl Doyle for further information on 0400 467 901 or the Parish Office on 9144 6998.***



# Catechist Ministry

## CATECHIST SUNDAY REMINDER:

**26 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMISSIONING AT THE 10:00AM MASS.**

**Would all catechists please attend this Mass.**

Hi! I'm Christine. For 7 years now, I have had the greatest pleasure of being a catechist/Catholic SRE teacher/scripture teacher. Being a catechist is an extremely rewarding ministry that brings immense joy, and I invite you to consider joining us.

### Why should you join our team of catechists?

1. **Opportunity to serve God and share God's love.** Each week we look forward to teaching the enthusiastic children who are eager to learn from us about our infinitely loving and merciful God, and about how to Jesus as we go about our day.
2. **Opportunity to enrich your faith.** You learn more about our Catholic faith from the teachers' manual and from connecting with the students. Your faith will also be strengthened as you witness the Holy Spirit working through you and your students.
3. **Opportunity to make new friends and receive plenty of support from our team.** Collaborate with our friendly and supportive team of catechists. We have regular meetings to discuss issues and ask for advice.
4. **Opportunity to have lots of fun.** The students will delightfully surprise you with their questions, comments, and ideas. It is such a joy to nurture the faith of the beautifully unique personalities of God's children in the classroom.
5. **We have a big shortage of catechists,** and we can't let these students miss out on their scripture lessons. For many of them, the short half-hour scripture lessons are the only time they are exposed to our Catholic faith. We need YOU to join us in telling them that they are infinitely loved by God.

**What it involves:** For primary schools, the lessons are just half an hour each school week. High school scripture lessons have various times depending on the school. You will begin as an assistant helping another SRE teacher, and only if you want, you can transition to being the main SRE teacher. You won't even need to design your own lessons or know everything about our faith because you will receive a teacher's manual containing very detailed lesson plans and background information that corresponds with the student workbooks. You will receive plenty of support, and we have plenty of visual resources you can borrow, like posters, big books, and puppets.

As catechists, we are instruments of God, **planting seeds of faith** in the young students. We are praying for them and inspiring them to grow in their personal relationship with God and as disciples of Jesus. Indeed, I am so grateful for the SRE teachers who taught me when I was in school and inspired me to likewise share God's love in the classroom.

If you're thinking "I'm too scared" or "I'm not ready", or "I'm not sure", sign up anyway and give it a go.

**Ecclesiastes 11:4 "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."**

**So, contact our parish SRE coordinator, Jen Perrott on (02) 9144 6998 or [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) to find out more or join our team of**

**catechists for this beautiful opportunity to share God's love as you plant seeds of faith in the students.**



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## LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Given the continued challenges of the past few years, Lent 2023 will once again be a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to “*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*”. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God’s grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God’s mercy and compassion.

## DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. Clergy as pastors of souls, are asked to be particularly vigilant in encouraging the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.

On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways;
2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or deserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one’s own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media; or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community; or in other ways.



Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (22 February 2023) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (6 April 2023) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

## **PASCHAL PRECEPT**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (4 June 2023), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make available to the faithful not only the first form of the Rite of Penance, but also the second form.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. For this purpose, I offer to you the 2023 Diocesan Lenten resource; **Jesus, Our Light and Our Life. Becoming One in Christ**, as prepared by Evangelisation Broken Bay.

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer, contemplation, and adoration. Stations of the Cross are also a splendid spiritual devotion in our tradition, providing us with the occasion to walk the way to Calvary with Christ. While individuals can follow the *Via Crucis* on any day of Lent, the Stations are particularly meaningful on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross resources developed by Evangelisation Broken Bay in 2022, are a wonderful way of engaging with this meaningful prayer tradition.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ Anthony Randazzo'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

15 February 2023





## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Parishes

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## The Word

### Sunday 19 February 2023, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. God, for ever and ever.

#### First Reading

From the book of Leviticus Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

*You must love your neighbour, as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *(R.)*
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 3:16-23

*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:38-48

*Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.