

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

**12 April 2026, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**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

**During term time**  
**Every Monday**  
Divine Will Prayer Group  
Mon 10-11:30am & Tue 7-8.30pm

**Every Friday**  
Lectio Divina  
10am

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

**Every Second Sunday of the Month**  
Morning tea after 8am mass  
April 12th

**Every fortnight on Thursdays**  
Parish Social Craft Group  
April 23rd at 10 am

**Sunday 12 April**  
Divine Mercy Sunday, Parish Hall  
3pm

**Sunday 19 April**  
Farewell lunch for the Carmelites—  
11.45am The Epping Club

**School holiday office hours**  
Closed Monday 13th of April and  
open 9-12nn on Tuesday to Friday.  
Normal hours resume on 20 April.



**Then he said to Thomas, “do not be unbelieving, but believe.”**  
**Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”**  
**(Gospel)**

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,  
The second Sunday of Easter marks the end of our solemn eight days of reflection on the mystery of the resurrection. Today we are told the story of Thomas and Jesus. Thomas is very like us, an ordinary person with doubts and fears in his life, struggling for faith. Having experienced the reality of Jesus’ death, he doubts the reality of Christ’s resurrection. He needs proof. Verifiable proof!

When Jesus himself provides that proof, Thomas proclaims, “*My Lord and my God*”. This is the first proclamation of the divinity of Christ and at the same time it is an affirmation of the reality of his humanity. And just as his divinity was humanised, so now his humanity is glorified. However, notice that the text does not tell us that Thomas did what Jesus suggested. It seems that when he is faced with the truth of the resurrection, Thomas no longer needs to feel the wounds of Christ for himself. It no longer matters. His Lord and his God is welcoming him into full faith and Thomas accepts gladly.

Pope Francis tells us, “*The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms... With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew*”. How can we embrace the resurrection more fully? In what way can we provide help for those who still doubt? How do we acknowledge their doubts and help their faith in Christ grow?

May God bless you,  
**Fr Greg**

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# FAREWELL LUNCH

## CORPUS CHRISTI ST IVES PARISH



to farewell

Fr Sunny Peackal OCD, Fr Greg Chee OCD,  
Fr Gerard Moran OCD



to welcome



Fr Paul Durkin and Deacon Tân Nguyễn

with special guests



Bishop Greg Homeming OCD  
& VG David Ranson

Sunday, 19th April @ 11.45am, for 12.00-16.00  
THE EPPING CLUB, 45 Rawson Street, Epping

**Dress Code: Smart Casual**

TICKET: \$100/person (incl. pre-event drinks & canapés,  
3 course meal, beverages, tea & coffee)

Seats are limited. Purchase your ticket early after Mass this  
weekend, from the Parish Office, or by calling 9144 6998.

### CHURCH CARPARK AND DRIVEWAY RESURFACING

Please note that the asphalt in the church carpark and  
driveway is being resurfaced **Thursday 16th April from  
10am**. Please ensure all cars vacate the area to ensure the  
workers are able to start promptly after mass.

### 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.



## This Weekend Divine Mercy Sunday at Corpus Christi Church

Spreading the Honour of The Divine Mercy  
*"Souls who spread the honour of My mercy, I  
shield through their entire life as a tender mother  
her infant, and at the house of death I will not be  
a judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour  
(Diary, 1075).*

Programme:

- 2.45pm Entrance Hymn "Hosea"  
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
- 3:00pm 3 o'clock prayer: "Vida Aquam"  
(led by Priest)
- 3:10pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Prayed not  
sung)  
Reconciliation available from 3.10pm
- 3:20pm Divine Mercy Litany - Response:  
"Jesus, I trust in You"  
Act of Consecration to Jesus,  
the Divine Mercy
- 3:45pm Divine Praises and Benediction
- 4.00pm Personal Veneration of Divine Mercy  
Image
- 5:00pm Mass

***I grant permission for the consumption of a cup  
of tea 30 minutes prior to celebration of Mass, as  
the required 1 hour Eucharistic fast before  
reception of Holy Communion will still be fully  
observed.***



### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

#### For Priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### Prayer Zone

#### Anniversary:

Mary Meek



#### 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.*

## YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Open to Young Adults aged 18-35

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

7pm- Dinner

7:30pm- Guest presenters from Ignite Youth

Corpus Christi Church Hall

263 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives  
NSW 2075

RSVP via the QR code by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April



In promotion of:



### WHY WE DO

#### The Things We Do

##### Why do catechumens keep meeting after Easter?

Actually, they're not called catechumens any more. Since their baptism they are known as *neophytes* (from the ancient Greek: *new nature*) and they meet for a further period of formation and catechesis.

Think of an event that deeply touched your emotions and impacted on your life. You will know how important it was to talk about it afterwards with friends. "Wasn't it great when..." "Did you notice that..." "I especially loved the..." This process of reflection helps to clarify and confirm the significance of the event.

In a similar way, when the newly baptised meet they are 'unpacking' the experience of their baptism and all that has happened on their journey of conversion. This period is called *Mystagogy* ('reflection on the mysteries' in Greek) and has a particular focus on the call to mission. It is the concluding stage of formation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

### A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Triduum Volunteers



As we reflect on the journey of the Easter Triduum—from the solemnity of Holy Thursday, through the sorrow of Good Friday, to the joy of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday—we give heartfelt thanks to all who served so generously.

These sacred celebrations were made more beautiful and meaningful through your dedication. To our musicians and choirs, thank you for lifting our prayers. To our liturgical ministers—altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, and sacristans—your faithful service guided each moment with grace. To those who prepared and decorated the church, your care transformed our space into a reflection of the Resurrection. We are also grateful to

everyone who welcomed others, organized, and supported in countless unseen ways. Your service reflects Christ's love in action.

Congratulations to our catechumens who received the sacraments at the Easter Vigil! We rejoice with you and give thanks to God for your faith and dedication on this beautiful journey. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives and guide you always. Alleluia! Thank you for sharing your time and talents so our parish could fully enter into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. May the joy of the Risen Christ continue to bless you and your families.





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## The Word

### Sunday 12th April 2026: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

#### First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R.

v.1

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see

him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger

into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed,

but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas,

'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.