

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

21 July 2024, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 9am Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil) Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm 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 Monday (during term time) Divine Will Prayer Group

10-11:30am - Hall

Second Wednesday of Every Month

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

First Friday of Every Month Exposition/Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Every Sunday at 10am Mass Children's Liturgy

Every Friday (during term time)

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday of Every Month

Anointing of the Sick —9am

The office staff will be working from home while the Hall is being renovated for the new office space.

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.



They were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus responds very differently to the two groups of people in today's Gospel. The first group – the apostles – have just returned from their mission and are very tired, so he says to them 'come away to a deserted place and rest for a while.'

They still had much to learn but Jesus knows that their primary need at that time was to rest. The second group – the crowds – are lost and dejected. They are seeking something from Jesus, so he sets about to teach them at length.

A priest today can face a similar situation as he looks out at his congregation on a Sunday morning. Present are people who may be tired and simply need to rest in the Lord. They don't need many words. Then there are others who are lost and dejected, who are hungry for God's word, who desire some input, some teaching. In some ways the needs of both groups have to be honoured.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

Thank you to the volunteers who have assisted our wonderful office staff and Fr Greg to move the books, records, furniture and other equipment out of the presbytery. It is really appreciated.

There was a lot of culling that was necessary and some donations to Vinnies. The items being kept have been stored in the two storage containers in the car park.

The contract with the successful tenderer has now been signed by the Diocese and the contractor is ready to start this week.

Temporary office accommodation, until the new office building is built, will be in the hall, once the mould has been removed from the ceiling and the ceiling repainted. The most practical and cost effective solution for the temporary accommodation is to partition off part of the hall and have a large open plan office for the parish priest and the staff. We did consider a number of other options including a demountable office building but came to the conclusion that in the short to medium term the hall partitioning was the most practical. There were various reasons for not considering the demountable and further explanation will be given in the next update, probably next week. Briefly, the challenges include the location for a demountable office, the need for a DA, potential lack of toilet and kitchen facilities and cost of ramps for disabled access. The town planner who is advising us on this has just come out of hospital and will provide further detail such as Council regulations and DA requirements.

We are pleased to say that the quote received from the contractor was very competitive and we received good references for that contractor from another parish priest who has had a lot of work done by that contractor. The Diocese has reviewed the quote and the contract and is satisfied that we received a competitive quote. The total cost of refurbishing the presbytery, including doing the hall ceiling and the hall partitions, as well as the fees paid to various consultants, came in at just on \$520,000. This includes supply of the PC items (eg, cooktop, oven, toilets etc), some of which are being donated by generous parishioners. This will reduce the contract price. With the Diocese contribution we have sufficient funds to complete this work.

As the Diocese contribution will only be available after we have spent the funds we have raised through the very kind donations already made we believe that we will have approximately \$110,000 still to be claimed from the Diocese that will go towards funding the new parish office. This is calculated as follows:

Funds donated so far \$380,000 Diocese contribution \$140,000 Total for refurbishment \$520,000

The amount that will still be contributed by the Diocese is therefore \$110,000 provided we can raise at least another \$120,000. This means that if we reach our minimum target of \$500,000 we will have \$230,000 to put towards the new office building (that is, \$110,000 from the Diocese and \$120,00 from donations).

We are now discussing the options for the new office building and a further update in this regard will be made soon. It is likely that we will need to considerably exceed the initial \$500,000 fundraising goal to be able to realise this project. In recent times parish expenses have exceeded revenue which precludes us being able to borrow the money required.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE (continued)

While we have a definite plan for the future for the administrative building it is not set in concrete. We will again present this to you and invite your comments and suggestions. It is difficult to say exactly when this will begin because of the need to raise extra funds which need to be procured before we can begin. However, as you know we do have the funds for the presbytery and the temporary office. This needs to happen now to have the presbytery ready by December 2024 as the tenancy for the priests' rented accommodation ceases then, concomitant with that is the need to provide for the office staff in the intermediate period.

Thank you for your generous donations and patience with this complicated project.

Fr Greg and the Finance Committee



Keep updated with our latest news and photos on our Facebook Group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ CorpusChristiStIves



or scan the QR code to go directly to the Facebook group



Pray and Play is for families with children aged o -12years. It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together once a month after Sunday 10am Mass

for some simple games for the children while parents mingle and chat. Date for our next gathering to be advised.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/Groups/ CorpusChristiStIves) for our latest news and photos.

SUNDAY 5PM WORSHIP CHOIR

1st and 3rd week of the month

Come and enjoy our modern worship music and welcoming mass.

