

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

**10 May 2026, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**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)**

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

**Every First Friday of the month**  
Exposition/ Adoration at 7pm followed by mass at 7:30pm  
June 5, 2026

**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

**Every Second Monday Young Adults @ St Ives**  
18 May 7pm  
Social tennis  
30 May 7pm Hot Pot  
Dinner & Pool Night

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

**Every fortnight on Thursdays**  
Parish Social Craft Group  
May 21st at 10 am

**Every Second Sunday of the Month**  
Morning tea after 8am  
mass  
Today

**Parish Coffee morning**  
The Living Room, St. Ives  
May 13th at 10:30



**Happy Mothers' Day**

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus promise that he will send the Holy Spirit, the advocate, to guide and defend his community the church. Here at Corpus Christi, we seek to be a faithful and welcoming community of disciples, who are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for all the mothers of our Corpus Christi parish and wish you each a very special day, thanking you for your love and for the important role you play in our families, our church and our society. Mothers understand that the love for her children is so like Christ's love for us: generous, selfless, and unconditional.

**For those who find Mothers' Day difficult**

We acknowledge that Mothers' Day can be a painful and difficult time for some: for those whose mother has died, for those who have lost a child, for those who are estranged from their children or their mother, for those who are experiencing great stress within family life. As a parish community, let us be mindful of those who experience this pain, and let us pray that this may be a time of healing.

**May: the month of Mary**

A reminder that May is the month when we honour Mary as our heavenly mother. As a final gesture of love in his own Passion, Jesus turns to Mary, and says to his beloved disciple John: "behold your mother." And from that time, John (representing all disciples) made a place for her in his heart, in his home. (John 19.26-27) At Fatima, Mary asks the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for the peace of the world and for the conversion of sinners. How will you honour Mary during the month of May?



Now in my third week as Parish Priest, I have continued to celebrate daily Mass, prepare parents for the Baptism of their children, meet with parish school Principal and REC, visit the aged and the sick, and to meet with senior leadership team (SLT), various ministry leaders & volunteers. Many gathered at the Requiem Mass for much-loved parishioner, Mariani. Members of the PFC and PPC met with Fr Tan and me over dinner one evening. We celebrated the finish of an Alpha course and look forward to the next one beginning in July. We wish Fr Tan well as he visits family and friends in Vietnam to celebrate his ordination. Praying God's blessing and Mary's special protection for all throughout May.

Fr Paul

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# Corpus Christi Parish

## Coffee Morning

13 May, 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,  
meet new friends.

No need to book just turn up

For more information contact

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COLUMN

### Mother's Day Reflection

Mother's Day is a time for reflection, celebration, gratitude, and honouring the nurturing figures in our lives.

Yet, amidst the flowers and cards, it is also a time to remember the hidden plight of mothers in our community, including those navigating the complexities of parenthood alone, often against significant societal and economic odds; those caring for children with disabilities; those experiencing mental health issues; and those feeling overwhelmed by the demands of motherhood and sleep deprivation.

The Social Justice Group recently received information about the "Motherhood Hour" from a grandmother in our parish, who requested that it be included in the Mother's Day column.

The Norbertine Canonesses of the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph, a cloistered order in Tehachapi, California, hold a nightly devotion called the "Motherhood Hour", in which they pray for mothers who are awake late, feeding, soothing, or rocking their infants to sleep. The prayers occur at midnight, when many mothers are awake in the "trenches" of early parenthood. The practice, which has gone viral on Instagram, offers comfort by validating the unseen, exhausting work of motherhood. The sisters describe this time as a way to stand in solidarity with mothers, offering a "spiritual mantle" of protection and support. Since going viral, the practice has brought comfort and inspiration to mothers of different faiths around the world.

*The Social Justice Group wishes the mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunts and others who have nurturing roles in our parish a happy and blessed Mother's Day.*

**Young Adults@St Ives meet every second Monday at 7pm**

18 May—Social Tennis

30 May—Hot Pot Dinner & Pool Night

**Please Register**



**Ignite Diocesan discount ends 14 May**

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## 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

## Have you ever wanted to read the Bible yourself, but don't know where or how to start?

PLEASE COME AND JOIN OUR PARISH SMALL GROUP

## Introduction to Bible reading

A programme of 10 sessions, meeting fortnightly

We will start session 1 on Pentecost week (last week of May); places are strictly limited. For registration or more information, please scan the QR code or go to the below link

<https://forms.office.com/r/U5NjFTSp0V>





**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY**

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Extraordinary Communion Ministry**

We warmly invite parishioners to consider joining our Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday Mass at 10:00am and 5:00pm.

This is a beautiful opportunity to serve our community by helping distribute the Eucharist during weekend Masses. If you feel called to take part, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office or leave your details on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer.

No prior experience is needed—formation and guidance will be provided.

**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.

**WHY WE DO The Things We Do**

**WHY DO WE BLESS THINGS?**

Quite apart from the blessing of people and the blessing of the eucharistic bread and wine at Mass, Catholics are renown for blessing objects: houses, medals, statues, vestments, food... even computers! As found in scripture, a blessing is an authoritative pronouncement of God's favour. We bless as a way of placing our lives under the power of Christ. When we bless objects we acknowledge the goodness of God's creation and our desire to use these gifts for the service and glory of God.

We are in the process of establishing a new First Collection to support our new priests. If you would like to contribute, please see the bank details below or contact the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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**Prayer Zone**



**Please pray for the ill:**

Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; 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.*

**FEAST DAYS MAY**

THU 14TH—ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE, FEAST  
SUN 17TH—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY  
SUN 24TH—PENTECOST SUNDAY, SOLEMNITY  
MON 25TH—OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, SOLEMNITY  
TUE 26TH—ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST, MEMORIAL  
SUN 31ST—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, SOLEMNITY

**Schoenstatt Annual Marian Pilgrimage Day**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Program:

- 9.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
- 10.00am Welcome & Opening Prayer
- 10.30am Holy Mass with Bishop Tony Percy - Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney
- 2.00pm Eucharistic Procession OR Anointing of the Sick
- 3.00pm Benediction

Please bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrines along. Drinks & food will be available for purchase. This is an outdoor event - bring your own chairs.

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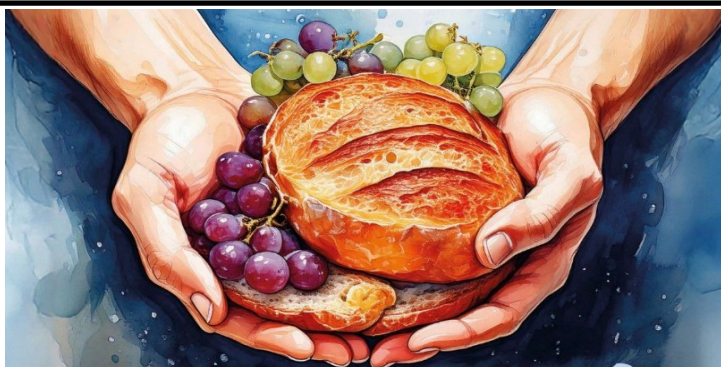
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**PIETY STALL**

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## The Word

### Sunday 10th May 2026: Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Collect

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these  
days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1  
(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:15-18

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.