

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

19 November 2023, 33rd 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: 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

Sat 18/Sun 19 November

Pastoral Works Collection

Sunday 19 November

Corpus Christi School Family Rock
Mass 5pm

Wednesday 22 November

Christmas Choir rehearsals 7pm in
the Church

Thursday 23 November

Parish Social Craft Group 10.30am in
the Hall

Sunday 26 November

Vine and Branches following 5pm
mass



***“I knew you were a
demanding person,
so out of fear I went off
and buried your talent
in the ground.”
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Today’s first reading from Proverbs speaks of the gift that a good wife is to her husband. A good marriage is certainly something to be valued and nurtured. The second reading from St Paul continues with that sense of urgency we’ve had in our readings as Advent approaches, a reminder that we will one day have to give an account of how we’ve lived our lives. And the Gospel ties these themes together in the parable of the talents.

Jesus tells his disciples of a property owner entrusting three of his servants with a large amount of money (talents). Two of them go off, and taking some risk, they trade their talents and increase their bounty. The third buries his, afraid to lose what he’s got. The Master rewards the first two and chastises the third. Jesus is telling us that we are to use our gifts in the service of the Kingdom, not sit on them or bury them. This might include some risk.

When I look back over my life I find it’s often the times I stepped out into the deep with my gifts, even though I was afraid, that my life has borne most fruit..

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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YEAR B

Join Us for Our Advent Mission Night

with

Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture

This program includes an inspirational journal and an engaging 30-minute video featuring reflections by presenter **Fr. Mark Toups** and his friends **Sr. Josephine Garrett** and **Fr. Josh Johnson**. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day.

DATE | TIMES | LOCATION

Wednesday, 29 November 2023 7:30-9:00pm
Collection of journals and instruction for the journey

You may either attend on Zoom or face-to-face
Zoom: Mondays, 4th, 11th, 18th December 2023 8:00-9:00pm

Hall: Tuesdays, 5th (in church), Hall 12th, 19th December
7:30-9:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au or call the office on 9144 6998

Please check the bulletin and eNews for more information.

Register with this QR code or sign up in the foyer of the church



Visit rejoiceprogram.com for more details.

Parish Choir Rehearsals for Christmas



We are very close to Christmas now and you are all invited to come to the parish choir rehearsals in the church so that we will be ready to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve mass on Sunday 24th December. Even if you are not a regular attender of the choir we would love you to come along.

Our next rehearsal is on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7 pm** and then every **Wednesday at 7 pm until Christmas Eve**.

I know everyone is busy at this time of year and I am hoping you can stretch that little bit more to attend. Even if you cannot come to all the rehearsals you would be most welcome to attend when you can.

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.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR OUR PRIESTS



Our priests have to move as the lease on Murphy House ends in early December.

We are looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom, two or three bathroom, house or apartment in the St Ives area, preferably with a double lock up garage to rent for at least 12 months at a reasonable rent of up to \$900 per week.

Could any parishioner who knows of any available properties please contact the Parish office on 9144 6998.



Prayer Zone

Anniversary:

Kath Fletcher; Robert Meek

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.



Social Justice Corner

Laudate Deum Webinar

Pope Francis has confirmed that he participate in the COP28 summit in early December.

To mark the occasion, the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Earthcare Australia and North Sydney Catholics invite you to a webinar on his apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* and its call for urgent action on climate change.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 from 7pm-8pm.

The panel will include:

- A representative from the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
- Alice Cawardine, Coordinator of Catholic Earthcare Australia
- Sue Martin, Being With God in Nature ministry, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia

Additional speakers to be announced.

Join the webinar at <https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/j/66437935672?pwd=S1VRQWovMmEvYVJnZ3hDdzZzU3FMdz09> (Password: 223780)



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Next get together **Thursday 23 November 2023 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

Candles for the month of November



For a gold coin donation, candles will be available to light in the memory of your departed beloved.

FEAST DAYS NOVEMBER

Tues 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 22, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Fri 24th, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

Sun 26th, Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Thurs 30th, St Andrew, apostle

2023 Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our goal this year is to provide 100 hampers to any needy parishioners in the Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We would appreciate your support to make this happen.

Suggested Hamper Contents—please refer to the insert.

Where and when do I deliver my Hamper?

