

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

**1 October 2023, 26th 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 - Hall

**Second Wednesday of Every Month**

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning  
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**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

**Wednesday 4 October**

MenAlive Meeting Parish Office  
7pm

**School holidays** Reduced hours in the Parish Office.

**Sunday 8 October**

Morning Tea after 8am Mass

**Wednesday 11 October**

Parishioner coffee catch-up  
Archies

**Sunday 22 October**

70th Anniversary Celebrations



***He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The readings today speak about conscious change. Is it possible for a person to consciously change their life, consciously change their habits and way of living? The unchanging conviction of the Bible is 'yes', conscious change is possible.

Today's Gospel offers us an interesting example of conscious and unconscious change. One son said 'yes' to his father, but did not do what his father asked. I suspect that what happened here was unconscious change. He said he would go to the vineyard, and he probably intended to, but he just didn't get around to it. The other son said 'no' but then he consciously thought about it and change his decision and went.

What massive changes the tax collectors and prostitutes must have made in their lives to follow Jesus. For many reasons, including financial, this could not have been easy, nothing short of a radical change in their way of life. But they did it. They made the change.

When we talk about conscious change, the supreme example is Jesus Christ, as St Paul notes in today's second reading: 'his state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God by emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross; but God raised him on high'.

In our efforts to change we can take great heart from the Eucharist. In this act of worship remarkable changes happen. Not only are the bread and wine changed into the body and blood of Christ, but by our participation in the Eucharist we too are changed - together we become more fully the Body of Christ in our world.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Michelle Miles, Office Manager  
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

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# *History of Corpus Christi Parish*

The formal beginnings of the Catholic Parish of St Ives were marked by the building of the first Corpus Christi Church (now the Hall) in 1953, with the foundation stone being laid on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The area was then part of the Pymble Parish and served by Priests from there. In those early years the parishioners were predominantly orchardists and market gardeners.

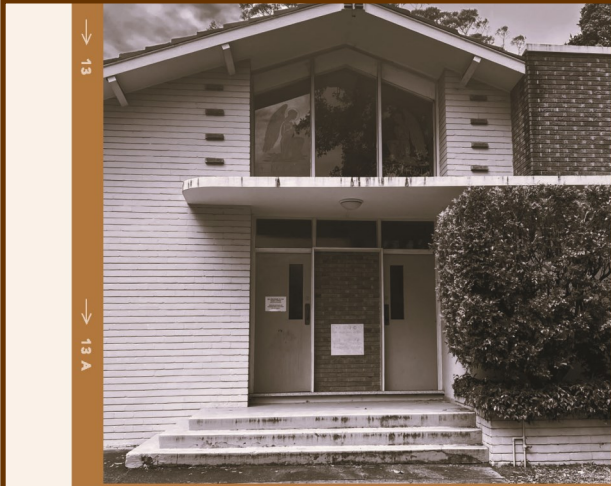
From as early as 1937 the Passionist College, where young men studied before joining the Passionist Community of Priests, had been a significant presence in the area.

In 1954 the Brigidine Sisters came to St Ives and began both their College and Corpus Christi School, which initially occupied the new church building during week days.

St Ives was established as a separate Parish by Cardinal Gilroy in 1958 when he appointed Fr Peter Sheil as first Parish Priest.

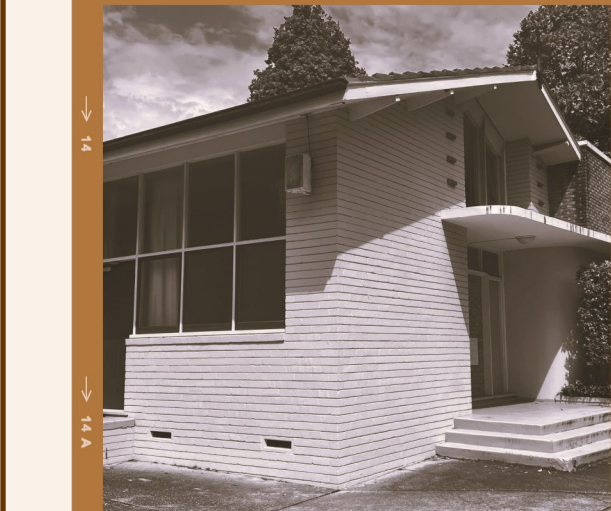
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***If you have any memories or photos of the time Hall was Corpus Christi Church please email Michelle or Christina at the Office [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)***

