

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

17 March 2024, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Thursday evenings
Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group
Book of Revelation
7:30-9pm in the Church

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

Second Thursday of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

Tuesday 19th March
Parish Lenten Reconciliation
7:30pm

Wednesday 20th March
Lenten Prayer Group – 6pm Hall
Easter Choir Rehearsal – 7.30 pm
in the Church

Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday
School Rock Mass at 5pm mass



“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

It is reassuring for us to know that in God's artistic work, there is room for a new covenant. The beauty of God's artistry not only includes but uses and transforms the ugly and the dying. This is the point of the wheat grain story. Jesus is the wheat grain, full of the promise of new life, a new way of being. While scripture says that 'being lifted up' indicated the kind of death Jesus would die, it also indicates what is necessary - dying. In Jesus being lifted up from the earth, which could only happen after the wheat grain died, he was showing us how to live in the new covenant.

We must let die all that does not belong to the reign of love and mercy, and we can do this, because our God is a God who 'not only forgives our iniquities but never calls them to mind.' This wheat grain story is such an exceptional teaching you might have to read that last sentence again! Then all will be drawn to Jesus. We will live in him, with the new covenant written deeply in our hearts. We shall be the people of God.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

Since the last parish update in December last year the Finance Committee has been busy with planning for the new presbytery and office. The plans for the building project have gone through some iterations in order to find the most efficient way of altering the current office premises to transform it into a three bedroom house for our Priests that the Parish can be proud of. The Committee has also discussed the most efficient method for building the new office accommodation.

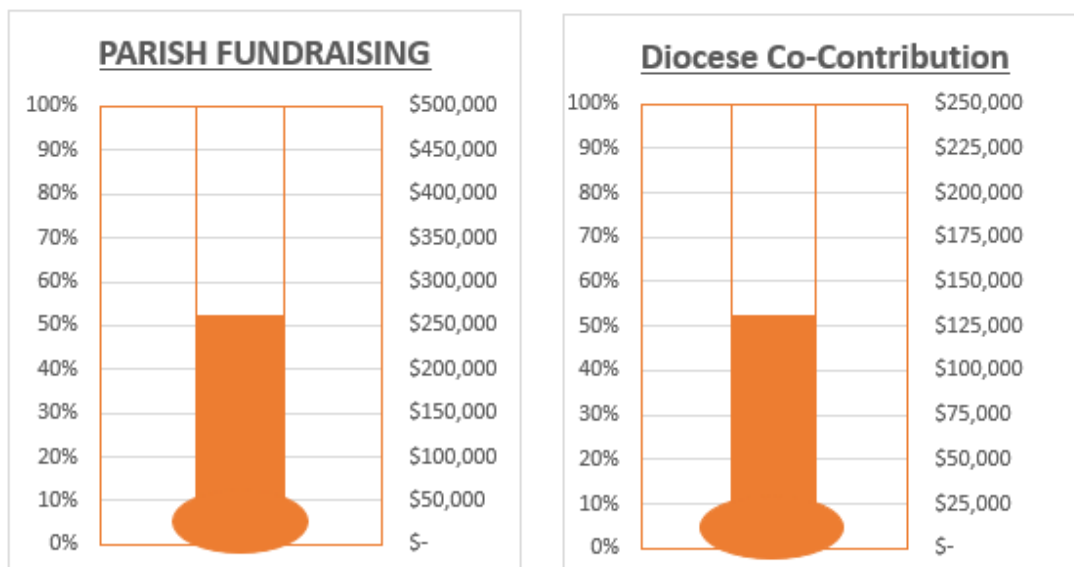
The current plans are nearly finalised and we envisage that the new office building will now be completely separate from the presbytery. Once these plans are finalised we will meet with representatives of the Diocese to get the final plans approved. It is unlikely that we will need a DA to complete the alterations to the current building but we will need a DA for the new office accommodation. When we receive the Diocesan approval we will provide you with the revised plans and a revised estimate of the building costs.

If we can complete the plans and get the approval from the Diocese within the next month or so we should be able to apply for the DA and request tenders from interested builders within the next six to eight weeks.

The funds raised so far, thanks to the generosity of you, our Parishioners, will enable us to commence the transformation of the current building soon after we receive the tenders from interested builders and appoint a construction firm.

The Finance Committee

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over **\$262 300** - we have passed the half way mark to our target of \$500,000! **For every \$100 donated the Diocese will give us another \$50.**

You can donate directly to our bank account as below:

Please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message. This will ensure that the entire amount will be used for the presbytery and the Parish won't be subject to Diocesan tax on these donations.

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001798

Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.

Regards the Parish Finance Committee

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET



Jesus said, "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet... so that as I

have done for you, you should also do." On Holy Thursday we will do exactly what Jesus called us to do, to wash one another's feet.

