

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

**17 September 2023, 24th 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 (8:35am)



**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

**Tuesday 19 September**

7:15pm Metanoia Series

**Thursday 21 September**

10:00am Carmelite  
Conversations Parish Hall

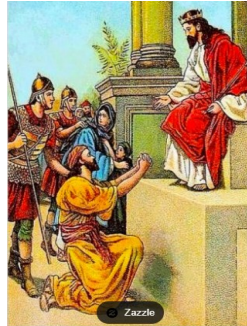
**Weekend of 23/24 Sept**

SJG Tibetan Fundraising w/end

**Sunday 24 September**

Vines and Branches following  
5pm Mass

**School holidays** 25 September  
to 8 October



***His fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused.  
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

This Sunday’s readings focus on divine forgiveness which flows from the merciful heart of God. Matthew describes experience of receiving and giving mercy in the parable of the unforgiving debtor. We hear that the one who has been released from a huge insurmountable debt through the mercy of the one he is indebted to, cannot repeat such graciousness to another who owes him such a small amount. On first reading, this event may seem incomprehensible to us. We may have a sense that if we were released from such a huge debt and offered a second chance at a less burdensome life we would, in gratitude, to likewise to others. However, the fact is that even though we experience being loved and forgiven beyond measure we can still engage in petty, small and unforgiving behaviour towards others. The writer of the Book of Sirach urges us always to forgive our neighbour and any hurt done to us. Then when we pray our sins will be forgiven. Paul reminds us of our human interconnectedness and that in everything we do we have an effect on the other.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

*I will be away from the 15th—23rd of September leading a retreat for the Carmelite nuns based outside of Lismore. The Carmelite nuns will be praying for the children celebrating their First Communion.*

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## Social Justice Corner

### Annual Fundraiser for the Tibetan Community: September 2023 POSTPONED TO 24/25 SEPTEMBER

Corpus Christi Parish has been supporting the Tibetan refugees living in the Northern Beaches for many years. Next weekend we will be holding our annual fundraising appeal after each Mass.

Donations received will be used to purchase prescription medication, fund the gap for hearing aids and provide other assistance to vulnerable Tibetan families when they first arrive in Australia. If you are unable to attend Mass that weekend, a donation can be transferred to the following account:

Northern Beaches Tibetan Health Fund  
BSB: 06 2287  
Account No: 1043 9094

Please note: donations are not tax deductible.

For further information, please email Cathy Butler:  
[tibetanhealthfund@gmail.com](mailto:tibetanhealthfund@gmail.com) or call 0401 393 051.

### WE ARE KEEPING SUNDAY 5PM MASS

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on the 5pm Sunday Mass trial. We received 32 responses. 66% preferred to keep the 5pm Mass time, 9% preferred to revert to 6pm, and 16% suggested 5pm during Winter and 6pm during Summer. 9% did not have a preference. We acknowledge a few concerns that 5pm Mass during daylight savings might be too early and conflict with afternoon activities. There was strong feedback supporting the 5pm Mass during the cooler months.

Given the results, we will continue with 5pm Sunday night Mass from now until the end of Winter in 2024. We will monitor Mass attendance through the coming warmer months, and re-review for Spring 2024. Please contact any one of us if you would like to discuss further.

**Your Parish Council** (Fr Greg Chee, Sherwell Fernando, Jen Perrott, Atat Li-Kim-Mui, John Goh, Cel Tria, Phil Liang, Edith Chan)



Congratulations to all the children who have completed their First Eucharist! This is a significant milestone in their faith journey and it represents a deepening of their relationship with God and the Catholic Church. It's a moment to cherish and celebrate their faith, and we wish them all the best as they continue to grow in their spiritual lives.



## SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's. 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](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 2023/24

Everyone is invited to this year's RCIA, to explore what Catholics believe. The course is aimed at non-Catholics who may be interested in joining the Church, but is open to all Catholics as well.

Sessions run for 1-1.5 hours each week. There is a video presentation followed by discussion and tea/coffee. We will start on Wednesday 20 September.

There are approximately 25 sessions, culminating in baptism at Easter. We take breaks during the school holidays. If you are interested, please contact Michelle or Christina at the Parish office on 9144 6998 or by email: [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)

There are no costs involved.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

### Robyn Cuming

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Robyn. Robyn's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi Church, St Ives on Wednesday 20 September.

May Robyn experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

### FEAST DAYS SEPTEMBER

Wed 20th, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Thurs 21st St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Sat 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Wed 27th St Vincent de Paul, priest

Fri 29th, Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Sat 30th, St Jerome, priest, doctor

### 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.

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** Bonnita Alphonso

### Please pray for the ill:

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.***

### Children's Liturgy

Sunday 17 September



Due to the children celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend, there will be no Children's Liturgy held this Sunday at the 10am Mass but will return next week.