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Or

Scan or use the link to use as a playlist if you like worship music

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw-YlFVcvW17b44ytO4NQoAxAulcliFJ4&si=W06I42ODmJyP7dzz







Invigorate our Mass

Contact sueanne.sherwood777@gmail.com
to join ☺ come have some fun



The CChristi Bunch sure knows how to party!

Celebrating our Parish's 50th Anniversary at the beginning of Spring 2024, we need people to help organise the celebration (and party a bit on the way) ~ Or, if you have photos/stories

to share (from 1974 to 2024),

please let us know if you can help, at: corpuschristi.stives@gmail.com or visit our Parish Office

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING





Thank you for your generosity! Our updated total raised is \$387,700! We have achieved 78 percent of our \$500,000 goal. For every \$100 donated the Diocese will give us another \$50. You can donate directly to our bank account as below:

Please reference: New Presbytery Build in your payment message. This will ensure that the entire amount will be used for the presbytery and the Parish won't be subject to Diocesan tax on these donations.

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish 062 784 **Account No:** 100001798

Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.

Regards the Parish Finance Committee

Social Justice Corner



AUSTRALIAN HOUSING CRISIS

This year, Vinnies asked a number of its state branches, including NSW and ACT, what are the top three primary impacts their clients report experiencing as a result of the housing crisis. Here is an excerpt from the Vinnies' Peoples Commission into the Housing Crisis, March 2024, including to top three causes.

"(i) Inability to leave an unsafe home environment, (ii) homelessness and (iii) financial stress were the top three primary impacts identified.

Family and domestic violence was identified as the leading cause of people remaining in an unsafe home environment. Respondents noted that people often have no other options available to them, either due to affordability or accessibility. All stated that the lack of housing options results in people couch surfing, living in their cars, hotels, caravans, tents, or on the streets or in short-term boarding houses. This in turn leads to social, health and economic challenges as those affected struggle to find employment, access healthcare, training and education and maintain social connections. Where friends and family cannot provide support, homelessness is the likely outcome."

Vinnies are advocating:

- Reviewing the Commonwealth Rent Assistance and increasing funding by 25%
- Funding policies to improve energy efficiency in low-income homes while we transition to low emissions.
- More private Market incentives such as a replacement for the National Rental Affordability Scheme.
- National minimum standards for renters.
- A reduction in capital gains tax discount from 50% to 37.5%.
- A review of the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, as recommended by the Productivity Commission.
- A waiving of outstanding housing related debts held by the states to the Federal Government.

ABS statistics for 2021 show on any night, 122,494 people in our country are experiencing homelessness – in crisis accommodation, rooming houses, overcrowded dwellings and sleeping rough. One in five experiencing homelessness are First Nations People.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; 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; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; 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 Michelle or Christina know.



FR SUNNY'S BIBLE STUDY

Commencing on Thursday 22 August through to mid November with a break during the school holidays. We are

focusing on St Paul's Letters. BYO Bible and note book.

FEAST DAYS JULY

Mon 22nd, St Mary Magdalene Thurs 25th, St James, apostle Fri 26th, Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary Mon 29 July, Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus Wed 31st, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

School Mass Grandparents Day FRIDAY 26th July - 9am Mass

Please be aware that the school, grandparents and friends will be attending a the 9am mass on Friday 26th July. Parking will be limited on this day.

Parish Office Accommodation

The Parish office staff will be working from home while the Hall accommodation is being finalized. There will be no printed bulletin during this time. Please refer to eNews to read the bulletin in full.



18 July 2024

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As you may know, I have previously invited both the Central Coast and Northern Beaches Deaneries to engage in a regional Pastoral Discernment.

Today, I extend this invitation to the People of God in the North Shore Deanery, offering you the opportunity to participate in the pastoral discernment process. This is a chance for everyone to engage in conversation to discern the particular needs of the community on the North Shore.

Pope Francis has called upon the Church to embrace synodality, which involves journeying together as a fundamental way of being. Synodality emphasises listening, dialogue, and discernment. This pastoral discernment in the North Shore Deanery is an invitation to walk together, to listen deeply to one another, and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our collective discernment. Every voice is an essential part of this shared journey.

I invite you to reserve **Friday 23 August 2024** for a special day of information and formation with Br Ian Cribb, SJ. I kindly ask that you mark this date in your diary. In the coming weeks, Patti Beattie, Head of Pastoral Discernment and Accompaniment Broken Bay, will outline the project scope and provide further details regarding the formation day.

Please join me in prayer for the success of this important initiative.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Arthony Mandato



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For the pastoral care of the sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

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The Word

Sunday 21 July 2024: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me 4. all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to Ephesians Eph 2:13-

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.