

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

#### 5th October 2025, 27th 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass** Children's Liturgy

**Morning Tea after 10am Mass** (TODAY)

Every Friday (during term time)

Lectio Divina 10am in the Parish Hall

**Every Thursday** 

Bible Study with Fr. Sunny-7:30pm in Church

**Every Second Thursday** of the Month

Anointing of the Sick - 9am

**School Holidays** 

Monday 29 Sept—Friday 10 Oct

The Parish office will be closed on Monday the 29th Sept and 6th of Oct and open from 9-12nn on Tuesdays to the Fridays.



God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (Second Reading)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The famous poem promoted by St Teresa of Calcutta includes: '

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.'

It speaks of a trust beyond what we can see in the present. Our building and doing good has value that we may never experience and may only feel at a spiritual level. God has this trust in us. We have been trusted to *'look after something precious'*, even though we so often fail and forget our responsibilities.

God believes in us and our potential. So, we are called, also, to trust in an unknown future. When there is outrage and violence all around, let us see the vision of hope. Let us wait patiently, no matter how slowly it comes. When there is hardship and shame, let us trust in the small sparks of God's goodness, and let us fan them into full flame. When there is doubt and fear, let us believe in the power of the 'mustard seed' of faith. And when there is exhaustion and ingratitude, let us trust in the value of what we have done. Let's do good anyway.

May God bless you, Fr Greg

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You can now find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiChurchStIves and Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves



The Parish Pastoral Council are compiling a **Parish Directory** of all the groups and ministries that exist in our parish. If you would like your group to be included, please let us know:

office@corpuschristi.com.au



We are still looking for volunteers to help at the piety stall. If you can stay behind after Mass for just ten minutes, please contact Karin on 0412 373 668.

This is a meaningful way to support the parish and is greatly appreciated.

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items. Look out in November for Christmas items!

The stall will be open after all Masses – a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a gift.







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#### A letter to the People of God in the Parish of St Ives

23 September 2025

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am very grateful for the presence in the parish this weekend of Fr Bernard Hancock OCD, Regional Vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers of Australia.

As I wrote to the Parish of St Ives four years ago on 12 May 2022, it has been a difficult decision of the Carmelite Order to relinquish the pastoral care of the Parish after fourteen years of remarkable service. This is a great loss to both the Parish and to our Diocese more generally. However, the Order has made this decision from its own processes of discernment, and this I accept. Notwithstanding, I wish to convey my deep gratitude to Fr Bernard and to the Order for continuing in their care of the Parish over the four years since the Order's discernment. I convey my deep appreciation to Fr Greg Chee OCD and the friars in residence who have supported him and the parish community since this discernment was made public. I also express my gratitude to the Parish as a whole, for the development of a new presbytery over this time which has ensured that the future priests to be appointed to the Parish might be accommodated.

I am pleased to share that the Friars will continue with care of the Parish of St Ives until the weekend of 18/19 April 2026. This will enable them to celebrate the great event of Easter with the community and also provide the opportunity to be farewelled fittingly by the community. Prior to Easter, I shall be able to share the news of the appointment of two priests of the Diocese to the community. I am confident that they will be welcomed with that warmth of spirit for which the Parish is known and which the Friars have experienced so generously over these years. They will be building on the great foundation of these past years.

I continue to keep the Order and the Parish in my prayer during this significant time of transition and extend my blessing to you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER



FOR COLLABORATION
BETWEEN DIFFERENT
RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

LET US PRAY THAT BELIEVERS IN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS MIGHT WORK TOGETHER TO DEFEND AND PROMOTE PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMAN FRATERNITY.

## WHY WE DO The Things We Do

#### Why do we have stations of the Cross?

Have you ever made a journey retracing the steps of an ancestor? In the early Church tradition developed whereby Christians would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, retracing the journey that Jesus took to Calvary. Visual representations depicting the Passion of Jesus were erected along the way. In memory of this sacred path, the stations were popularized in art and as a devotional practice, encouraged especially by the Franciscans. There are fourteen stations in our modern day devotion whereby people move from station to station, reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made for us.