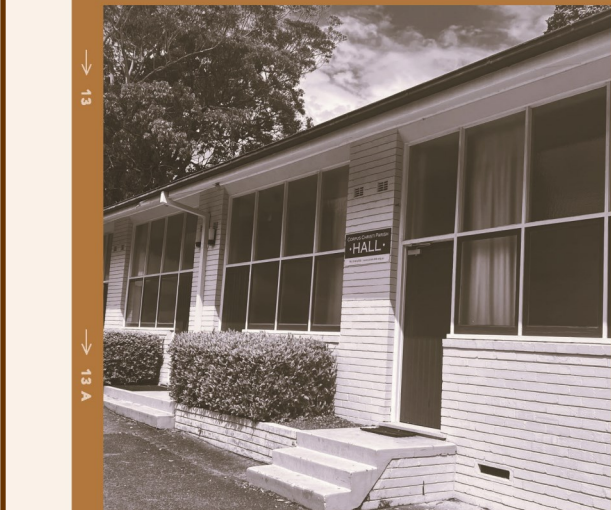


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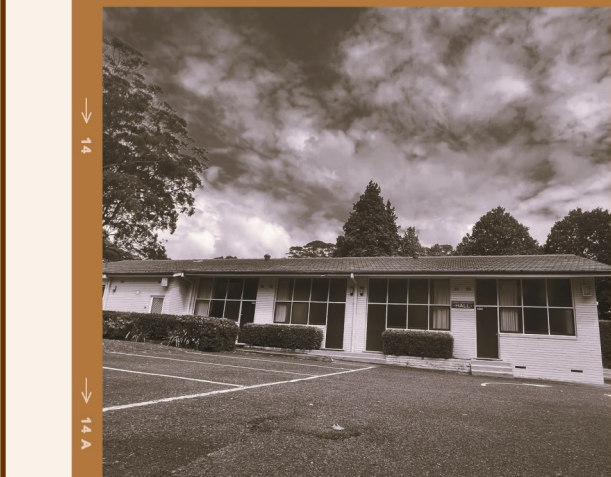


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# Celebrating 70 Seventy Years

This year marks the 70th anniversary of our parish hall, which was our original Church at St Ives.

22 OCTOBER 2023

Fr Greg will bless the hall after the 10am Mass. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake.

Please bring a plate to share and enjoy catching up with parishioners on this memorable occasion.

Please contact Michelle or Christina in the office for more information or if you can help.



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**\$10 RAFFLE**



**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH**



**5 NOV 2023**

**2-4 PM**

# Praise & Worship

**FUNDRAISER**

for priest's presbytery and office build

**& CELEBRATING**

70 years as a parish

- Singing together in Praise
- Community building
- Snacks and drinks
- Incredible raffle

*Come and join us in a big sing-a-long praising our Lord.*

The programme will be:  
- 40 min praise singing with spot prizes being given away;  
- Refreshment break  
- 40 min of praise singing;  
- The big raffle draw.

This community building event and fundraiser is for the presbytery build as well as celebrating 70 years as a Parish.

