

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

**8 March 2026, Third 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: 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 (8:30am)**

**Corpus Christi Parish**

**Coffee Morning**

11 March 2026  
at 10:30 am  
On the Verandah  
at The Living Room  
St Ives Shopping Centre

*Everyone welcome. Come and catch up with old friends, make new friends.*

RSVP: Andrena Brewer  
0438 698 993  
or just turn up



*“How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”*  
(Gospel)

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

**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

**Next Sunday Family Rock Mass**  
March 15th at 5pm

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman, and though her, he speaks to us. He describes the kind of worship that is pleasing to God, worship ‘in spirit and in truth’.

To worship God in spirit and truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be a matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequence than the disposition of heart.

This is not to say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value – indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ’s mystical body, the Church.

Nevertheless, our every thought and deed, however mundane, if done with the intention of expressing the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship – a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart- felt plea for forgiveness.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

**Dear Parishioners,**

**For the last 18 years, Corpus Christi Parish has been under the care of our Carmelite Community. They are leaving us soon. Let us give them a memorable send off on Sunday 19th of April. We hope you will be part of the farewell lunch—tickets for sale in the office**

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# 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



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.

PIETY STALL

We've just stocked lots of new kids' items in our Piety Store for **Easter and First Reconciliation**. If you're looking for a meaningful gift for a child in your life, be sure to stop by on your way out and take a look. We'd love to help you find something special.

## Are You Interested in Finding Out More about the Catholic Faith?

Have you wondered at times why Catholics do what they do?

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or don't know how to go about becoming a Catholic?



Becoming a Catholic is a big step and is not a process you can accomplish on your own. It involves joining a parish community, as well as learning about the faith and becoming committed to it.

If you would like to explore further, you are invited to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

where you journey together with others also seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

To find out more, please contact the Parish Office on:  
office@corpuschristi.com.au (02) 9144 6998



## Preparing for the Scrutinies

IN THE JOURNEY OF JOINING OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH FAMILY

Over the 3rd Sunday in Lent and the following two Sundays, our Elect enters the third stage of the Sacrament of Initiation, traditionally called **Scrutinies**.

*The Elect* (from left to right) Vicky, Jane and her husband Simon, Tim; also (not in photo) Luke and Mark.

Please continue to pray for them, in their journey of healing and forgiveness.

## WHY WE DO The Things We Do

### SCRUTINIES

For those preparing for baptism (and, indeed, for all Christians), turning away from sin is a gradual and life-long process. The R.C.I.A. includes three short ceremonies called *scrutinies* which contribute to this process. During a scrutiny we call on God's healing presence to free the catechumens from the forces of darkness and to open them more fully to the goodness and fullness of life promised us by Christ. The scrutinies are held on designated Sundays during Lent.



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

9/3	Fr Bronislaw (Broniek) Pietruszewicz SDS
10/3	Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS
11/3	Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS
12/3	Fr Bill Stephens
13/3	Fr Harry Kennedy
14/3	Fr Stephen Hamilton
15/3	Fr Rex Curry

#### 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

### 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



## Prayer Zone



### Please pray for the ill:

Bevan Bodsworth; 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,

### 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.

## 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 are 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 would love to have you with us!

Sunday March 22nd 11-11:45am

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.

## PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Thursday 12th March

10am in the Parish Hall



Angela  
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## The Word

### Sunday 8th March 2026: Third Sunday in Lent

#### Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus Ex 17:3-7

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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.*

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.)*

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.)*

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 letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.