

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

15 October 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Teresa of Avila)

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

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday of Every Month

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

First Friday of Every Month

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Sunday 22 October

70th Anniversary Party - 11am
following the 10am mass

Sunday 29 October

Vine & Branches following 5pm
mass

Wednesday 1 November

All Saints

7pm MenAlive Meeting in Office

Thursday 2 November

All Soul's Day Holy Day of
Obligation. Mass at 9am &
7:30pm



**Sir, give me some of that water.
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

St Teresa of Avila was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the

religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the both religious and secular sources but help came from the highest authority at the same time. Thus in 1566 the General of the Carmelite Order approved Teresa's original foundation and permitted her to make new ones. In 1575 the chapter of the Order decided to dissolve them all, and for the next five years every effort was made to destroy Teresa's reforms both the nuns and the friars. John of the Cross was imprisoned and cruelly treated but during that time he wrote the Spiritual Canticle which was not only great poetry but was of real encounter with the living God. It is a Christian classic and so has perennial value.

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At length, in 1580, and with the support of King Philip II, the Discalced Carmelites were made independent and St Teresa was able to found more new convents. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582.

St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. In addition to all this, she wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" There is being real with God in our prayer but also a touch of humour .

May God bless you and happy Feast day.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD



History of Corpus Christi Parish

The formal beginnings of the Catholic Parish of St Ives were marked by the building of the first Corpus Christi Church (now the Hall) in 1953, with the foundation stone being laid on October 18th. The area was then part of the Pymble Parish and served by Priests from there. In those early years the parishioners were predominantly orchardists and market gardeners.

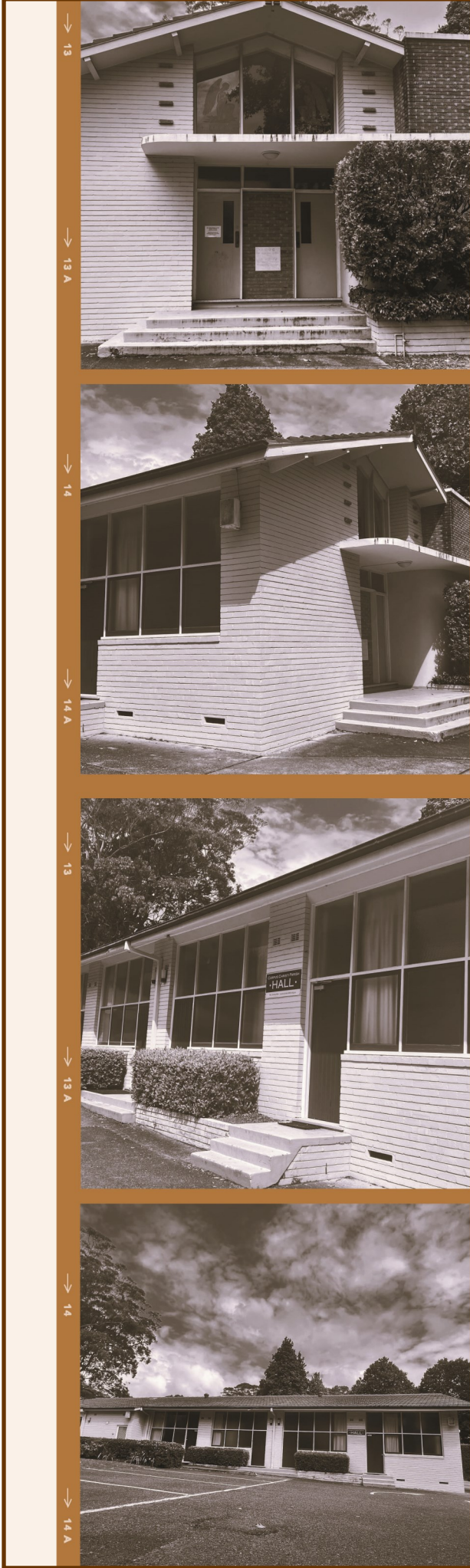
From as early as 1937 the Passionist College, where young men studied before joining the Passionist Community of Priests, had been a significant presence in the area.

