

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

## 15th February 2026, 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:** 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)



**Ash Wednesday masses 18th Feb.**  
9 am and 7.30pm

**Sunday 15th Feb. 10 am**  
Rite of Sending (presentation of catechumens)

**Sunday 22nd Feb. 2pm**  
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,  
Waitara  
Rite of Election

**Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd Feb.**  
Presentation of reconciliation  
candidates at any mass

**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

**Fr. Sunny's Bible Study**  
Every Thursday 7:30 pm at Church

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

**Every Second Sunday of the Month**  
Morning tea after 8am mass  
February 22nd



*Do not think that I have come  
to abolish the law or the  
prophets. I have come not to  
abolish but to fulfill.*  
(Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The audience for Matthew's Gospel was a community of Jewish and Gentile people who had become Christians. Matthew is anxious to assure both groups that the Christian community is respectful of their traditions and that Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to complete them. The Gospel writer, Matthew, shows a respect for the old Law but he is also enthusiastic for the new vision that Jesus had brought to its interpretation. He shows Jesus as the true Messiah, the new Moses, who will fulfil God's promises to Israel. Today we hear Jesus confirming the old Law and adding a higher expectation about the way that Law is kept. This is about keeping the Law in thoughts as well as in action. It is not just about how we do this or that, it is more about why we are doing it. With the psalmist I pray:  
*Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.*

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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Ed Wales, Parish Finance  
Daniela Ross Molnar, Office Manager  
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Valerie Dias, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
Davina Seeto, Administrative Assistant

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### **What is a parish council?**

**As baptised disciples we are all called to be missionary disciples. Each year we desire to grow in a real friendship with Jesus. And to share this friendship / intimacy with other, for as St. Teresa says: "God alone suffices." The parish council aims to strategically facilitate this vision.**

### **Parish Council member retires**

**We give thanks to Philip's service as secretary over the years and wish him well as he now retires.**

### **What is a leadership team?**

**We give thanks for Sue- Anne who is not only a new member of the parish council but also a new member of the parish leadership team.**

**The parish priest does not have all the gifts. Better decisions are made when we have a team with different gifts. The leadership team meets on a weekly basis and consider leadership decisions that require responses in the short term.**



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### **Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar. Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church**

16/2	Fr Biju Jose OSH
17/2	Fr Joy Thomas OSH
18/2	Fr Sathesh Anthony OSH
19/2	Fr Biju Mathew
20/2	Fr Joseph Methanath OSH
21/2	Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ
22/2	Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ

### **Daily Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

### **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.



### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COLUMN**

### **REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD**

Every five years member states of the United Nations (UN) undergo a Universal Periodic Review at the UN Human Rights Council where their human rights records are scrutinised. Australia appeared before the Council in January 2026.

The Periodic Review flagged persistent concerns about racism and Indigenous justice, alongside progress on gender inequality and called on Australia to:

- Raise the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14, noting that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people remain overrepresented in the criminal justice system
- End its policy of detaining refugees and people seeking asylum offshore
- Legislate a Human Rights Act, highlighting that Australia's federal laws do not protect people's human rights including the rights to health, housing, and education.

The Albanese government must respond to these recommendations by July 2026.

As noted by the Australian Human Rights Commission President Hugh de Kretser: "As a wealthy, stable democracy, Australia should be leading the world on human rights. This review highlighted many areas where we can and must do better."

Source: <https://humanrights.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/search-listing-media-releases/rights-and-freedoms/major-un-review-urges-australia-to-raise-age-of-criminal-responsibility.-adopt-human-rights-act>





## Prayer Zone



### Anniversary:

Andy McEhone  
Helen Griffin– Foley

### Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; 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 FEBRUARY/ MARCH

WED 18TH FEB. ASH WEDNESDAY (FAST AND ABSTINENCE)

SUN 22ND FEB. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TUE 17TH MAR. ST. PATRICK, BISHOP, SOLEMNITY

THU 19TH MAR. ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY

WED 25TH MAR. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY



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

#### For children with incurable diseases

**Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.**



### Centenary Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary

The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary was founded on October 1, 1926, in Germany by Father Joseph Kentenich. Since then, the community has developed and expanded to be present across all continents.

