

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

1 March 2026, Second Sunday of Lent

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 (8:30am)



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

(Gospel)

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7:30 pm during Lent
March 6, March 13, March 20, Mar 27

First Friday of the month
Mass at 7 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30
March 6th

Every Second Thursday of the month
Anointing of the Sick 9 am

During term time
Every Monday
Divine Will Prayer Group
Mon 10-11:30am & Tue 7-8.30pm
Every Friday
Lectio Divina
10am

Fr. Sunny's Bible Study
Every Thursday 7:30 pm at Church

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy
Morning tea after mass

Every Second Sunday of the Month
Morning tea after 8am mass
March 8th

Every fortnight on Thursdays
Parish Social Craft Group
March 12th at 10 am

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Today's Gospel is one of the most dramatic moments in all scripture. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ, in which our Lord appears to his chosen disciples in glory, enrobed in dazzling light, with a splendour exceeding anything of this earth, and anything of this universe. The transfiguration of our Lord is best understood as a temporary and partial dropping of the veil of appearances, so that the disciples were able to catch a glimpse of the true divine splendour of Jesus, a small rift in the misty darkness of the window which separates phenomena from *noumena*, which divides the illusion of this world from the truth of eternity. What they saw, indeed, was but the merest glance, the slightest revelation, anything more would have overwhelmed them – but it was enough to fill them with awe and wonder. And it is this same Jesus Christ who appears to us in every Mass, clothed, not in raiment of dazzling white, but in the visible form of humble bread and wine. Let us therefore say at each celebration of the Eucharist, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here!'

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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WHY WE DO

WHY DO WE BAPTISE AT THE EASTER VIGIL?

The Church's greatest celebration of the year, held on the eve of Easter Sunday, marks the victory of Christ over sin and death and our sharing in the life of God.

In the early Church it was at this celebration that 'newcomers' were baptised. Although today a person may be baptised a Catholic at other times of the year, the newcomer's decision to reject sin and embrace the new life of Christ makes Easter a highly appropriate time for baptism. Since the Easter vigil is the climax of the year for the parish community, it is fitting that it also be the climax of the newcomer's journey of faith into the Catholic community.

Readers Needed

We are currently looking for readers to assist at the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday 5 pm mass.

Please let the parish office know or put your name down on the sign up sheet in the church foyer if you are able to help. Thank you for your generosity and support.

We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday mass at 10am and 5 pm.

If you would like to be included in a roster to give the Eucharist under both kinds on weekend masses, please let the office know or kindly leave your details on the sheets in the church foyer.

Formation will be provided.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH *For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chaurira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; 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 Daniela or Davina know.

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.

FEAST DAYS MARCH

TUE 17TH MAR. ST. PATRICK, BISHOP, SOLEMNITY
THU 19TH MAR. ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY
WED 25TH MAR. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY

Lenten Penance

Good Friday:

fast and abstinence for ages 18-59

Other Fridays:

-some act of charity

-some extra prayer/ mass

-some fast or penance of choice



You are warmly invited to take part in 24 Hours for the Lord, at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Commencing with mass and confession from Friday 13 March at 6:30 pm to mass at 5:30 pm on Saturday 14th March. The Shrine will remain open all night for 24 hours of prayer, adoration, and quiet reflection. Whether you come for a few minutes or stay longer, this is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and spend time in the gentle presence of the Lord. All parishioners, families, and visitors are welcome to drop in.



EASTER CHOIR

Come and be a part of something truly special this Easter Triduum! Our parish choir is seeking voices and musicians to help lead the congregation in song during these sacred celebrations. Whether you're an experienced singer or musician, or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, we welcome you to join us in creating beautiful music that will enhance our worship and deepen our experience of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. We'd love to have you with us! Rehearsals will be held in the Church on:

Tuesday 3rd March 7:30-9pm

Sunday 22nd March 11-11:45 am

Tuesday 24th March 7:30-9pm

Tuesday 31st March 7:30-9pm

And one hour before Mass on Palm Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.



Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar. Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church

2/3	Fr Brian Moloney
3/3	Fr Paul Finucane & Fr Paul Durkin
4/3	Fr Bogdan Skupien & Fr Eliseus Shin
5/3	Fr Chima Ofor & Fr Marek Woldan
6/3	Sr Agnes Dinh
7/3	Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
8/3	Fr Gregorz (Greg) Skulski SDS

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



A Journey of Faith

JOINING OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH FAMILY

Last Sunday, our Catechumens had their Rite of Election with Bishop Anthony, and will continue their preparations to be baptized this Easter:

(from left to right) catechumens Vicky, Jane and her husband Simon, Tim;
(not in photo) candidates Luke and Mark.

We pray for them, together with our Confirmation Candidates who will also be welcomed into our family of faith.

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Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



As we prepare to enter the most sacred time of our Church year, we warmly invite parishioners to assist in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. These liturgies are made beautiful and meaningful through the generous service of our community.

We are seeking volunteers for the following:

Palm Sunday

- Volunteer readers for the Passion of Christ
- Palms for decoration of the church

Holy Thursday

- Washing of the Feet – 12 volunteers are needed (men and women)
- Lectors for the Holy Thursday Mass

Good Friday

- Readers for the Prayers of the Church, the Passion of Christ, readings

Easter Vigil

- Readers for the Vigil liturgy



If you are able to assist in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office or add your name to the sign-up sheet. Your willingness to serve helps our parish enter more deeply into the mystery, reverence and joy of Easter.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with our community.

SERVICES & MASSES EASTER 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, 16 MARCH
7:30pm

PASSION SUNDAY, (PALM SUNDAY)

28 March, 6pm Vigil (Sat night)
29 March, 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sun)

HOLY THURSDAY, 2 APRIL

2 April Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
Followed by prayer & Adoration until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

Stations of the Cross at 10am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

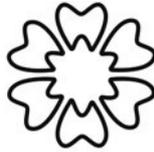
EASTER SATURDAY, 4 APRIL

Solemn Vigil of Easter 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY, 5 APRIL

Easter Mass at 8am & 10am
No Evening Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS
After the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday



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The Word

Sunday 1st March 2026: Second Sunday in Lent

Collect

O God, you have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
(R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

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

His face shone 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.