

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

6 August 2023, The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Every Friday

(during term time)
Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

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 6 - 13 August

National Vocations Awareness Week

Monday 7 August

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

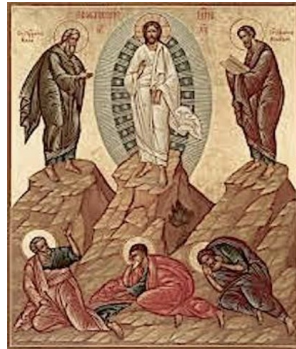
Thursday 10 August

First Eucharist Parent Information session
Parish Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Finance Cte Meeting



And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

Peter, James and John were stunned by their experience on the mountain. Their wonder at seeing Jesus radiate in the presence of Moses and Elijah became even more overwhelming when a bright cloud cast them into shadow and the voice boomed from the cloud. It took the touch of Jesus to relieve them of fear and bring them down the mountain. The imagery in the book of Daniel indicates that much happens on levels that we cannot understand in the moment. In Peter's second letter, reflecting on the experience he shared with James and John, he writes that he now understands what had happened in Transfiguration; he is no longer fearful but can confirm boldly what the voice said on the mountain. May the touch of Jesus guide us through the moments in our lives that seem incomprehensible, that in time we may recognise more fully their significance.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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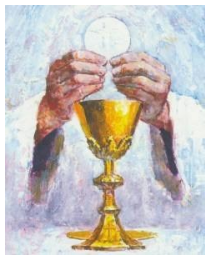
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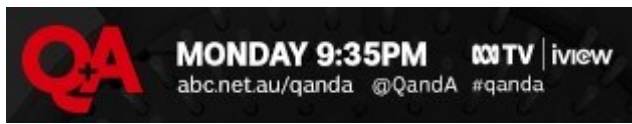


Enrolment for First Eucharist is now open.

If your child is Year 4 or older, has been baptised, and completed the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation, then they are eligible to enrol in the First

Eucharist sacramental program. The ceremony will take place on either Saturday 16th September 6pm or Sunday 17th September 10am. To enrol go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CJSGB> or see our website for further details.

Any questions can be directed to sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au



ABC TV's Q+A INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE AUDIENCE! On **Monday, August 14th, LIVE from 9.30 pm!**

Host Patricia Karvelas is joined by a panel of decision-makers and commentators, discussing, and debating the issues that are important to YOU! Participate in national discussion and watch live TV being put to air!

We will be running a free return bus service from ST IVES / PYMBLE to our studios in ULTIMO.

Do you want to Join us on the bus and in the audience? Here's what you need to do:

Please register your interest at the link below and in the last question, Q.15 "How did you hear about us" please write:

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

<https://www.abc.net.au/qanda/studio-audience/>

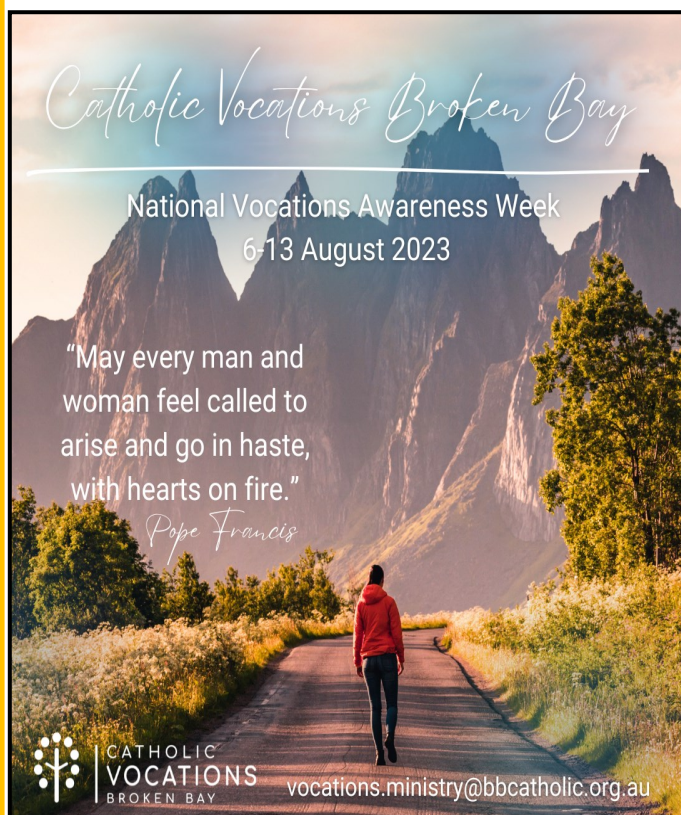
We will be in touch with more details if you are successful in securing a seat on the bus and in the audience - Hurry limited seats!

We cannot predict what the topics will be this far out but would love to hear from your church about what matters most to you. We hope to see you at Q+A!

Christa Hill – 0488 021 053 (business hours only)

Audience Producer (Monday - Thursday)

Please note I am a disabled person who use's voice to text technology, if any communication seems unclear, please contact me for clarification.



