

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

15 March 2026, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare 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: 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 (8:30am)



Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7:30 pm during Lent
March 20, Mar 27

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
March 8th

Every fortnight on Thursdays
Parish Social Craft Group
March 12th at 10 am

This Sunday Family Rock Mass
March 15th at 5pm



“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.
(Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

In the Gospel of John, the image of light is often used as a metaphor to depict Jesus, who presents us with the illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of ‘the world’, and the blindness of sin.

Jesus, as the divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in miraculous fashion.

To each of us, he offers the grace of vision– not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness, but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the eternal realities which lie *beyond* this world– that we may perceive the hidden presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies beyond *all* things.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

Dear Parishioners,

For the last 18 years, Corpus Christi Parish has been under the care of our Carmelite Community. They are leaving us soon. Let us give them a memorable send off on Sunday 19th of April. We hope you will be part of the farewell lunch—tickets for sale in

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WHY WE DO The Things We Do

WHY DO WE HAVE CATECHISTS IN THE CATECHUMENATE?

Those preparing to become Catholics meet regularly with parishioners who assist them in their understanding of scriptures and the traditions and teachings of the Church. The role of these *catechists* is more than one of imparting information. It is a role of listening to the unique questions and issues faced by each individual and encouraging each to discern the action of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. The work of these catechists is supported by the priest and other parishioners such as sponsors, friends and relatives of the catechumens.



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

16/3	Fr Jack Robson & Seminarian Nicholas Gomez
17/3	Fr Stan Skibicki & Seminarian Joseph Nicholls
18/3	Fr Robert Brogan & Seminarian Bryce Gonlin
19/3	Fr Geoff Bugden
20/3	Sr Marea Ross <i>rsj</i> & Sr Ann Duncan <i>rsj</i>
21/3	Sr Josefa Mabini OSA
22/3	Sr Jennifer Canillas OSA

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

Lenten Penance

Good Friday:

fast and abstinence for
ages 18-59

Other Fridays:

-some act of charity

-some extra prayer/
mass

-some fast or penance
of choice



Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Margot Hallaran

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 MARCH

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,

PIETY STALL

We've just stocked lots of new **kids' items** in our Piety Store for **Easter and First Reconciliation!** If you're looking for a meaningful gift for a child in your life, be sure to **stop by on your**

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.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH For disarmament and peace

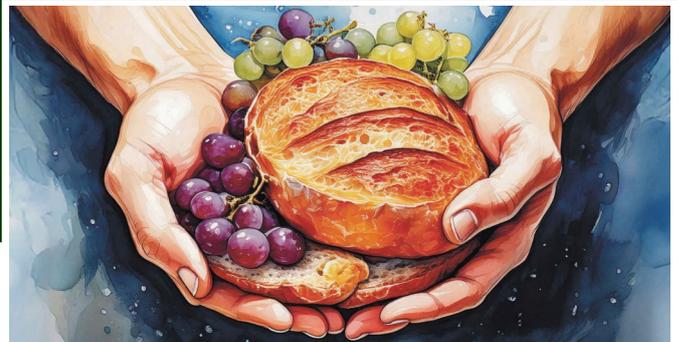
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Our Deepest Sympathy



Margot Hallaran

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Margot Hallaran. Margot's funeral will held at Corpus Christi on **Friday 20th March at 11 am.** May Margot experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



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SERVICES & MASSES EASTER 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, 16 MARCH
7:30pm

PASSION SUNDAY, (PALM SUNDAY)
28 March, 6pm Vigil (Sat night)
29 March, 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sun)

HOLY THURSDAY, 2 APRIL
2 April Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
Followed by prayer & Adoration until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL
Stations of the Cross at 10am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

EASTER SATURDAY, 4 APRIL
Solemn Vigil of Easter 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY, 5 APRIL
Easter Mass at 8am & 10am
No Evening Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS
After the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
ST IVES



Fourth Sunday of Lent 14-15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



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Easter VOLUNTEERS *Needed*

As we prepare to enter the most sacred time of our Church year, we warmly invite parishioners to assist in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. These liturgies are made beautiful and meaningful through the generous service of our community.

We are seeking volunteers for the following:

Palm Sunday

- Volunteer readers for the Passion of Christ
- Palms for decoration of the church

Holy Thursday

- Washing of the Feet – 12 volunteers are needed (men and women)
- Lectors for the Holy Thursday Mass

Good Friday

- Readers for the Prayers of the Church, the Passion of Christ, readings

Easter Vigil

- Readers for the Vigil liturgy



If you are able to assist in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office or add your name to the sign-up sheet. Your willingness to serve helps our parish enter more deeply into the mystery, reverence and joy of Easter.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with our community.

The Divine Will Group

CORPUS CHRISTI, ST IVES

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

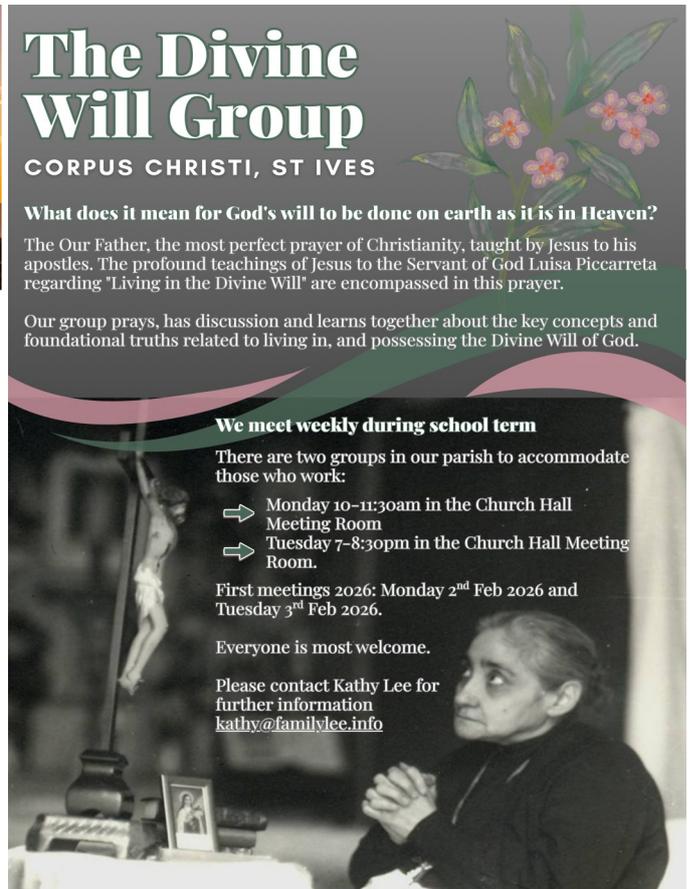
There are two groups in our parish to accommodate those who work:

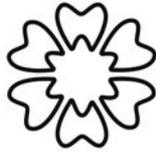
- Monday 10-11:30am in the Church Hall Meeting Room
- Tuesday 7-8:30pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room.

First meetings 2026: Monday 2nd Feb 2026 and Tuesday 3rd Feb 2026.

Everyone is most welcome.

Please contact Kathy Lee for further information
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The Word

Sunday 15th March 2026: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten towards the solemn celebrations to come.

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 first book of Samuel 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*

You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.
The Gospel of the Lord.