Please deliver to our Corpus Christi Church at any time during the two week Appeal period. **This runs from the 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd December and ends at the special Hamper Mass at 10am on Sunday 17th December.**

If you require your hamper to be collected from your home please call Michelle at the Parish Office on 9144 6998 by Monday the 11th of December and we will organise a pickup from your home.

Cash donation

If it is more convenient for you to make a cash donation in lieu of a Hamper you can bring this to the Parish Office or use the Parish's Electronic Funds Transfer account:

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 100001798

Reference: Parish Hamper

Thank You!

For over 36 years our Parish has had a rich heritage of support to the parishioners of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We thank you for your Christmas spirit generosity.



2023 Christmas Hamper Mass

Suggested hamper contents

- Canned Food (eg soups/seafood) Canned Fruits
- Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
- Long life custard / Jelly
- Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
- Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
- Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
- Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
- Cordial / Soft drink
- Juice
- Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
- Packets of Sugar
- Long Life Milk
- Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
- Tissues / Paper Towel
- Christmas Decorations
- Colouring Pencils
- Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable good you may wish to provide!

Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

Please place in a clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags—wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.



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. The final date for 2023 is 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!



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

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Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus. Our two appeals each year, in May and November, help support two key Diocesan ministries, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.

Launch of Christmas Novena Masses

That wonderful season of Christmas is just around the corner! We are excited to announce the LAUNCH of our Novena Masses for Christmas.

Our Lady of Dolours Parish in Chatswood invites you to step into the season of joy and hope with its LAUNCH of the Novena Masses for Christmas

Our Deepest Sympathy

Luciano Magagnotti

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

Luciano's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 22 November at 10:30am. May Luciano experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

RED WEDNESDAY

Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red. Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church at Chatswood will host once again this year's Red Wednesday Mass in Broken Bay, beginning at 7:30pm, with Bishop Anthony Randazzo presiding.

We encourage you to promote this Mass within your communities. You can also visit www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday to learn more.

Young Adult Event

Date: Thursday December 14
Time: Holy Hour – 6pm Dinner Celebration – 7pm
Location: Holy Name Parish
 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga, 2076



Join our Facebook group

Come and join our Parish Facebook Group to share in the news and photos of all the wonderful things that are happening within our parish! Scan the QR code or join by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStIves>



PIANIST NEEDED

Can you play the piano? Are you available for one 10 am mass a month? The parish choir is looking for someone to play for us starting February 2024. We are a very friendly and welcoming group and we would love you to join us. You would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you can help



MAGI PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING



Father Aldrin Valdehueza our Chaplain and Assistant Priest at Epping/Carlingford Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 23rd November 2023.

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

Following the meeting Michelle Chahine, Board Director St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and Central Council President for Broken Bay will be speaking to us about the mission and activities of the Society in New South Wales.

Everyone is welcome; however, a special invitation is extended to all members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. 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.

LOST AND FOUND

A gold bracelet was found inside the church on Tuesday. Please contact Michelle or Christina in the office if it belongs to you.

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For the Pope

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The Word

Sunday 19 November 2023, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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

A reading from the book of Proverbs Prv 31:10-13.
19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond
the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has
confidence in her, from her he will derive no little
profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the
days of her life. She is always busy with wool and
with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She
sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the
spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she
opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful,
and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one
to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have
worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the
city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

1. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in
his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall
eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your
house; your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears
the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a
happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1
Thes 5:1-6

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in
the night.*
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you,
brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know
very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come
like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying,
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly
happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a
pregnant woman; and there will be no way for
anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the
dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a
thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the

day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we
should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but
stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 25:14-30

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter
into the joy of the Lord.*
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned
his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one
he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in
proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who
had received the five talents promptly went and traded
with them and made five more. The man who had
received two made two more in the same way. But the
man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time
after, the master of those servants came back and went
through his accounts with them. The man who had
received the five talents came forward bringing five more.
"Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are
five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well
done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can
be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater;
come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man
with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you
entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I
have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good
and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in
small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in
your master's happiness." Last came forward the man
who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you
were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and
gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid,
and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is;
it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered
him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I
reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not
scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have
recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent
from him and give it to the man who has the five talents.
For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will
have more than enough; but from the man who has not,
even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-
nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there
will be weeping

The Gospel of the Lord.