

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

## 13 April 2025, Palm 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 (8:35am)



**Every Monday**  
(during term time)  
Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass**  
Children's Liturgy

**Every Friday**  
(during term time)  
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday**  
**of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick - 9am

**Tuesday 15 April**  
Easter Choir Rehearsal  
Church 7:30-9:00pm

**Thursday 17 April**  
Parish Social Craft Group –  
10:30am in the Hall

Holy Thursday Mass—7pm

**Friday 18 April**  
Good Friday - Stations of the  
Cross—10am  
Lord's Passion— 3pm

**Saturday 19 April**  
Easter Vigil—7pm

**Easter Sunday 20 April**  
8am Mass  
10am Mass (+ Easter Egg hunt)  
No evening mass



*“Behold, your king  
comes to you, meek and  
riding on an ass, and  
on a colt, the foal of a  
beast of burden”  
(Proclamation  
Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus' passion is made up of a supper, the garden, Jesus' arrest, the Jewish and Roman trials, the way of the cross, crucifixion and mockery, and the death and burial of Jesus. But each Evangelist tells this story in a different fashion. Luke insists upon Jesus' innocence, and his tender care and compassion for others. He asks that the disciples break their bodies and spill their blood in memory of him. Jesus tries to strengthen his frail disciples, insisting upon the need for prayer. As Peter utters his denials, Jesus gazes at him, and the disciple breaks down in tears. Jesus is declared innocent three times, even as he is condemned to death. The woman of Jerusalem lament the loss of one of their sons. The crucified asks his Father to forgive those who have tortured him, but they do not know what they are doing. On the cross he forgives the repentant sinner, assuring him that this day he would be with him in paradise. At his death, a Roman Centurion insists that this man was innocent. Jesus' broken body is anointed by his faithful women followers. All take their rest, as we anticipate the resurrection.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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# Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2025 at Corpus Christi Parish on **26<sup>th</sup> June**. In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and have been **Baptised**.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so by using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/CYWHB>

There will be **TWO compulsory** Parent Information Evenings held in the Church **Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. *Attendance by at least one parent at **both of the information evenings** is a requirement of the course.*

The presentation of candidates will be held at the weekend masses on the **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**.

There will also be a **compulsory practice** in the Church for each child and a parent on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm**.

Confirmation **will be held on the evening of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025—time to be confirmed**.

All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via [sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au)

## EASTER SERVICE/ MASS TIMES 2025



**RECONCILIATION TUESDAY, 8TH APRIL**  
7:30pm

**PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)**

12 April 6pm Vigil (Sat Night)  
13 April 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sunday)

**HOLY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL**

17th April Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm  
followed by prayer and adoration to 10pm

**GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL**

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

**EASTER SATURDAY - 19TH APRIL**

Solemn Vigil of Easter 7pm

**EASTER SUNDAY – 20TH APRIL**

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

**EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS**

After 10am Mass on Easter Sunday



## Social Justice Corner

Please remember the people of Myanmar and neighbouring countries reeling from the recent earthquake. The humanitarian situation in Myanmar is growing increasingly dire – entire communities have been reduced to rubble; infrastructure is shattered and tens of thousands remain in urgent need of aid. The current estimated death toll is close to 3,000, but some fear it could rise to 10,000.

Even before this crisis, Myanmar was a country already in crisis. At the beginning of the year, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) had estimated that over 19 million people needed humanitarian assistance, over 15 million were acutely hungry, and another 3.5 million were internally displaced. Food, shelter, and medical aid are now in critically short supply.

### **A Prayer for Myanmar and Thailand**

*Loving and faithful God, You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Today we lift before you the people of Myanmar and Thailand, those who mourn, those still waiting for news, and those working around the clock to save lives in the midst of devastation.*

*We grieve the lives lost and the homes destroyed. We pray for the injured, the displaced, and the traumatised. Be their shelter in the storm, their light in the darkness, and their peace in the chaos.*

*We give thanks for the hands and hearts offering help – for the emergency workers, medical teams, neighbours, and leaders responding with courage and care.*

*We are grateful for nations who have extended help and support. Bless their generosity and multiple the impact of every effort.*

*God of all peoples, bind us together across oceans and cultures. As members of your global Church, may we be a witness to your love in action. Move our hearts to give, to pray, and to stand alongside our neighbours in need. We pray all this in the name of Christ, our hope and our healer.*

*Amen – Rev Charissa Shuli, Uniting Church Australia*



## Prayer Zone



### **Please pray for the ill:**

Marina Alburquerque; 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;  
Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle  
Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; 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 - APRIL**

Fri 25th, St Mark, evangelist

Mon 28th, St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr

Tues 29th, St Catherine of Sienna, virgin, doctor



### **Chrism Mass 2025 | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at

7.30pm on Tuesday 15 April 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.



### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**

#### **FOR APRIL**

#### **For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



### **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 17 April 2025**  
@ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela  
0405 507 982





For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit [www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program)

When May 3, 10am - 4pm

**Hope: Present and Eternal**

Presenter: Mr Matthew Delasey, OCDS

When: June 7, 10am - 4pm

**The Roses of St Therese**

Presenter: Ms Jill Ditton, OCDS

When: June 12-13 or 13 June

**The Artistic and Spiritual Dimensions of the Christmas Story**

Presenter: Mr John Charadia & Artist Tutors

When: June 20-22 6pm (Fri) to 12:30pm (Sun)

**Let yourself Be Loved**

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

## 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.

## EASTER SUNDAY 10AM MASS

We're excited to share that the children's Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday!

**To help make this a safe and joyful event, part of the front car park will be roped off after Mass.**

If you park in the front car park and need to leave before 11:30am, we kindly ask that you exit promptly after Mass. Otherwise, we warmly invite you to stay, enjoy some morning tea, and join in the fun of this special celebration until the Easter Egg hunt has finished!

## EASTER VOLUNTEER REHEARSALS

Washing of the Feet—Holy Thursday  
30 mins prior to Holy Thursday Mass - 6:30pm

Good Friday Passion  
11:15am Good Friday (facilitated by Fr Greg)

Easter Vigil Readers  
10:15am Easter Saturday (facilitated by Fr Gerard)



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## **Palm Sunday** 12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

*But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

### **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

## **WHY WE DO The Things We Do The Easter Season**

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, is the climax of the Church's life marking Christ's victory over sin and death. Traditionally, the Easter Vigil is the time for baptizing newcomers to our Church. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday. In the early Church this period was a time of catechesis for the newly baptized. Called *mystagogy* ('reflection on the mysteries'), this catechesis led the baptized to a deeper understanding of what it meant to bear the light of Christ to the world. Appropriately, the Gospels of the Easter season reflect this missionary theme. It is an opportune time for all Christians to ponder the missionary significance of their baptism.



### **EASTER CHOIR**

Come and be a part of something truly special this Easter Triduum! Our parish choir is seeking voices and musicians to help lead the congregation in song during these sacred celebrations. We welcome you to join us in creating beautiful music that will enhance our worship and deepen our experience of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. We'd love to have you with us! Our last rehearsals prior to Easter will be held in the Church on Tuesday 15 April 7:30pm-9pm.



**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH**  
ST IVES

Dear Parishioners,

The parish pastoral council (PPC) invites our parishioners to embark on a journey with us. Over the next few weeks and guided by the Holy Spirit, we will begin to discover what it means to be a Catholic Parish in St Ives in 2025. To start with, we would love to hear your dreams for our church, community and precinct.

Feedback will begin from Easter Sunday at the 8am and 10am masses. Please share your dreams with us in any of the following ways.

**Online** QR code or [https://dzz8.short.gy/CorpusChristi\\_e4w](https://dzz8.short.gy/CorpusChristi_e4w) (QR code below)

**Email:** [CorpusChristi.StIves@gmail.com](mailto:CorpusChristi.StIves@gmail.com)

**Writing** - please fill in the questions in the booklets in the church and return it to the Box of Dreams at the back of the church.

Please come and chat to us if you have any questions or comments.

Your Parish Pastoral Council  
Fr Greg, Jen Perrott, O'Kelly Tam,  
Phil Liang, John Goh, Sherwell  
Fernando, Edith Chan



*Liturgy of the Word with Children*



### **Childrens' Liturgy of the Word**

During Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the school to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

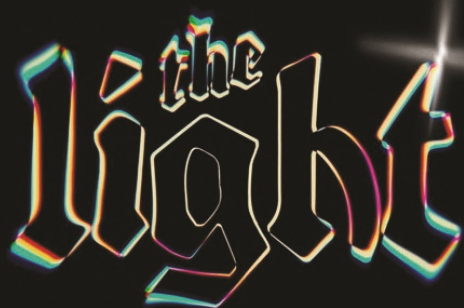
Morning tea is served after Mass for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you!





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TICKETS ARE  
EXHAUSTED**



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*What is influencing your  
child today?*

*Young people are searching  
for something more and so  
many are struggling.*

*Looking for social and  
emotional wellbeing?*

*A safe space filled with love,  
tolerance and acceptance.  
A place to renew.*

Ignite Conference is a spiritual experience for the whole family. Youth have a separate program where they meet new friends and have fun together. Adults have live worship, engaging workshops, sacraments and powerful speakers.

If this interests you, please contact Jen Perrott at [ignite@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:ignite@corpuschristi.com.au) for more information about our parish sponsoring your tickets. There is an urgency in responding NOW for this event to obtain tickets at 50% off before this allocation is exhausted. Only 100 discounted tickets are being offered.

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## The Word

### Sunday 13 April 2025: Palm Sunday

#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human race  
to follow  
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the  
Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of  
patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

#### First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah: Is 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I  
will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned  
me?

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise  
you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the  
Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him  
glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians: Phil 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised  
him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus 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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on  
the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a  
name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!