If you can't attend, please buy raffle tickets in support of your parish by using the QR Code above or by heading to <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=y95k5>

Prizes:

- 1st Prize - AirBnB non-peak weekend away in Avoca Beach. 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 14 sleeper, amazing sea views - worth \$2875
- 2nd Prize - Oroton Bag - worth \$129 (donated by parishioner)

- 3rd Prize - The Living Room Cafe voucher - \$100
- 4th Prize - Clarins Products hamper - worth \$100 (donated by St Ives Professional Skin Care)
- 5th Prize - St Ives Mobile voucher - worth \$100
- 6th Prize - Blooms The Chemist hamper - worth \$100
- 7th Prize - The Deli Hub hamper - worth \$75
- 8th Prize - Stanley Street Butchery voucher - worth \$50
- 9th Prize - Knife Sharpener voucher - worth \$50
- 10th Prize - AM Mart hamper - worth \$....
- 11th Prize - Coke products (donated by parishioner)

**Please support our raffle donors when you are in St Ives Shopping Centre and please tell them when you buy from them that you're from Corpus Christi Parish that they donated to.**

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023

EXPOSITION / ADORATION AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 7:30PM



### Social Justice Corner

#### Fundraising Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the weekend fundraising appeal for the Tibetan refugee community. Our parish has donated \$4584.85 to the Northern Beaches Tibetan Health Fund.



The generosity of our parish will enable the Social Justice Group to continue to assist Tibetan refugees who arrive in Australia in the next 12 months with prescription medication and other health needs.

We were touched by our parish's overwhelming generosity and the parishioners' warmth and compassion in discussing the Tibetan project with us after Mass. Thank you!

*For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*  
(Matthew 25:25-36)

#### 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

**Recently Deceased:** Christina Gomez

**Anniversary:** Molly and Mary Tang

#### Please pray for the ill:

Fr Sergio Chauira; 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; 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 Michelle or Christina know.***

#### FEAST DAYS OCTOBER

Mon 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels  
Wed 4th St Francis of Assisi  
Sat 7th Our Lady of Rosary  
Sun 15th, St Teresa of Avila

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY  
LITURGY OF LAMENT

# Shining THE LIGHT

President:  
Very Rev Dr David Ranson  
Vicar General

4.30pm Thursday 12 October 2023      23 Yardley Ave  
Our Lady of The Rosary, Cathedral      Waitara

Every year the Diocese holds a Liturgy of Lament. It is an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to sorrow. Everyone is invited to attend on 12 October at 4.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara .

## WE ARE KEEPING SUNDAY 5PM MASS

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on the 5pm Sunday Mass trial. We received 32 responses. 66% preferred to keep the 5pm Mass time, 9% preferred to revert to 6pm, and 16% suggested 5pm during Winter and 6pm during Summer. 9% did not have a preference. We acknowledge a few concerns that 5pm Mass during daylight savings might be too early and conflict with afternoon activities. There was strong feedback supporting the 5pm Mass during the cooler months.

Given the results, we will continue with 5pm Sunday night Mass from now until the end of Winter in 2024. We will monitor Mass attendance through the coming warmer months, and re-review for Spring 2024. Please contact any one of us if you would like to discuss further.

**Your Parish Council** (Fr Greg Chee, Sherwell Fernando, Jen Perrott, Atat Li-Kim-Mui, John Goh, Cel Tria, Phil Liang, Edith Chan)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2 October to Friday 6 October

The Parish office will be closed on Monday 2 October (Labour Day public holiday).

The office will be open on Tuesday through to Friday from 9am to 12:30pm.



## 376sqm Ground Floor Commercial Space

### Caroline Chisholm Centre Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Pennant Hills

The Caroline Chisholm Centre is home to the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and its agencies Catholic Schools Broken Bay and CatholicCare Broken Bay. We are located in a commercial business precinct, just 350m from Pennant Hills Station with easy access to the M2 and M1. Ground floor space has recently become available, creating an opportunity for a new tenant.

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for immediate inspection



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 had a great turnout on Sunday the 10th of September, and was so busy chatting that we only managed to get a photo after a few families left! The next dates are 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!





## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world.

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## The Word

Sunday 1 October 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 prophet Ezekiel Ez 18:25-28

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'  
The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

*(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.  
*(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:1-11

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a

common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 21:28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.