For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit

www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: October 17th to 19th 6pm-12:30

Finding Inner Peace in a Chaotic World: The Timeless Wisdom of St. Teresa of Avila

Presenter: Ransom Rapirap, OCD

When: November 1st 10am-4pm

The Beatitudes

Presenter: George Morkel, OCD

When: December 6th 10am-4pm

Darkness & Light: Embracing the mystery of Advent in the teaching of St. John of the Cross

Presenter: Fr. Ransom Rapirap

#### **Prayer Zone**



**Anniversary:** Joseph Teow Quee Yeo

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; 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; 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.

### FEAST DAYS OCTOBER

Tue 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary Wed 15th, St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

Fri 17th, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martvr

Sat 18th, St Luke, evangelist Tue 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

#### **PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES**

If you would like something included in the weekly parish bulletin, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday at midday** for the coming weekend.

Thank you,

office@corpuschristi.com.au ph: 91446998

#### **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.



# Rose Petal afternoon prayer

with St Therese

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the Little Way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask for Saint Thérèse's intercession by individually addressing and writing letters of intercession to her.

TALK BY FR ALOYSIUS REGO, OCD THEN MASS AT 5PM FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER

AN AFTERNOON OF
PRAISE & WORSHIP | REFLECTION
OPENING LAST YEAR'S LETTERS | ADORATION
WRITING NEW PRAYER LETTER | NOVENA

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 2:30-4:45 PM

FOR MORE INFO: 0414 317 431 ATAT 0494 176 992 O'KELLY



#### Transport help needed

A former parishioner who is back in the area is asking for transportation help to go to Church for Sunday morning Mass. She lives in North Turramurra. Please call or email the office if you can help and would like to be added to a roster. Thank you

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# Footprints Mass

Pregnancy & Infant Loss

Remembrance Mass

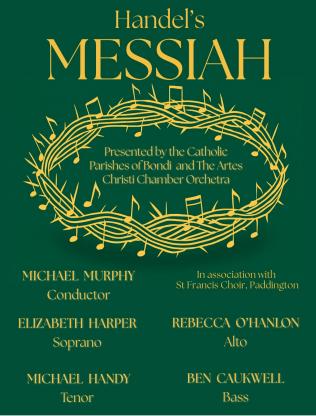
Wednesday 15.10.2025 6:30pm

Whether the death of a child happened recently or many years ago, parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance, to honour the brief life of the children who died too soon through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death.

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10:30am - 12:30pm

Week 1 1 OCTOBER Week 2

- Storytelling
- **Reflection Circle**
- **Lawn Games**
- Chalk Wall
- **Treasure Hunt**
- **Museum Visit**

More Information:

Ages 6 - 12

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CONCILIATION



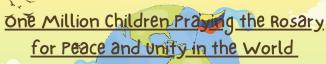
30 AM - 4.30 PM

OPTION 1: TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER (AGES 15-18 YRS) OPTION 2: WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER (AGES 11-14 YRS) OPTION 3: OVERNIGHT LEADERS 7-8 OCTOBER (15+)



Schoenstatt Girls & Young Women Sr. M. Rita: 0493 026 628 srrita@schoenstatt.org.au







**7TH OCTOBER 2025** 

Inspired by the words of St. Padre Pio, who believed that "when one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change," the campaign led by ACN, has grown into a significant spiritual movement, drawing participation from schools, parishes, and families across continents.

Meet 2pm in the church, Pray Rosary & activities followed by play in the park.
Please bring plate to share.

COntact the parish office for more details: 02 9410 9000 or chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Please register: https://forms.office.com/r/yxgOLNXCJz



We need your help to make some of this happen! Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help.

# Update

Conversation Circles with Fr Greg



Thank you to everyone who came to our two Conversation Circles earlier this month. So many ideas were shared and heard. Some key themes included:

- · courage in proclaiming the truth of our faith
- ideas to build community in our parish
- ideas to care for all parishioners: young, old, and everyone in between
- · ideas to create opportunities for new people to join in with parish life
- strategic planning of events within our parish community





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#### The Word

#### Sunday 5th of October 2025: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask

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

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.' the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
- 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
- 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

#### **Second Reading**

From the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God have you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.