

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

26 February 2023, 1st Sunday of Lent

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
- 3 March**
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

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

Saturday 25 February
PPC Strategic Planning Day

Sunday 26 February
Catechist Sunday and 6pm Youth
Mass and BBQ following mass

Thursday 2nd March
Craft Group in Hall at 10:30am

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

Sunday 5 March
School Rock Mass—6pm



At the time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

When I was young, Jesus' second scripture quote was my favourite verse of my favourite psalm. I dreamed of going through life surrounded by an angelic bubble, preventing any harm or trouble. But that would not be life! Now I see that we cannot truly exist in any kind of Paradise. We fall, we hurt, we sin and we beg forgiveness. Our human condition challenges us and give us opportunities to grow, just as Jesus did. He was asked to turn stones into bread. Sometimes we are tempted to keep pain-free and satisfied, while others around us go in need. As societies we choose quick solutions involving money rather than lasting solutions involving people. Jesus was asked to throw himself from the Temple. We can be tempted to do whatever it takes to be popular and our nations can put their own citizens at risk through uncaring populist policies. Jesus was asked to bow down to Satan. We can get corrupted by power and our elected officials obsessed by winning the arms race. Yet in facing this vulnerable human condition, we come 'even more certain' of the 'abundant free gift' of grace through Jesus Christ.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Ash Wednesday 2023



Lent commenced on Wednesday with the Blessing of the Ashes. A large congregation, including Years 3-6 from Corpus Christi School gathered for the 9:00am Mass.



Divine Renovation Australasia Conference

February 10-12, 2023

"Called to more"

Last weekend, Fr Greg along with Jen Perrott (*Coordinator Evangelisation and Discipleship*), Chris Hannan (*Coordinator Worship*), Andrena Brewer (*Coordinator Care and Community*) and Cel Tria (*PPC*) travelled to St Declan's Parish Penshurst to participate in an amazing Conference ***Called to be more.***

More than 500 delegates from dioceses around Australia and New Zealand attended, including 70 priests and 2 Bishops.

It was a time to connect, to be inspired, to listen and share, to worship and praise. "Since 2019, our Parish, through the leadership of Father Greg, has been taking inspiration from the success of the program 'Divine Renovation' all over the world in order to achieve our Mission and Vision. For more information, please visit: www.divinerenovation.org



Alpha is returning face to face this year.

The last 3 years has found many more people questioning life, faith and meaning more than ever.

Come and reconnect and bring a friend. Look out for dates coming shortly....





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OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023
10AM - 1PM

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 LIMITED AVAILABILITY FOR YEAR 7, 2024

If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School you are eligible for priority enrolment. 

First Friday of Every Month
Friday 3 March 2023

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm
 followed by Mass at 7:30pm



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

BIBLE STUDY
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



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

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.



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.



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



FAMILY ROCK MASS

Corpus Christi Family Rock Mass

Please join us on Sunday 5 March at the 6pm mass. The family rock mass will be led by the children from Year 6 and Kindy.



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.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. Next get together **Thursday 2 March 2023 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

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 Buay

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March 2023

Corpus Christi

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.

Pease come along and join the service at 11am in the Church. Light refreshments will follow. For further information, please contact Cheryl Doyle on 0400 467 901.

Youth News

We're having a BBQ!! Youth (0-18 years old), their parents and siblings are welcome.

Please join us on **Sunday 26 February after the 6pm Mass.**

We will have two groups running at the same time: Pray and Play (0-12 years and their families), and Youth Group 12-18 years.

Please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) for more information, or if you might be able to help out in any way.

Please RVSP so we can cater for you and your family.
<http://tiny.cc/YouthBBQ> (not "youthbbq") or QR Code



Youth Group

A Youth Group is starting!

Kids aged 12-18 are welcome to join, the more the merrier! We will have games, fun activities and especially food and drinks!

We have a friendly community for you to befriend and interact with. You'll have loads of fun such as social gaming, watching movies, baking and generally spending a great time together!



Pray and Play is aimed at babies, children under 12 years old, and their families.

We are trialling a different time - Sunday evenings.

We hope families will be able to join us for a simple dinner after Mass to have a play, wind down from the weekend and get ready for the week ahead!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Parishes

We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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The Word

Sunday 26 February 2023, 1st Sunday in Lent

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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 Genesis Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R.v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *(R.)*
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. *(R.)*
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R.)*
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more. Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given.

There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.