

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

10 March 2024, Fourth 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 (8:35am)



**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

Thursday evenings

Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group

Book of Revelation

7:30-9pm in the Church

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday of Every Month

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

Tuesday 12th March

Easter Choir Rehearsal – 7.30 pm

in the Church

Wednesday 13th March

Lenten Prayer Group – 6pm in the

Hall

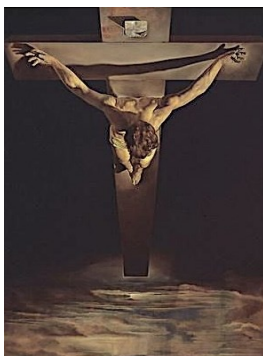
Saturday 16th March

Parish Trivia Night - 7pm in the

Hall

**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.



***“The Son of Man must be
lifted up so that
everyone who believes in him
may have eternal life.”
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

As we remember and rejoice in the mercies of God this Laetare Sunday, the readings give us beautiful images of new creations. King Cyrus is ordered to build up the temple again, Paul speaks to the Ephesians of being raised up, brought to new life in Christ Jesus, and Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up. All this ‘building up’ speaks of the artistic work of our Creator God, the resurrection life we moved towards each Lent.

Just as a temple can be rebuilt, so too can the temple of our bodies be renewed. A work of art might be a painting, a sculpture, or a piece of music. Yet the most beautiful work of art is undoubtedly the life of each one of us in right relationship with all of creation. A life that is created in Christ Jesus, knowing God and loving God is a life eager to be lived in the light of truth.

When we live this kind of life, our only song is a hymn of praise – we believe, we love, we give thanks for the place we have in the eternal life of God.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest

Ed Wales, Parish Finance

Michelle Miles, Office Manager

Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator

Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

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Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**

Fundraiser for New Presbytery Build

Saturday 16th March 2024



7:00pm



\$35.00 per head

BYO drinks, snacks, meal

Tables of 8 – 10 or we can seat you

Book now!



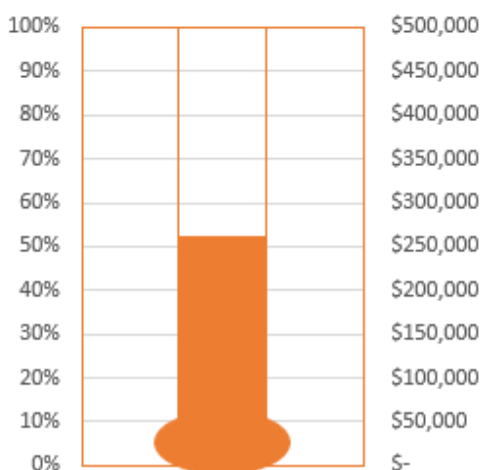
Trivia Night



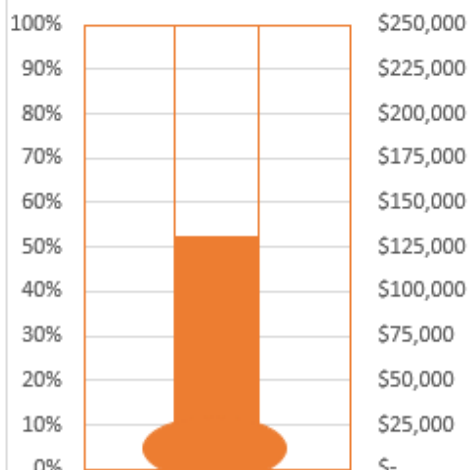
Please use the QR Code
to book or contact the
office on (02) 9144 6998

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING

PARISH FUNDRAISING



Diocese Co-Contribution



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over **\$262 300** - we have passed the half way mark to our target of \$500,000! **For every \$100 donated the Diocese will give us another \$50.**

You can donate directly to our bank account as below:

Please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message. This will ensure that the entire amount will be used for the presbytery and the Parish won't be subject to Diocesan tax on these donations.

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001798

Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.

Regards the Parish Finance Committee

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

The Passion - Palm Sunday

Let's make our way to Jerusalem spreading our branches and garments on the road for the one who comes in the name of the Lord

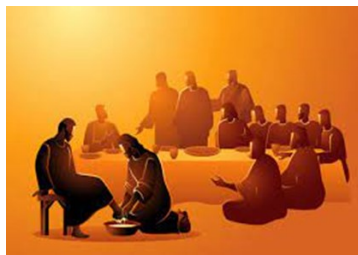


We are still looking for 2 readers for the 8am mass to tell this story. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.

