

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

## 18 February 2024, First 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:** 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

**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

**Every Friday during Lent**

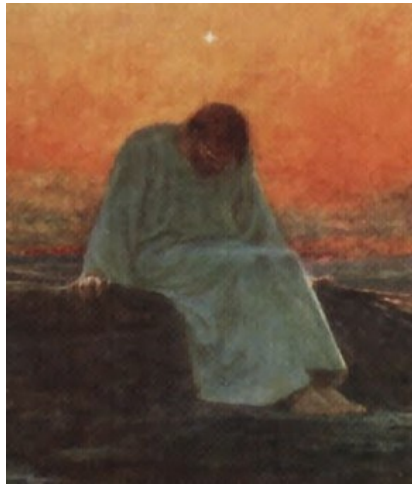
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

**Wednesday 21st February**

Lenten Prayer Group—6pm in the Hall

**Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February**

Presentation of Reconciliation candidates—all masses



**“The kingdom of God  
is close at hand.”  
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

‘(Jesus) shared our human nature in all things but sin’ (Fourth Eucharistic Prayer). Expanding this

affirmation, the Epistle to the Hebrews states, that, in Jesus, ‘we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin’ (Hebrews 4:15) – a truth graphically illustrated in the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ confrontation with Satan during the forty days he spent in the wilderness before proclaiming his mission. ‘The time is fulfilled’, he said to the Galileans, ‘and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’ Though his kingdom ‘is not from this world’ (John 18:36), as Jesus assured Pontius Pilate, it is ‘among us’ here and now (Luke 17:21).

The beginning of Lent is a good time to reflect on these texts. Paul’s advice is: ‘Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect’ (Romans 12:2).

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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*The period of Lent can be considered as a time of journeying. It is a time to turn away from worldly distractions and journey home to God. It is a time of inner reflection and by the end of the journey you should find yourself in a different place spiritually than when you started.*

## A time to renew?

### Lent 2024

Produced by the Wollongong Diocese, come and join us on the Lenten journey to deepen your friendship with Jesus and with each other as we walk together during this time towards Easter. You may also complete the program individually.

**Beginning Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in the church hall for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter.**

Register with the QR Code below (or on the website with this link <https://bit.ly/42lDuWY>). Alternatively, complete your details on the clipboard in the foyer to reserve your copy of the Pieta Lenten Program. Booklets with bookmarks are \$5.00 each. Contact Jen Perrott for more information on (02) 9144 6998.

**Dates (in parish hall on Wednesdays  
at 6:00-7:30pm)**

**14, 21, 28 February 2024  
6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024**



**Began  
THIS WEEK. YOU  
CAN STILL JOIN**

# Pietà

LENTEN PROGRAM 2024



## Bio of a Catechist

**Dora Chan**

### Who Am I?

I live in Turrumurra and work part time at the Law Society of NSW. I do voluntary work as a catechist with the Corpus Christi St Ives Parish and also with the Justice and Peace Office of Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

### Family

I was born and educated in Hong Kong. My family relocated from Hong Kong to Sydney in 2020 (Patrick, my husband and my two sons, Colin and Felix). Sydney is not new to me because I previously worked and lived in Sydney from 1994 to 1997 under an exchange program with my previous employer. I returned to Hong Kong in 1997 after the exchange but I always felt I would return to Sydney sometime. My boys had studied in a boarding school in Sydney since Year 10. We relocated to Sydney to join our boys in 2020 so that our family can finally be together under one roof.

### How long have you been a catechist?

I have been a catechist teacher with the Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives since 2021. I have taught in North Turrumurra Public School and St Ives North Public School. I have taught Year 1, 2 and Year 5 classes.

### What brought you to being a catechist?

I had been doing Sunday School teaching (similar to catechist teaching in Australia but it was on a parish basis on Sundays before or after mass) in Hong Kong for quite a long time. I enjoy the Sunday School teaching and I wanted to continue with that in Sydney. I would like to spread the good news to children which Jesus has asked us to do in the Bible. I feel this is especially important to students in public schools where their normal curriculum does not have a faith element. It would be a great loss for our children if we do not make good use of the SRE lesson to nurture and develop the Catholic faith in students of public schools. During my teaching of SRE lessons, I found it sad to learn some families of the SRE students do not go to church regularly. I hope the SRE lessons can help the students to ignite their interest in learning more about the Catholic faith, the Bible and divine love that

Jesus has for all of us and eventually kindle a closer connection with these families to the Church.

