



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

**22 December 2019 - Fourth 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 (4th 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)



*The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to the Parish

On this earth we cannot see God's face as such but if we seek with pure hearts we will see the manifold signs of God's presence among us. We will recognise the presence of God in wondrous events, sometimes unexpected, like the birth of a child. This was the sign given to King Ahaz of Judah to assure him that God-is-with-us.

The wonders of creation also point to the presence of the creator. The earth and all its fullness, and the world and all its peoples, are the work of God's hand. As we reflect on the immense varieties and all its peoples, we touch something of the abundant creativity of God.

Today's Gospel reminds us that dreams can also be moments when God touches our lives. Sometimes it is only when we are asleep, when all our defences are at rest, that God's light can break through to us.

We are surrounded by the signs of God's presence. We will recognise them if we have clean hands and pure heart, if we desire not worthless things. The pure of heart seek God alone; those with clean hands do not accept bribes but act with compassion and justice. Such a person was Joseph, the man of honour to whom was betrothed. Today, we pray for clean hands and a pure heart that we, like Joseph, may recognise Emmanuel, God-with-us, in Mary's child.

On behalf of the Carmelite fathers and the staff we wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD



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

**First Friday of Every Month**  
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm

**Every Thursday**  
Morning Prayer prior to mass  
8:40am

**December**

**Sunday 22 December**  
Children's Choir  
9:00a—11:00am.

**Christmas Eve Mass Times**  
6pm—Family Mass  
**9pm—New Mass Time**  
11:30pm - Carols followed by midnight mass

**Christmas Day Mass Times**  
8am  
10am            *No evening Mass*

**January**

9am - Last Mass in Church before move to the Hall.

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest  
Fr Johny Arattukulam, OCD, Assistant Priest  
Belinda Camilleri, Office Manager  
Michelle Miles, Office Secretary  
Ed Wales, Parish Finance  
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**HALL BOOKINGS**

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**ROOF CEILING TILES:** An adversity with opportunity.

I believe every adversity bears within itself the seeds of an equivalent or greater advantage. With regards to the roof ceiling tiles there has been a difficult challenge. Our building advisers have reviewed the overall quality of the work performed last year in July 2018, and have advised that the work was not carried out in accordance with best practice. We can now see them delaminating. If we attempt to complete only minor rectification works the tiles will continue to delaminate and fall off the ceiling. Unfortunately, this means that the whole job will need to be redone. Although the relocation is an inconvenience to parishioners, we would like to do the right thing to get the job completed to the best possible standard so that it can be enjoyed by us and future generations.

I expect the work will commence on 6<sup>TH</sup> January 2020 and be completed prior to Easter.

***As such, the last mass being held in the church will be on Saturday 4 January at 9am to allow us to move everything out of the Church. The Vigil Mass that night will be held in the hall.***

CCI are covering the cost of the work on the ceiling. With new air conditioners in the church, improved sound system and new lighting we can look forward to an excellent church next year.

We will need to relocate to the hall but have managed to get two air conditioners for the hall paid for by CCI.

The new lighting will be LED ones. They use a fraction of the power but we will have to purchase them. However, we are able to get them at a very good price. They will be installed at no cost when the ceiling tiles are replaced.

We are grateful to Greg Malouf. He has been the primary support in helping us sort out the above ceiling difficulty. He has been a tower of strength with his generous availability, expert advice and initiative. He has negotiated very good deals for us in the Parish. We are very grateful to him for organising the four new air conditioners in the church and organising the associated electrical connections. He was similarly involved in organising the two new air conditioners in the hall.

So we are grateful for the above and look forward to improvements and opportunities provided by the ceiling tiles challenge.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

**Prayer Zone** 

**Recently Deceased:**

John Michael Walsh; Dr Richard Johnston

**Please pray for the ill:**

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Joan and Tom Beram; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Anne Baillie, 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,

***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**

**Wed 25th** , The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Thurs 26th**, St Stephen, the first martyr

**Fri 27th**, St John, apostle, evangelist

**Sat 28th**, The Holy Innocents, martyr



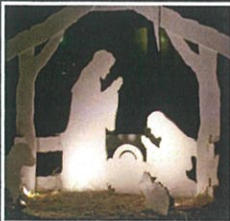
**CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS**

The Children's Choir are preparing for the Family Mass on Tuesday 24 December 2019. Please come along to our practices if you would like to join in. No experience required—just a love of singing. All are very welcome. The last rehearsals will be held on Tuesday 24 December at 4pm prior to the Family Mass.

**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.





### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL 6PM MASS

Practice times include:  
Sunday 22 December at 3:30pm.  
Christmas Eve at 4pm

Email Rebecca Wehrhahn, becwehrhahn@hotmail.com or the Parish office, office@corpuschristi.com.au for more information.



### Join the Christmas Midnight Mass Choir

No experience required just a love of singing! Please come along and join us!

You are more than welcome.

Last rehearsal will be held on Tuesday 24 December from 10-11pm followed by a break before carols and singing and midnight mass.

### Introduction of a new Christmas Mass Time

Following a suggestion from a parishioner we have introduced a new mass time at Christmas in-between the Family Mass and Carols. We will have a 9pm mass on Christmas Eve. Please come along and join us.

### Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Dr Richard Johnston whose funeral was held on Saturday 21 December. May Richard experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

### Parish office closure over Christmas

The Parish office will be closed from 12nn on Tuesday 24 December to Tuesday 21 January 2020, when the office will be open for 1/2 days to Friday 24 January. Normal office hours resume on Tuesday 28 January.

A TIME OF HOPE, PEACE & JOY.  
WISHING YOU A HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS!



### BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK

Books are now available in the Sacristy for Lectors.



**Congratulations** to Fr Johny Arattukulam, O.C.D. on his 40th Ordination anniversary. 22 December 1979 to 22 December 2019.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Corpus Christi St Ives

#### Tuesday 24th December

- 6pm Family Mass
- 9pm Mass
- 11:30pm Carols in preparation for Midnight Mass.

#### Wednesday 25th December

- 8am & 10am Christmas Day Mass (no evening mass)

#### Thursday 26 & Friday 27 December

- 9am Morning Masses

#### Saturday 28th December

- 9am Mass
- & 6pm Vigil

#### Sunday 29 December

- 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass

#### Wednesday 1 January

- 9am Morning Mass (public holiday)





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