

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

11 February 2024, Sixth 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: 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

Every Friday during Lent

Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

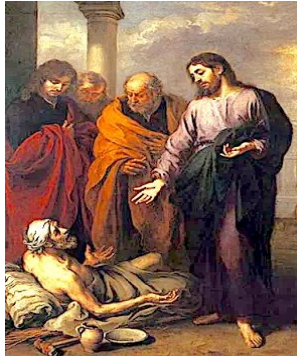
Ash Wednesday

Mass at 9am (Year 3-6 attending)
and 7:30pm

Thursday 15 February 2024

Parish Craft Group — 10.30am in the Hall

Reconciliation Compulsory
Parent Information Night —
7.30pm in the Hall



*Moved with pity,
he stretched
out his hand, touched him,
And said I do will it
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

People afflicted with leprosy and similar skin diseases were regarded as untouchables in the Jewish society of Jesus' day. In keeping with the Law (see today's first reading), they had to proclaim their uncleanness publicly and keep their distance from all but their own kind.

Today's Gospel story, narrated with an economy of detail, poignantly captures the pariah status of one such unfortunate man. No onlookers are identified; there are only two characters – the leper in need of compassion and Jesus mercifully responsive to his need. In a sense, Jesus takes upon himself the uncleanness of the leper; for in touching him he renders himself, according to the Law, ritually impure. In our own day there are classes of people who are bracketed out of society – outcasts judged harshly as inferior beings by law-abiding citizens and condemned to lead lives of conspicuous misery. Even as we stand by them in faith and love, we can make our own the leper's prayer: 'Lord, if you want to, you can cure me.'

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

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

*Catch up with
Corpus Christi Parishioners!*
Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
ARCHIES / 10:30 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993



Our Deepest Sympathy
Lucy Orenstein

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to Gwen, Claude, family, relatives and friends of Lucy.

Lucy's funeral will be held on Monday 12 February 2024 at Macquarie Park. May Lucy experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides.

For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email
us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7:30PM



**FR SUNNY'S BIBLE
STUDY**

BOOK OF REVELATION

Fr Sunny's popular Bible study series will recommence on Thursday 15 February in the Church from 7:30-9:00pm. You are more than welcome to join the group. Please bring your bible and a note book if you would like to take notes.



**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 15 February 2024** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We have very low gluten hosts (below 20ppm) now available for those who are gluten intolerant. If you require low gluten hosts please see the priest prior to mass. To receive the low gluten hosts, please hold off receiving communion until the end.

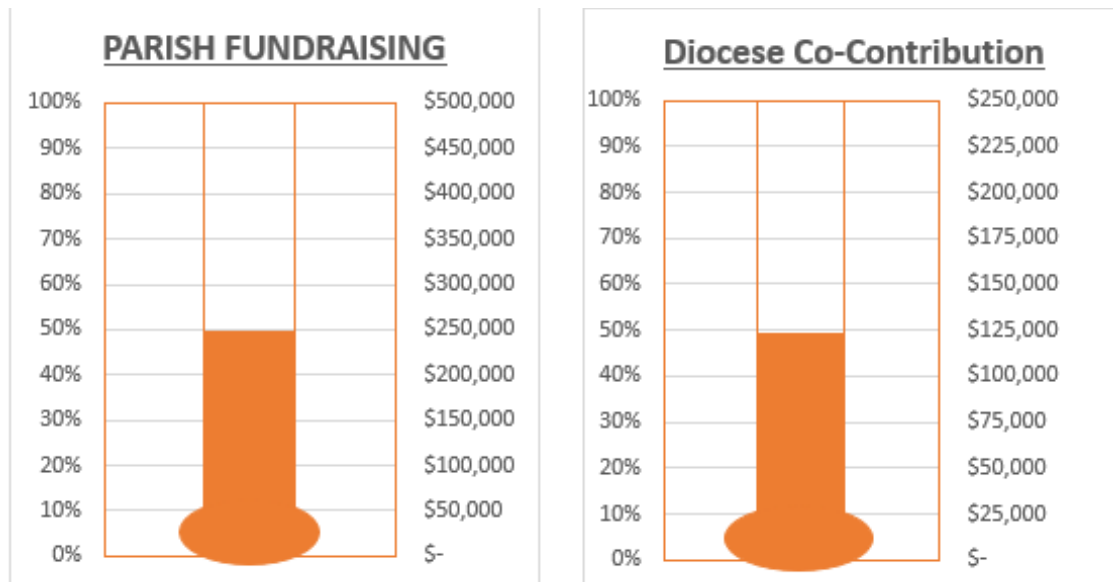
PALMS—Please return last year's dried palms back to church so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. **Please return your palms no later than Monday 12 February.**

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 Christina or Michelle in the Parish office if you can help.

**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.

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over \$247 600 - we are so close to being half way 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

FEAST DAYS FEBRUARY

Wed 14th, Ash Wednesday

Thurs 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024

Masses will be held at 9am (Year 3-6 from the school will be attending this mass) and 7:30pm.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Lucy Orenstein
(mother of Gwen Jugmans)

Please pray for the ill:

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.