In 1954 the Brigidine Sisters came to St Ives and began both their College and Corpus Christi School, which initially occupied the new church building during week days.

St Ives was established as a separate Parish by Cardinal Gilroy in 1958 when he appointed Fr Peter Sheil as first Parish Priest.

Taken from Welcome to the Catholic Community of St Ives 1997

***If you have any memories or photos of the time Hall was
Corpus Christi Church please email Michelle or Christina at the
Office office@corpuschristi.com.au***



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Celebrating

70 *Seventy*

Years

This year marks the 70th anniversary of our parish hall, which was our original Church at St Ives.

22 OCTOBER 2023

Fr Greg will bless the hall after the 10am Mass. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake.

Please bring a plate to share and enjoy catching up with parishioners on this memorable occasion.

Please contact Michelle or Christina in the office for more information or if you can help.



\$10 ENTRY



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

5 NOV 2023
2-4 PM

\$10 RAFFLE



Praise & Worship

FUNDRAISER

for priest's presbytery and office build

& CELEBRATING

70 years as a parish

- Singing together in Praise
- Community building
- Snacks and drinks
- Incredible raffle

We are nearly 1/3 of our way to our raffle target of \$10000.

Thank you for your support. Please keep buying tickets, - this is a fundraiser and the bonus is you could win a great prize - 10 prizes!!

Come join this community building, fundraising event and win a weekend away in a 14 sleeper AirBnB at Avoca Beach with your raffle ticket.

Click on the QR Code to listen to the programme of our beautiful traditional and modern Worship Music for the event: Listen in your car, while walking, anywhere, anytime. Enjoy.



Whether you want to just enjoy **listening** as people sing or you want to **sing your heart out**, whether you are there just for the **raffle draw** and **spot prizes** or for the **tea/wine** and **chat** - please come and support our parish fundraiser. Entry is \$10 towards the fundraising: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLWBQ>

If you can't attend, please buy raffle tickets: <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=y95k5>

There are 10 fantastic Raffle prizes.

- 1st Prize - AirBnB non-peak weekend away in Avoca Beach (1h10 from St Ives). 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 14 sleeper, amazing sea views - worth \$2875
- 2nd Prize - Oroton Bag - worth \$129
- 3rd Prize - The Living Room Cafe voucher - \$100
- 4th Prize - Clarins Products hamper - worth \$100 (donated by St Ives Professional Skin Care)
- 5th Prize - St Ives Mobile voucher - worth \$100
- 6th Prize - Blooms The Chemist hamper - worth \$100
- 7th Prize - The Deli Hub hamper - worth \$75
- 8th Prize - AM Mart hamper - worth \$60
- 9th Prize - Stanley Street Butchery voucher - worth \$50
- 10th Prize - Knife Sharpener voucher - worth \$50

Thank you for your support.
Fr Greg Chee OCD

Please support our raffle donors when you are in St Ives Shopping Centre and please tell them when you buy from them that you're from Corpus Christi Parish that they donated to.



**Our Deepest
Sympathy
Bev Howie**

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Bev.

May Bev experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



Social Justice Corner

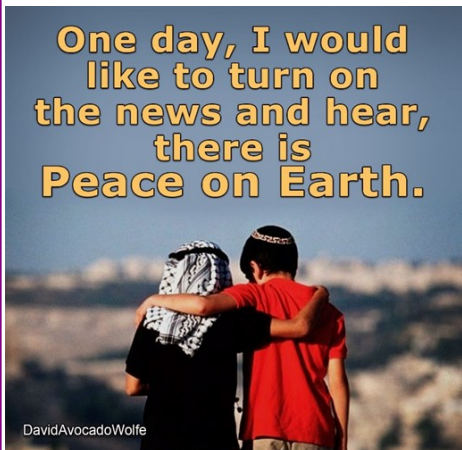
Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray the Rosary as the world looks on in horror at the violence in Israel. He has called on Catholics to pray through the intercession of Mary "for the gift of peace for the many countries of the world marked by war and conflict".