If you would like to participate in this most moving and rewarding experience by being one who has their feet washed, please register your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer. We still need 10 volunteers.

GOOD FRIDAY

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with his stripes we are healed."



We are looking for 4 readers for the 3pm mass. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.

EASTER VIGIL

Our Easter liturgies are about our own spiritual renewal and the renewal of the Church. We recall the words and actions of Jesus that give life to the world.

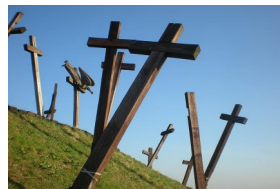
We are looking for 6 readers for the 7pm Vigil mass. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.

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.

FEAST DAYS MARCH

Mon 18th, St Patrick, bishop
Tues 19th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

AT 7:30PM

EASTER SERVICES 2024

RECONCILIATION 19TH MARCH
7:30pm

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)
23rd March 6pm Vigil (Sat Night)
24th March 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
28th March Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
followed by prayer and adoration to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH
Stations of the Cross at 10am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY - 30TH MARCH
Solemn Vigil of Easter 7.00pm

HOLY SUNDAY - 31ST MARCH
Easter Mass at 8am & 10am.
No evening Mass

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



263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives 2075

Prayer Zone



Recently deceased: Carmel Hurrell,
George Cilia

Please pray for the ill:

, 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.

Social Justice Corner



Harmony Week

This week Australia will be celebrating Harmony Week 2024. The celebration is always held during the week, which includes the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March).

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Owners of the land to our most recent arrivals. We celebrate that no matter where you come from, we're united by the Australian values of freedom, respect, fairness, democracy,

Australia is one of the world's most successful multicultural countries, and our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are. In the Ku-ring-ga local government area, 42.6% of residents were born overseas, and 33.4% of residents speak a language other than English at home in 2021. Aside from English, the most spoken languages at home are Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Persian, Hindi and Japanese.

During Harmony Week events, Australians can choose to wear something orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. To find out more and to get involved, go to www.harmony.gov.au.



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FAMILY ROCK MASS

Please join us on Sunday
24th March at the 5pm mass.

The family rock mass will be
led by the children from Year 6 and Kindy.



EASTER VIGIL SUPPER

Dear Parishioners,

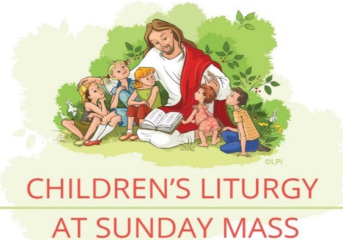
We would like to extend a warm invitation to join us for tea and snacks following Holy Saturday Mass. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together, share fellowship, and extend a warm welcome to those joining our parish family.

To help make this gathering even more special, we kindly request that each parishioner bring along a plate of eats to share. Whether it's homemade goodies, finger sandwiches, or a favorite dessert, your contribution will be greatly appreciated and will help create a memorable experience for everyone.

Date: Holy Saturday, 30th March.
Time: Following the 7pm Mass
Location: Parish Hall

Thank you in advance for your contributions and for being a cherished member of our parish family.

Blessings.



At every Sunday
10am Mass,
children are
invited to go to
the Church Hall
during Mass to
participate in

Children's Liturgy.

There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

Morning tea is served afterwards for everyone!



Pray and Play is for families with children aged 0-12years. It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together once a month

after Sunday 10am Mass for some simple games for the children while parents mingle and chat. Our next meetings will be on 7 April and 5 May. Please keep an eye out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Groups/CorpusChristiStIves>) for our latest news and photos.



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



EASTER CHOIR

Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday 28th March

Good Friday 29th March

Easter Vigil 30th March

Choir rehearsals will be on **Wednesday 20th** and Wednesday 27th of March from 7.30-9pm in the Church. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.

Chrism Mass 2024 | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

EASTER

Egg Hunt

Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Join us for some fun after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, as we search for Easter eggs hidden around our church.

Sunday, 31 March 2024
AFTER 10AM MASS

Corpus Christi Parish
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075

CAN YOU HELP?
We need some people on the day to help hide eggs and guide the children.
Contact the office on (02) 9144 6998

**Please also bring a plate of treats to share
with your Parish community at the
morning tea following Easter Sunday mass.**



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 21st March 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at **7.00 PM (kindly note the change of commencement time)** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. **Following the meeting Bishop David will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "Being a Disciple of Jesus". 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.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Service for Passiontide

Music, Carols and Readings

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
6:00pm Saturday 23 March 2024
following the 5pm Vigil Mass

with Members of the Cathedral Schola
and Maris Stella Diocesan Youth Choir

All Welcome

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The Word

Sunday 17 March 2024: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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 prophet Jeremiah Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.
See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12
(R.) *Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors our ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and

he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! King of endless glory!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! King of endless glory!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.