For the centenary jubilee from October 1, 2025 until November 4, 2026, Pope Leo XIV has granted a plenary indulgence for the Original Shrine in Germany, as well as all churches, chapels, and shrines for which the sisters are responsible.

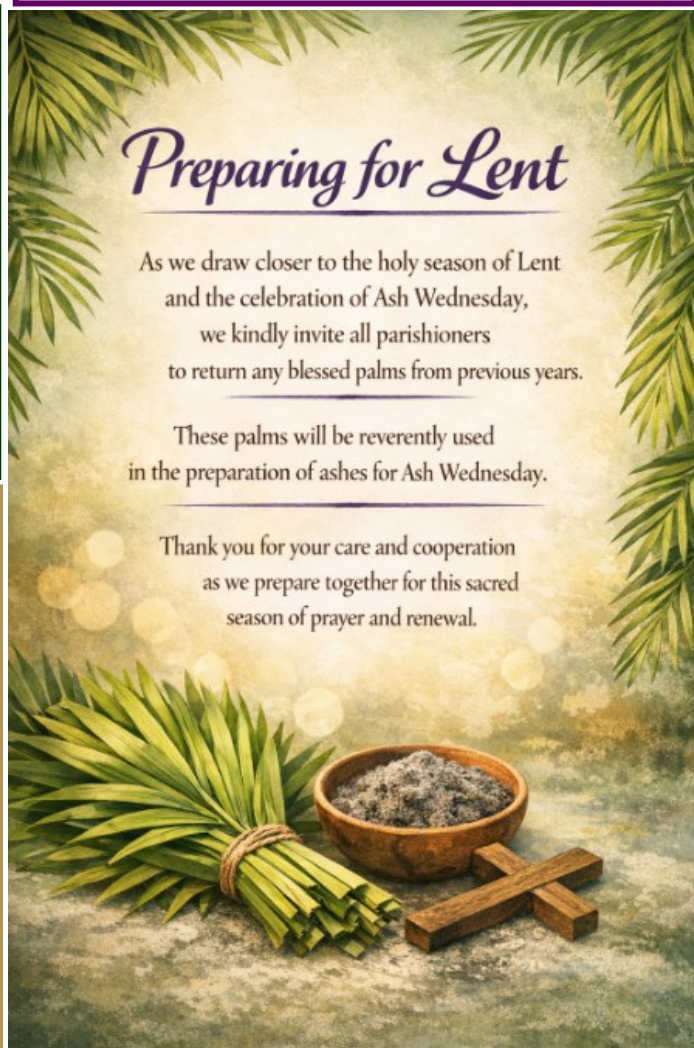
An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins; it strengthens us on the path of conversion and spiritual renewal. An indulgence can also be applied to the deceased.

#### Conditions to obtain an indulgence:

- Make a pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine or House Chapel;
- Receive Holy Communion; \*
- Go to Confession and have complete detachment from sin; \*
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father: Our Father, Creed, invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Peace and Mother of Mercy.

*\*This can take place in the days before or after visiting the Shrine or House Chapel.*

**For more information on indulgences see CCC 1471-1479**





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# CHILDREN'S LITURGY

## Every Sunday at the 10am Mass

Come and bring your children to Children's Liturgy of the Word so they can find out more about Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Includes the Sunday scriptures, prayer and a fun activity. Children return to the church at Communion time.

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CHILDREN

ALL WELCOME

### PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES

If you would like something included in the weekly parish bulletin, please contact the parish office by phone or email. The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday at midday** for the coming weekend.

### PIETY STALL

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### *The Rite of Sending*



We have several catechumens who will be called to the altar at the 10am mass this Sunday. Just after the homily in a short ceremony to officially send them off by this community to the cathedral where next week Bishop Anthony will officially welcome them in a special rite called the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election is an act of acceptance made by the church, founded on the election by God in whose name the church acts. The bishop will enroll the names of the catechumens (non-baptized) in the *Book of the Elect* based on the testimony of the parish community as a result of their prayerful study and catechumenal formation in the many weeks in our RCIA programme of the catholic faith.