Fr Gabriel Romanelli, who serves as pastor of the Holy Family Parish in Gaza, the only Catholic Church in Gaza, reported this week, "As much as we suspected that something was going to happen, more by way of experience I never imagined something like this In the parish, we have taken in more than 80 Christians, and other Muslim neighbours of our school have requested accommodation. There are hundreds of dead and thousands of injured among the population".

Recalling a saying of Pope Pius XII, which St John Paul II also repeated, Fr Romanelli has requested prayers because "nothing is lost with peace, everything can be lost with war."

A Prayer for Israel's Peace and Well-being

Heavenly Father,
We come before your presence with hearts filled with love and concern for the land of Israel, a land that holds great significance in the history of our faith.



We lift up our prayers for the peace and well-being of this land, its people, and all those who dwell within its borders. Amen

DavidAvocadoWolfe

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Christina Gomez

Anniversary: Molly and Mary Tang;

Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; 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.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Roger Delmonte, Assistant Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Parish Waitara will be celebrating Mass

for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 26th October 2023.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Roger will be speaking to us about his recent Marian Pilgrimage and his attendance at World Youth Day in Lisbon.

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.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

FEAST DAYS OCTOBER

- Sun 15th, St Teresa of Avila
- Tues 17th, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
- Wed 18th, St Luke, evangelist
- Sat 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

NEXT MEETING 29TH OCTOBER

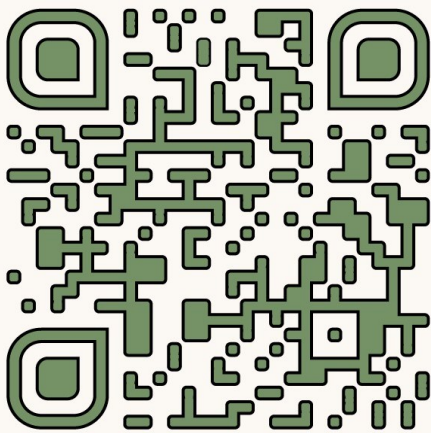
VINE & BRANCHES

A community gathering after mass for wine, cheese and a chat

6pm

Each fourth Sunday of the month

➤ We can't wait to meet you! ➤



**SCAN TO DONATE WINE OR SNACKS
IT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!**



Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. We had a great turnout on Sunday the 10th of September, and was so busy chatting that we only managed to get a photo after a few families left! The next dates are 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!



ATTENTION ALL LECTORS:

The 2024 Break Open The Word book is ready to be collected from the foyer. The books are in alphabetical order. Please collect your copy when you are next attending 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new planned giving envelopes are in the foyer ready to be collected. If you use the envelopes, please collect the new box when you next attend mass.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world.

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The Word

Sunday 15 October 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—St Teresa of Avila

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 7:7-14

I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I prayed, and understand was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered. All these I delighted in, since Wisdom brings them, but as yet I did not know she was their mother. What I learned without self-interest, I pass on without reserve; I do not intend to hide her riches.

For she is an inexhaustible treasure to men, and those who acquire it win God's friendship, commended as they are to him by the benefits of her teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3, 4-5, 11, 12-13

(R.) My heart sings with joy to the living God.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. (R.)
2. The sparrow herself finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood; she lays her young by your altars, Lord of hosts, my king and my God. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. (R.)
3. One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. (R.)
4. For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; he will give us his favour and glory. The Lord will not refuse any good to those who walk without blame. Lord, God of hosts, happy the man who trusts in you. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul the Romans 8:14-17, 26-27

The Spirit himself expresses our plea.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him
and we shall come to him
and make our dwelling-place within him
Alleluia.

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 4:5-15a

Sir, give me some of that water.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?'- Jews in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water.'

The Gospel of the Lord.