WASHING OF THE FEET

Jesus said, "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet... so that as I have done for you, you should also do." On Holy Thursday we will do exactly what Jesus called us to do, to wash one another's feet.

If you would like to participate in this most moving and rewarding experience by being one



who has their feet washed, please register your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer. We need 12 volunteers.

PALMS

Do you have palm trees at home? We need some large palms to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Assistance can be offered to cut and collect the palms. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Next get together **Thursday 14 March 2024** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall.
Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

FEAST DAYS MARCH

Mon 18th, St Patrick, bishop
Tues 19th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024

AT 7:30PM

EASTER SERVICES 2024

RECONCILIATION 19TH MARCH
7:30pm

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

23rd March 6pm Vigil (Sat Night)
24th March 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

28th March Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
followed by prayer and adoration to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

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

HOLY SATURDAY - 30TH MARCH

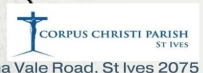
Solemn Vigil of Easter 7.00pm

HOLY SUNDAY - 31ST MARCH

Easter Mass at 8am & 10am.
No evening Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS

After 10am Mass on Easter Sunday



263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives 2075

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

George Cilia, 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; 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.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

Since the last parish update in December last year the Finance Committee has been busy with planning for the new presbytery and office. The plans for the building project have gone through some iterations in order to find the most efficient way of altering the current office premises to transform it into a three bedroom house for our Priests that the Parish can be proud of. The Committee has also discussed the most efficient method for building the new office accommodation.

The current plans are nearly finalised and we envisage that the new office building will now be completely separate from the presbytery. Once these plans are finalised we will meet with representatives of the Diocese to get the final plans approved. It is unlikely that we will need a DA to complete the alterations to the current building but we will need a DA for the new office accommodation. When we receive the Diocesan approval we will provide you with the revised plans and a revised estimate of the building costs.

If we can complete the plans and get the approval from the Diocese within the next month or so we should be able to apply for the DA and request tenders from interested builders within the next six to eight weeks.

The funds raised so far, thanks to the generosity of you, our Parishioners, will enable us to commence the transformation of the current building soon after we receive the tenders from interested builders and appoint a construction firm.

The Finance Committee



Bio of a Catechist

Robina Hockey

Who Am I?

I am a retiree! I teach scripture at Turramurra North Public School.

Family

I was brought up in the Methodist Church and it was when we moved from Perth to Sydney that it was suggested my son would do better in a Catholic school, which turned out to be the right decision. I would then attend Church with them every Sunday and this was the beginning of my Catholic journey. My husband is a retiree also! I am blessed to have 3 children and also 5 wonderful grandchildren.

How long have you been a catechist?

For 15 years.

What brought you to being a catechist?

I attended a service at Turramurra North Public School with my granddaughter when she attended scripture class there. I met the teachers and they suggested I might like to join them. The rest is history, which I have not regretted.

Why do you stay?

Because I like being involved in seeing children where perhaps religion, God, or Jesus is not discussed and giving them the lessons we know He wants them to hear.

What would you say to someone considering being a catechist?

Just do it, you will have plenty of support from our coordinator Jen Perrott.

The manual is easy to teach and the workbooks also.

The other catechists are always there to help and we exchange our thoughts and support each other.

Someone once told me, "You'll get more from this than you put in!!" This is so true!! But God will guide you and when you see the smiling faces in your class each week - we are so blessed.



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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EASTER CHOIR



Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday 28th March

Good Friday 29th March

Easter Vigil 30th March

Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesday the 12th, 19th and Wednesday 27th of March from 7.30-9pm in the Church. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.

Chrism Mass 2024 | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

Catch up with Corpus Christi Parishioners! Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH
ARCHIES | 10:30 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993

EASTER Egg Hunt

Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Join us for some fun after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, as we search for Easter eggs hidden around our church.

Sunday, 31 March 2024
AFTER 10AM MASS

Corpus Christi Parish
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075



CAN YOU HELP?

We need some people on the day to help hide eggs and guide the children. Contact the office on (02) 9144 6998



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 21st March 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at **7.00 PM (kindly note the change of commencement time)** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. **Following the meeting Bishop David will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "Being a Disciple of Jesus". Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".**

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



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28 – 31 March 2024

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Rediscovering the wisdom of the Church's spiritual tradition
Matthew 7:24-27

16 MARCH 2024
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HALL
SATURDAY 10AM-4PM

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Women who have attended previous retreat days with the Sisters are encouraged to bring a friend to this event.

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The Word

Sunday 10 March 2024: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 second book of Chronicles 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on

alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life. God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! King of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! King of endless glory!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.