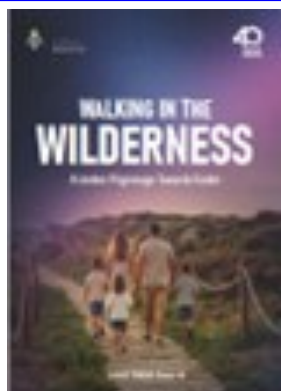
We congratulate them and pray that they will be greatly blessed as they continue their faith journey.

### PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

**Thursday 26th February**  
10am in the Parish Hall

Angela 0405 507 982



### Vox Populi

On Wednesday, 18th February, the Church celebrates Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Beginning with the receiving of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent takes us on a journey into the wilderness, preparing us for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

In the words of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Lent "invites us to pause and ponder our earthly and spiritual lives before God.

"Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we prepare our hearts to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery. Through the celebration of Holy Mass, Jesus' saving sacrifice is made present, drawing us deeply into His passion and uniting us in His love."

To accompany the People of God in Broken Bay this Lent, the Diocese has prepared a Lenten resource, ***Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Pilgrimage Towards Easter***.

The resource is based around the Sunday Gospel Readings in Lent, with prayers, reflections and discussion questions, helping to draw the faithful closer into the Season and truly walk in the wilderness with Jesus Christ.

Hard copies of this resource can be found in the Church foyer.

## WHY WE DO The Things We Do



### WHY ASHES?

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality and symbolize the spirit of penance that marks the Lenten season. Ashes were commonly used in ancient religions (including Judaism) as an expression of sorrow and humiliation. In the early Church, Jewish converts

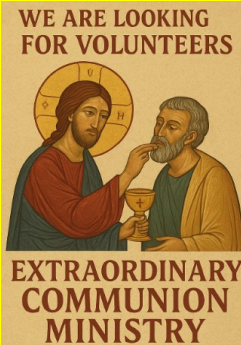
introduced a similar practice into the Christian liturgy. By being marked with ashes, a Catholic today is recognized by the community gathered as one who has chosen to repent of sin and believe in the Good News. A sign to be worn with conviction!

**Ash Wednesday mass 18th Feb. 2026  
9 am and 7.30pm**

We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday mass at 10am and 5 pm.

If you would like to be included in a roster to give the Eucharist under both kinds on weekend masses, please let the office know or kindly leave your details on the sheets in the church foyer.

**Formation will be provided.**



### formed.org subscription - should we continue with it?

We presently have a subscription to formed.org but it is quite expensive and we need to justify its use. The yearly subscription runs out in the near future. We would appreciate your feedback by letting the office know. If you are regularly using it please contact the office by the 8th of March by phone or email. Thank you.

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## The Divine Will Group

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**What does it mean for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven?**

The Our Father, the most perfect prayer of Christianity, taught by Jesus to his apostles. The profound teachings of Jesus to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta regarding "Living in the Divine Will" are encompassed in this prayer.

Our group prays, has discussion and learns together about the key concepts and foundational truths related to living in, and possessing the Divine Will of God.