### Why do you stay?

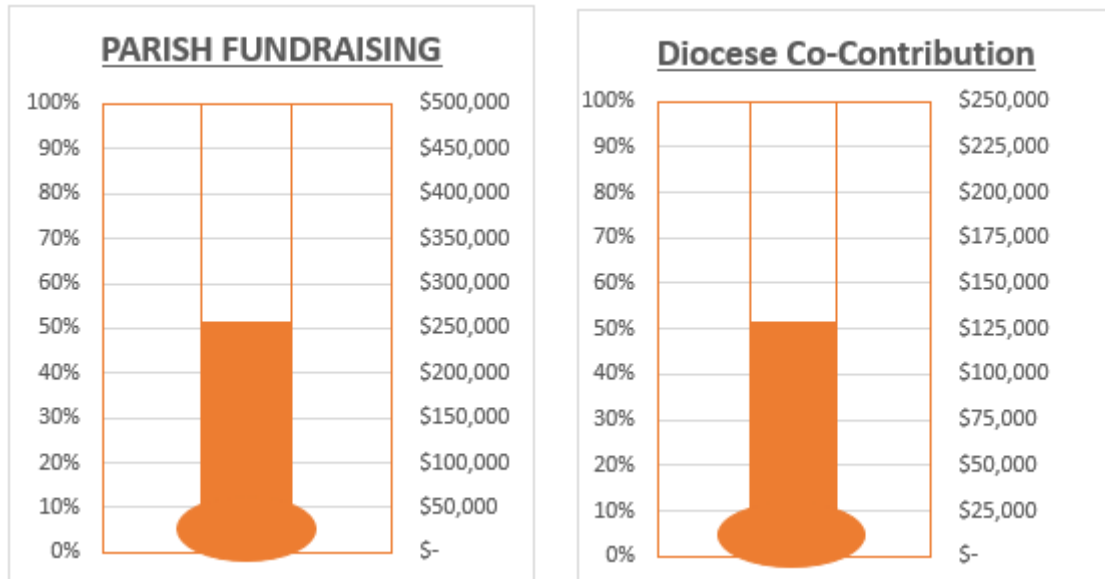
To be able to help the students to learn more about the Bible, the Catholic faith and that Jesus loves us dearly, is a privilege and blessing to me. I have great satisfaction in being a catechist.

### What would you say to someone considering being a catechist?

Give it a go and you may not realise how fulfilling and enjoyable it can be. There are good supporting materials and PowerPoints compiled by the Diocese and it is not difficult to prepare for and teach a lesson. The joy and pleasure that a child comes up to you and tell you that they learn how to pray and talk to God from your SRE lesson is a such a gratifying experience which is beyond words. We need more catechist to do this meaningful work and I hope you can be one of them.

God Bless and hope to see you in the catechist team!

## PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over \$258100 - 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**

### FEAST DAYS FEBRUARY

Thurs 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle



### Our Deepest Sympathy Mike Kelly

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

Mike's funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 16 February 2024. May Mike experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

### 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



**Recently Deceased:** Mike Kelly

**Anniversary:** Andy McElhone

**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; 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.***



## **FINANCE UPDATE – SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Dear Parishioners

Over the last six months we have been concentrating on the planning for the new presbytery and making sure the assets of the Parish remain in good working order.

We thank those parishioners who were able to attend the two briefing sessions that were held in December and thank you for your feedback and comments. We also thank those parishioners who are assisting us with the planning of the new project. There were several suggestions made and we are busy incorporating the changes that will make the project less expensive and hopefully enable us to complete the project more efficiently. We intend having further parishioner briefings over the next couple of months.

Our fundraising is going well and we thank those parishioners who have helped us raise just on \$250,000 to date. The Diocese will contribute 50 cents for each dollar we raise up to a maximum of \$250,000 and we thank the Diocese for this generous donation. We are still asking parishioners to let us know if they have any contacts in the building and construction industries who may be able to provide labour and/or materials at reduced rates to assist us in making the presbytery one to be proud of.

It is pleasing to note that our operating income is up by 20% over the same period last year and our operating expenses are 5% lower than the corresponding period last year. We are still running at a slight deficit and are doing what we can to reduce our expenditure.