Corpus Christi Church

Trivia Night

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



RSVP: 8th March 2024



Bookings by QR Code or return the slip below to the office.

If you are unable to attend, we welcome any donations.

BSB: 062 784 Account No: 100001798 Ref: New Build TN

or contact the office (02) 9144 6998



Church Hall
263 Mona Vale Road St Ives 2075



Please complete the form and return to the office with payment to reserve your table.

Name: **Mobile:**

☐ **My table name is :** ☐ **Please seat me at available table**

Number of tickets: **Payment: \$**.....



Bio of a Catechist

Jen Perrott

Who Am I?

I currently live in Newport on the Northern Beaches and work in the Parish at Corpus Christi as the Catechist Coordinator and the Pastoral Faith Formation Facilitator. I have been working in the parish since December 2014 as the Catechist Coordinator and then the role of Pastoral Faith Formation Facilitator was born in 2018. So I am currently wearing 2 hats in the parish!

Family

I remarried in 2021. I have 2 children of my own and Joe has 5 of his own. We met in 2010 and between us we have 7 children ranging from 18-28 years of age.

How long have you been a catechist?

9 Years.



What brought you to being a catechist?

I use to hear people get up and talk at Mass about the need for catechists. I always felt a desire in my heart to get involved even when I was younger, but timing was never right. I responded to an advertisement for a Catechist Coordinator at Corpus Christi after I graduated with a double degree in 2014 (Bachelor of Theology/Social Work). I remember saying to God, "Ok God, what next? You called me into this degree now what do you want me to do with it?" The very next week I saw the advertisement for a catechist coordinator at Corpus Christi. I often say, "God has a sense of humour putting me here!" but in all honestly it has been the best 9 years and I love what I do.



Why do you stay?

What brought me to the ministry is different to why I stay. It really is true that God uses the most unlikely people to do his work. Being a catechist has been one of the most rewarding experiences, knowing that you have been instrumental in the formation of a child's life and are responsible for helping that child grow in his/her friendship with Jesus. Jesus calls us to respond to The Great

Commission, where He commands us to "Go and make disciples." It is important for me to strive to be the best disciple I can be and bring as many people with me as I can. We all know the rewards are eternal. Today, children are less formed in their faith than say even 20 years ago. If I can help be a small instrument in improving the formation for that child, just by planting a seed that may one day germinate into a beautiful friendship with Jesus, then that is what makes me stay.

What would you say to someone considering being a catechist?

Honestly, if you have ever felt like you should do it, or you feel an urge to respond to the need for catechists. Don't delay. The rewards for both yourself and the student are so worth it. All training and resources are provided. New people always go in as a helper and if they want to do more, they can if and when they are ready. So, speak to any of the catechists this weekend after the 10am Mass. We would love for new people to join us. Alternatively call Jen in the office on 9144 6998 to find out more or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

LOVE IS LOVE

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Catechist Sunday is the day set aside each year to celebrate the commissioning of our Catechists who take the Good News of God's love to the children in our all State Schools in St. Ives and North Turramurra.

It is also the time where we begin a new school year and sometimes the need to find new people to help serve the Lord in our Catechist Community.

If you could spare 30 minutes a week (plus another 30 minutes preparation time) and would also like to deepen your friendship with Jesus by sharing your faith with our children, we would love to hear from you.

We need catechists/helpers for the following classes:

St Ives North Public School:

Year 1: 1:50-2:20pm

Year 5: 1:00-1:30pm

St Ives Public School:

Kindy: 9:10-9:45am

Year 1/2: 9:10-9:45am (till June 2024)

Year 3/4: 9:45-10:25am

North Turramurra Public School:

Year 3/4: 10:20-10:55am

Year 5/6: 10:20-10:55am

St Ives Park Public School:

Year 5/6: 11:40-12:10pm (till June 2024)

Even if you work, it is still possible to be a catechist or helper. We have some catechists who work from home and their boss gives them a short

amount of time off work to do community service each week.

Catechists are...

"Persons who have experienced the love of God and who, for this reason alone, place themselves at the service of the Proclamation of the Kingdom."

Directory for Catechesis #138

All training and resources are provided, so please see Jen or any of the catechists after the 10am Mass for more information. Jen can be reached at catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

We would love to welcome you.



The period of Lent can be considered as a time of journeying. It is a time to turn away from worldly distractions and journey home to God. It is a time of inner reflection and by the end of the journey you should find yourself in a different place spiritually than when you started.

A time to renew? Lent 2024

Produced by the Wollongong Diocese, come and join us on the Lenten journey to deepen your friendship with Jesus and with each other as we walk together during this time towards Easter. You may also complete the program individually.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in the church hall for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter.