### BEAUTIFUL HYMNS

Try our YouTube playlist of current and soon to be sung hymns

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw-YIFVcvW17b44ytO4NQoAxAulcliFJ4&si=RIWSUmMB2IL2ZCzp>

### SUNDAY 5PM WORSHIP CHOIR

Come sing, harmonise and make music with us

### Invigorate our Mass

Contact [sueanne.sherwood777@gmail.com](mailto:sueanne.sherwood777@gmail.com) to join 😊 come have some fun



Recent pizza social

## *Morning Tea after 8am Mass*



*Next Morning tea  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October*



*A lovely catch up at Archies for these  
Parishioners last Wednesday.*

*Next catch up is on Wednesday, 11 October  
at 10:30*



### Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals

#### Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals**.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



### Clergy Care Coordinator

Are you looking for a truly meaningful role where you'll make a difference in our clergy's lives?

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking an experienced **Care Coordinator** to support our clergy in their health and medical requirements, optimising their independence and maintaining a quality of life and dignity as they age. In this permanent, full-time role you will be based at the Chancery offices in Pennant Hills but will be required to travel throughout the Diocese to provide care leadership and services to help our clergy live well and age positively.

**You'll be required to have** a comprehensive knowledge of principles for Aging in Place, Charter for Aged Care Rights and Positive Aging and knowledge of the Australian government aged care funding models and available packages. **You'll have an understanding** of the physiology and psychology underpinning aging and how to identify changes in retired clergy and have a proactive and practical ability to seek appropriate services.

**If you have tertiary qualifications** in aged care, nursing, social work or **equivalent experience** working in the aged or healthcare sector then we invite you to apply for the Care Coordinator role by sending your CV and a brief cover letter to

[recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

Applications close Friday 22 September 2023.

Sign up now!

# eNews

## BE SURE NOT TO MISS OUT ON ANY INFO!

If you are not on our weekly eNews email list you are missing out on Fr Greg's weekly messages and other parish information that doesn't always make the bulletin. If you would like to receive this weekly information, please scan this QR Code or contact the office so they can register you to keep up-to-date with current parish and diocesan information.



### PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

#### First Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Discalced Carmelites  
**BSB:** 012 403    **Account Number:** 300503777  
**Reference:** Your Name

#### Second Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** St Ives Catholic Parish  
**BSB:** 062 784    **Account Number:** 100001798  
**Reference:** SC + Your Name

*If you would like to swap to monthly Credit Card giving , please collect a form in the foyer of the church.*

**NEXT MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

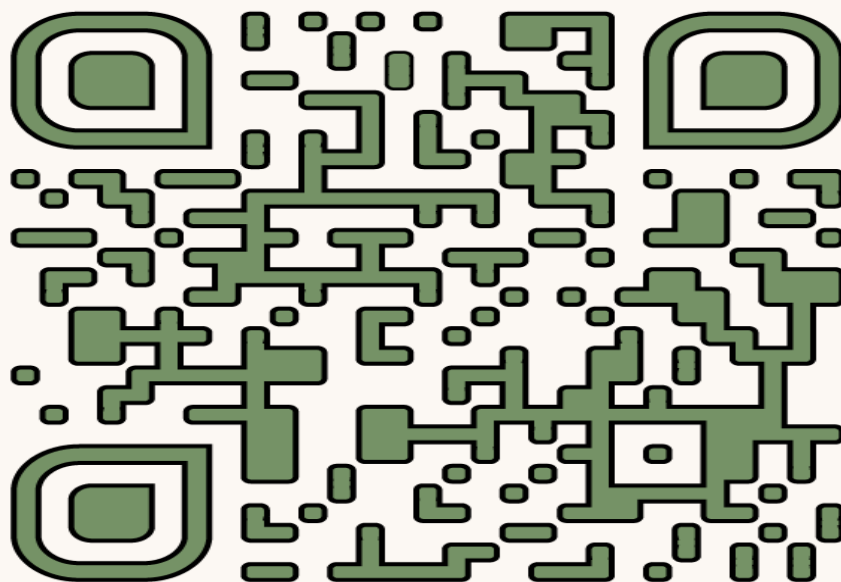
 **VINE &**   
**BRANCHES**

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!**



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

### For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of less importance.

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## The Word

### Sunday 17 September 2023, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Collect

O'God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus hirst, you 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 27:30 – 28:7

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults *(R.)*
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:21-35

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.