Over the six months to December we installed a TV in the boardroom at the back of the hall. This is proving useful to the groups that utilise this boardroom. We also renewed the Hall for Hire banner and the income from hall hire is increasing. A very successful concert and raffle was held in November that raised just over \$21,000 and we thank all those who organised the event.

We welcome all new parishioners and encourage those who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card please call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the form that can be found at the back of the Church and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these challenging times to enhance our Parish.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee

Income & Expenditure			
	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL\$	ACTUAL \$
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
<b>INCOME</b>			
Planned Giving - Envelopes	8,564	9,109	15,710
Planned Giving - Credit Cards	30,457	31,598	35,374
Planned Giving - EFTs	21,965	17,465	22,050
<b>Total Planned Giving</b>	<b>60,986</b>	<b>58,172</b>	<b>73,134</b>
Loose Second Collection	18,478	19,437	4,341
Tap & Go - \$5	-	-	700
Tap & Go - \$10	6,010	6,920	1,820
Tap & Go - \$20	3,440	4,000	3,540
Tap & Go - \$50	4,150	2,550	490
Donations	50	(270)	3,250
Pastoral Activities, Piety store and other inc.	11,060	12,395	4,668
Bulletin Advertising	2,051	-	2,652
Alpha Program	415	3,558	-
Discipleship	202	-	-
Interest Received	7,452	2,229	338
Market Day	-	11,050	-
Building Donations	0	0	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>114,295</b>	<b>120,041</b>	<b>95,035</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Church Requisites	6,316	5,060	5,596
Employment Expenses including on-costs	63,244	56,642	61,639
Insurance	3,901	25,359	22,323
Office Expenses	8,663	4,297	2,404
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	11,209	10,502	9,456
Formation	2,663	1,303	1,600
Alpha Program	256	-	1,247
Discipleship	956	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	15,355	14,848	13,822
Clergy Car Expenses	4,571	3,181	5,193
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	-	-	133
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>117,133</b>	<b>121,192</b>	<b>123,413</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(2,839)</b>	<b>(1,152)</b>	<b>(28,378)</b>
<b>NON- OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Building donations - Presbtery	-	995	-
NSW Business Grant	-	-	7,500
NSW Jobsaver Grant	-	-	18,000
<b>Total Non-Operating Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>25,500</b>
<b>NON -OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Preliminary Expenses to Presbytery	-	-	(6,200)
<b>Total Non-Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,200)</b>
Roof Repayments to 31Dec 2023	0	0	(13,321)
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments</b>	<b>(2,839)</b>	<b>(157)</b>	<b>(22,399)</b>



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

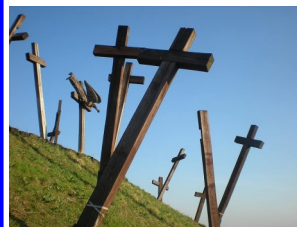


Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

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



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY  
2024

AT 7:30PM



## SERRA VOCATIONS

### MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father David Ranson, Vicar General and Parish Priest of Chatswood Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer Street Chatswood** on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. There is very limited parking in the Parish Kirk Street Carpark but street parking is free and available on the surrounding streets.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting in the Magnificat Room which is directly across Kirk Street from the Church. ***Following the meeting Father David will be our guest speaker. 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](mailto:henrywk@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

## PALMS

Do you have palm trees at home? We need some large palms to decorate the church for Palm



Sunday. Assistance can be offered to cut and collect the palms. Please contact Christina or Michelle in the Parish office if you can help.

# Corpus Christi Church

## Trivia Night

**Fundraiser for New Presbytery Build**

**Saturday 16th March 2024**



7:00pm

\$35.00 per head



BYO drinks, snacks, meal

Tables of 8 – 10 or we can seat you



**RSVP: 8th March 2024**



*Bookings by QR Code or return the slip below to the office.*

*If you are unable to attend, we welcome any donations.*

**BSB: 062 784 Account No: 100001798 Ref: New Build TN**

*or contact the office (02) 9144 6998*



Church Hall

263 Mona Vale Road St Ives 2075



*Please complete the form and return to the office with payment to reserve your table.*

Name: ..... Mobile: .....

☐ My table name is : ..... ☐ Please seat me at available table

Number of tickets: ..... Payment: \$.....





## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

### For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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## The Word

### Sunday 18 February 2024: First Sunday in Lent

#### Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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 Genesis Gen 9:8-15

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

*(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Peter 1 Pt 3:18-22

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.