Register with the QR Code below (or on the website with this link <https://bit.ly/42lDuWY>). Alternatively, complete your details on the clipboard in the foyer to reserve your copy of the Pietà Lenten Program. Booklets with bookmarks are \$5.00 each. Contact Jen Perrott for more information on (02) 9144 6998.

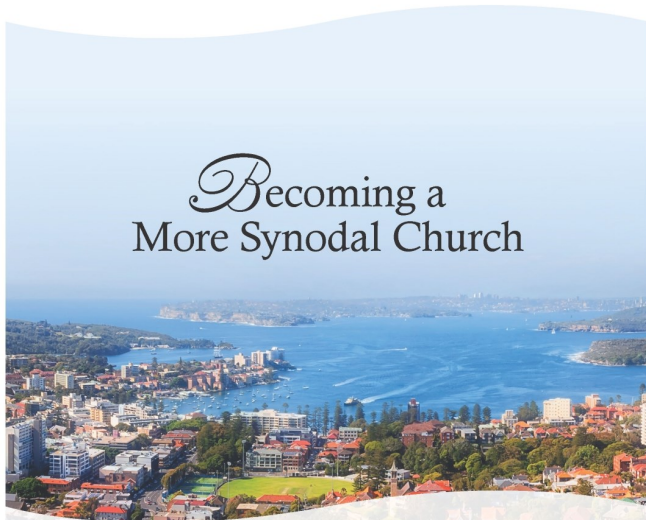
**Dates (in parish hall on Wednesdays
at 6:00-7:30pm)**

14, 21, 28 February 2024

6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024



Becoming a More Synodal Church



This formation gathering will be facilitated by Br Ian Cribb SJ and will provide participants with a deeper understanding of synodality.

During this one-day formation, participants will be formed in the **Conversation in the Spirit** methodology.

This event will furnish the opportunity for our Diocese to continue together our synodal path toward the XVI General Synod of Bishops second session and our Diocesan Pastoral Discernment projects.

Everyone in the Diocese is welcome.

Date: Friday, 23 February 2024

Time: 8:30 am for a 9 am start and finish at 4 pm

Venue: Peter Canisius House
102 Mona Vale Road
Pymble NSW

RSVP:

15 February
Registrations are essential!

Please register at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/tYRcvAc7XG>



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father David Ranson, Vicar General and Parish Priest of Chatswood Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer Street Chatswood** on Thursday 22nd February 2024. There is very limited parking in the Parish Kirk Street Carpark but street parking is free and available on the surrounding streets.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting in the Magnificat Room which is directly across Kirk Street from the Church. **Following the meeting Father David will be our guest speaker. 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.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Our Project Compassion resources have been details. Once we receive the box and envelopes we will put them in the Church for you to take. Donations can also be made online, the details are below.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.



Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



On 27 October 2024 we, at Corpus Christi, celebrate a milestone in our history. It will be exactly 50 years since the new church was blessed and opened by Cardinal Freeman. How will we celebrate it?

50 years of our new church

Some interesting background:

- Parish started in 1953 with the hall
- Presbytery completed in 1961 (this is our present office)
- New church completed in 1974
- Became the Cathedral in 1986
- Ceased as the Cathedral in 2006
- Carmelites came in 2008

To mark and celebrate this important milestone of our 50 year anniversary, we would like your feedback and help.

We not only want to celebrate a milestone in our history, but also enjoy each others company and deepen our community. We really would appreciate your feedback and ideas to make the 50 year celebration a wonderful experience. Please complete the form below and return to the parish office by **Monday, 26 February 2024** or in the box provided in the church foyer. We are aiming to form a working group to facilitate the planning of this wonderful celebration.

How can you help?

- Ideas of what programs we should plan to run.
- Your willingness to volunteer in a planning meeting and to help.
- Any other help you can provide.



St Ives adopts modern design

CORPUS Christi Memorial Church, St Ives, which was blessed and opened last Sunday, was designed with modern changes in the liturgy in mind.

The church, situated at 263 Mares Road, St Ives, has the baptistery, the altar, the sanctuary area and the sacristy at the rear of the church, allowing for the entrance procession at the beginning of the Mass.

The plan is in a shape and has a wide entry for 400 persons.

A tower with a cross, the central feature of the design, which rises above the altar, and which is the focal point and a landmark in the parish.

The tower is the focal point of the church, which is the design.

The roof is a series of four, with a central section, which is the focal point of the design.

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Front page of the Catholic Weekly, 31 October 1974



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

The Word

Sunday 11 February January 2024: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your
grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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 book of Leviticus Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone,
outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

*(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and
you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to
whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose
spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my
guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my
offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have
forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O
come, ring out your joy, all you upright of
heart. (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1
Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you
do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do
anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or
to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to
everyone at all times, not anxious for my own
advantage but for the advantage of everybody else,
so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If
you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry
for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched
him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And
the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus
immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him,
'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show
yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your
healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your
recovery.' The man went away, but then started
talking about it freely and telling the story
everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly
into any town, but had to stay outside in places
where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around
would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.