### We meet weekly during school term

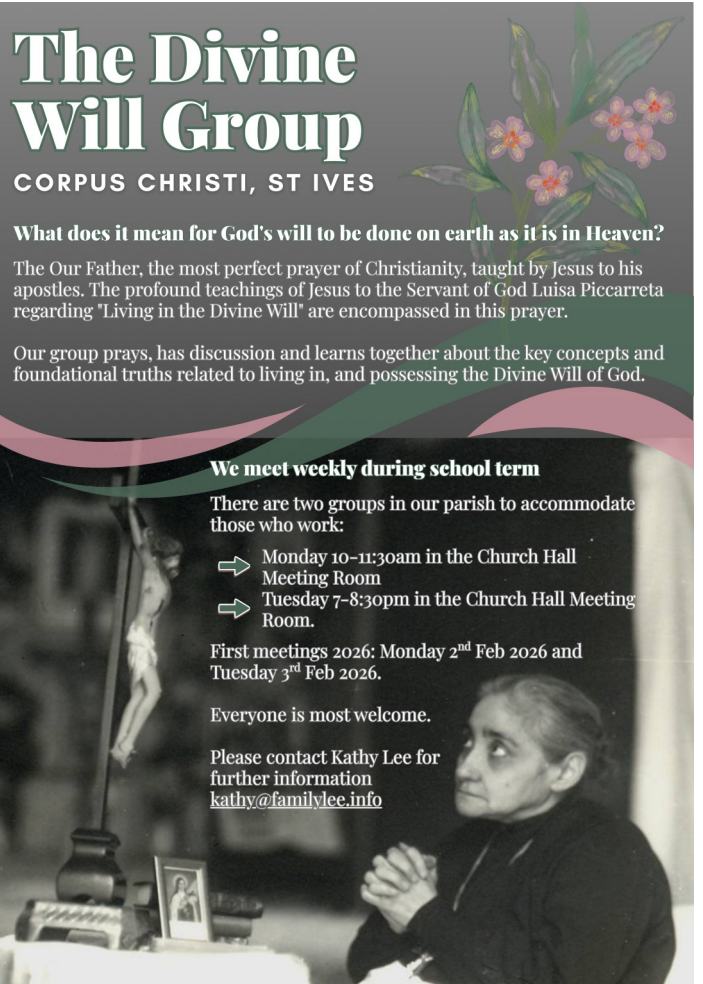
There are two groups in our parish to accommodate those who work:

- ➡ Monday 10-11:30am in the Church Hall Meeting Room
- ➡ Tuesday 7-8:30pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room.

First meetings 2026: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2026 and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026.

Everyone is most welcome.

Please contact Kathy Lee for further information  
[kathy@familylee.info](mailto:kathy@familylee.info)





# CORPUS CHRISTI ST. IVES PARISH

*to farewell  
Fr Greg, Fr Sunny, Fr Gerard  
&  
to welcome  
The New Priests*

## FAREWELL LUNCH

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 11.45am.

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**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty*  
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Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable  
Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to  
vulnerable communities in need.



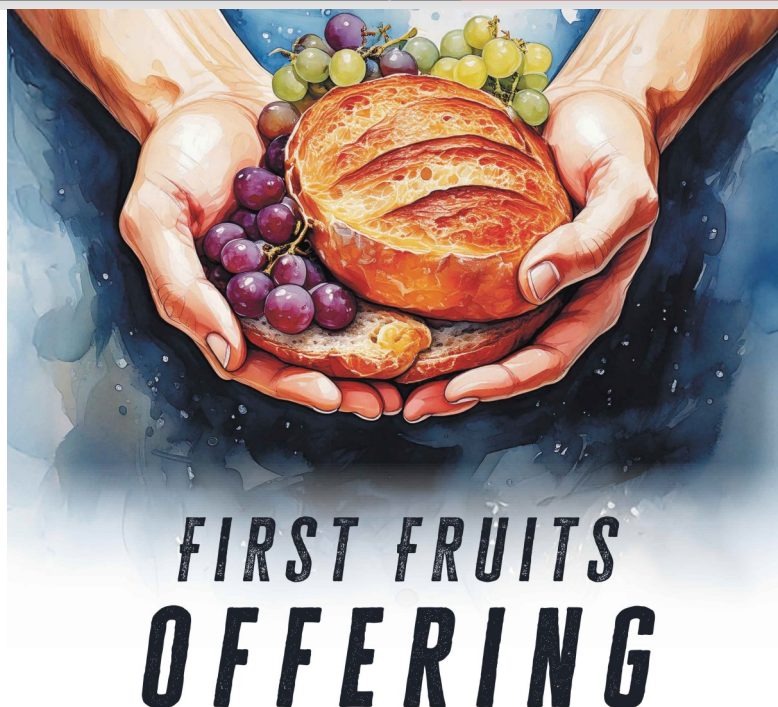
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## The Word

Sunday 15th February 2026: 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 Ecclesiasticus Sir 15:15-20

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.* If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

*(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. *(R.)*

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. *(R.)*

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. *(R.)*

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:6-10

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:20-22, 17-28, 33-34

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.'

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.'

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery within his heart.'

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to your ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need to say is "Yes" if you mean yes and "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.