On the 8th of August, let us pause to honour Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint and beloved patron. As we do this, let us also remember the importance of National Vocation Awareness Week which will take place from August 6-13, 2023.

During this time, may we implore the Lord for more committed, dedicated priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, who take courage in Jesus Christ, gain strength from our shared beliefs, and graciously accept the generous gift of a vocation as presented to them by God.

Youth Mass

Do you love to sing, or play an instrument? We would love for you to join our monthly Youth Masses. Our next Youth Mass is at the 5pm Mass on 27 August. Please come at 4pm for warm up and rehearsal!



For more info about the youth groups or youth mass, please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Michelle at the Office.



Social Justice Corner

Update from the Justice and Peace Office

On 31 July 2023, the Justice and Peace Office hosted, with the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN), a visit of two women from the islands of Guahan (Guam) and Ryukyu (Okinawa).

Monaeka Flores and Shinako Oyakawa both belong to the First Nations communities on these islands and live daily with the impact of colonisation and the appropriation of scarce land for military purposes. In addition, there have been devastating environmental consequences, including the poisoning of the land with Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and the loss of all bird life.

Their stories have a new resonance in Australia, as the United States military relocates some military assets from Guam to bases around Darwin.

Military bases do not exist in a vacuum, and their presence in remote locations may be 'out of sight, out of mind' but has a harmful impact on communities and ecosystems.

To watch edited videos of their remarks or stream the audio of the entire event, go to: <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/peace-activists-visit-sydney/>



It has come to our attention that scammers have sent email and / or text message saying: *Hi (your name), this is Fr Greg Chee, I'm in a meeting right now, can't talk on phone but text me back*

when you get this message, your assistance is crucial and highly appreciated. Blessings. Fr Greg will not send messages like this to our Parishioners.

Please do not respond or call the number. If you are in any doubt please call the Parish Office.



Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday 15th of August, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 9am and 7:30pm that day.

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:

Adam Mahony, Michael Fernandes, Calisto Fernandes

Please pray for the ill:

Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; 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; 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 JULY / AUGUST

Sunday 6th, *The Transfiguration of the Lord*
 Tuesday 8th, *St Mary of the Cross, virgin*
 Thursday 10th, *St Lawrence, deacon, martyr*
 Friday 11th, *St Clare, virgin*

Monday 14th, *St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr*

Tuesday 15th, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday 21st, *St Pious X, pope*

CATCH UP WITH
CORPUS CHRISTI PATISHIONERS

Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST
ARCHIES, ST IVES SHOPPING CENTRE
10:30 AM



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993

Youth News

Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. We will be meeting in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

6 August 3 September 15 October
5 November 3 December

We hope you'll be able to join us!



High School Youth Group



Next Youth Group will be on 27 Aug after 5pm Mass.

We will have a simple dinner, some games, and discuss "If God has a plan, then how can we also have free will?"

IGNITE CONFERENCE 23

Broken Bay is hosting Ignite Youth Conference this year! We are getting a group of Youth together to attend Ignite, 28 Sep – 1 Oct (first weekend of school holidays). <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney> for more info. Please let Edith know ASAP (corpus.families@gmail.com) if you are interested, we are hoping to get half price registrations if we can be quick!

Guest Speaker

FR DAVE
PIVONKA



METANOIA

AUG | 22nd | 2023

Metanoia is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion, which comes about through repentance. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. Metanoia contains eleven, 1/2 hour episodes shot in locations all throughout the Holy Land and interviews with various people across the country. The audience will be able to encounter the Lord in the settings of some of the holiest sights in the world. Metanoia is a spiritual journey through the places where Jesus physically taught His Church the meaning and the way of metanoia.



7:15-9:00pm in Parish Hall. Register in the foyer of the church or with this QR code

For more information contact Jen Perrott on 9144 6998 or jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

DIOCESAN FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND!

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week this weekend on 5 & 6 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY BUPA AGED CARE VISIT

Today marked the first of a series of visits by our Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) students to BUPA Aged Care Facility at St Ives.

Over the years, Corpus has formed a close bond with BUPA, and our students have connected with the residents through a variety of initiatives, including pocket hearts, choir and musical performances, and sharing of artworks, letters, cards and poetry.

Throughout it all, these connections have touched the hearts of both BUPA residents and our students.

Our students will now broaden these connections and develop a greater insight into the lives of a group of BUPA residents, finding out about the inspiring lives they have led and gathering some pearls of wisdom.

This is an extraordinary intergenerational opportunity, of which we are grateful to BUPA for providing to us.

Attached are photos from today's visit. We are greatly looking forward to our upcoming visits.





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their lives.

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The Word

Sunday 6 August 2023, The Transfiguration of the Lord

Collect

O God, who in glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the book of Daniel Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place

and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,

the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,

its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,

issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age

and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,

glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages

became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. *(R.)*
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. *(R.)*
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 2 Pt 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight; listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.