

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

22 March 2026, 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 (8:30am)

Parish Calendar :

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7:30 pm during Lent
Mar 27

Every Second Thursday of the month
Anointing of the Sick 9 am

During term time
Every Monday
Divine Will Prayer Group
Mon 10-11:30am & Tue 7-8.30pm
Every Friday
Lectio Divina at 10am

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy
Morning tea after mass

Every Second Sunday of the Month
Morning tea after 8am mass

Every fortnight on Thursdays
Parish Social Craft Group
March 28th at 10 am

Young Adults@St.Ives
9 Apr - 7.15pm - Fresh pizza. New faces. Join us. Bring a friend.
23 Apr - 7pm - Combined North Shore Young Adults Groups at our parish with Ignite Conference speakers.

Dear Parishioners,
For the last 18 years, Corpus Christi Parish has been under the care of our Carmelite Community. They are leaving us soon. Let us give them a memorable send off on Sunday 19th of April. We hope you will be part of the farewell lunch—tickets for sale in the office



He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. (Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus' act of reviving Lazarus from the dead appears to have been something he undertook only with a degree of reluctance. Not only did he delay his going to see him, but spoke of his revival as a matter of 'waking one who sleeps'. Moreover, Lazarus would have died at some time thereafter undergoing all the sufferings of physical death a second time. The miracle perhaps benefited those who witnessed it more than poor Lazarus himself! It behoves us to accept physical death as an integral part of mortal life, something neither to be dreaded nor to be mourned excessively. Since Christ, who is himself the Resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come, let us view physical death, not as an inexplicable tragedy, but rather as a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginably greater.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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WHY WE DO

Who do we have sponsors in the catechumenate?

Everybody needs a friend along the journey of life. For a person on the journey to becoming a Catholic, the sponsor is a parishioner who 'walks with' the catechumen. The sponsor's role is not to be a theological expert but to simply act as an encourager and guide in the in the catechumen's faith experience, to respond to questions and to witness to the Gospel in simple, everyday ways. Of course, sponsors are not alone in their role. The catechumen is also supported by catechists, friends and relatives, the priest and other parishioners.



Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.
Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church

23/3	Deacon Shayne D'Cunha
24/3	Deacon Tan Nguyen & Sem. Matthew French
25/3	Deacon Huy Tran & Sem. Victor Atuhra
26/3	Fr Robert Crawford
27/3	Fr Camelo Sciberas
28/3	Fr Jim Tierney
29/3	Fr Clem Hill

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Lenten Penance

Good Friday:

fast and abstinence for ages 18-59

Other Fridays:

- some act of charity
- some extra prayer/ mass
- some fast or penance of choice



Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Christine Anello; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; 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 Daniela or Davina know.

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.

FEAST DAYS MARCH/ APRIL

WED 25TH MAR. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY
TUE 28TH APR. ST. PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR, MEMORIAL

READERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for readers to assist at the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday 5 pm mass.

Please let the parish office know or put your name down on the sign up sheet in the church foyer if you are able to help. Thank you for your generosity and support.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

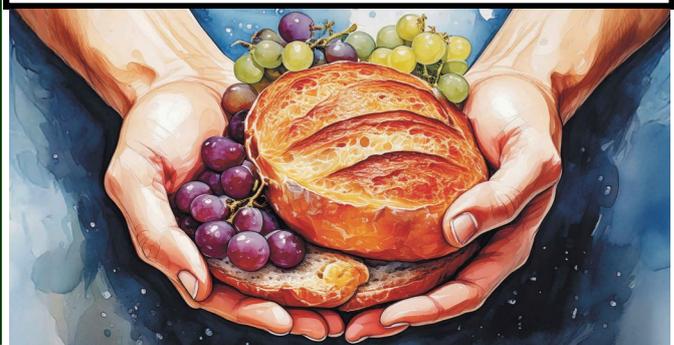
Our Deepest Sympathy

Margot Hallaran

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

Margot's funeral was held at

Corpus Christi on **Friday 20th November**. May Margot experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



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Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2026

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday):

- 28th March 6pm Vigil (Sat Night).
- 29th March, 8 am, 10am, 5pm (Sun).

Holy Thursday, 2nd April:

- 2nd April Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm followed by prayer & adoration until 10pm.

Good Friday, 3rd April:

- Stations of the Cross at 10 am.
- Solemn Vigil of Easter 7pm.

Easter Sunday, 5th April:

- Easter mass at 8 am & 10 am (No Evening mass).

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS AFTER THE 10 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

EASTER CHOIR

Come and be a part of something truly special this Easter Triduum! Our parish choir is seeking voices and musicians to help lead the congregation in song during these sacred celebrations. Whether you are an experienced singer or musician, or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, we welcome you to join us in creating beautiful music that will enhance our worship and deepen our experience of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We would love to have you with us !

Sunday March 22nd 11-11:45am
Tuesday 24th March 7:30-9pm
Tuesday 31st March 7:30-9pm



And one hour before Mass on Palm Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

We are **urgently** looking for volunteers to join the Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday mass at **10am and 5 pm**. If you would like to be included in a roster to give the Eucharist under both kinds on weekend masses, please let the office know or kindly leave your details on the sheets in the church foyer. Formation will be provided.

PIETY STALL

We've just stocked lots of new kids' items in our Piety Store for Easter and First Reconciliation!

If you're looking for a meaningful gift for a child in your life, be sure to **stop by on your way out** and take a look. We'd love to help you find something special.



The liturgy team will be setting up the **Altar of Response on Holy Thursday**.

If you would like to help on this day, please be in touch with the office. Every helping hand is appreciated.

PASSIONTIDE CAROLS: 28 March - A Service of Music and Readings

Join us for a stirring evening of Passiontide Carols on Saturday, 28 March, immediately following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. This service of music and readings offers a unique opportunity for reflection as we journey from the Lenten season into the profound mysteries of Holy Week.

Presented by organist and hymnodist Christian Catsanos, the program will feature a selection of hymns that trace the path of the Passion, from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the Cross at Calvary. All are invited to experience this service of prayerful meditation and musical beauty as we prepare our hearts for the most sacred time of the Liturgical year.

Refreshments will be available following the service.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 26th March
10am in the Parish Hall

Angela
0405 507 982



We will celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday* at Corpus Christi Church on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th.

Our Lord Jesus consigned the great mission to proclaim Jesus' message of mercy directed to the whole world. To St. Faustina he said, "I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart."

Jesus wished to make known to souls the great mercy that he has for them and to extort them to the trust in the bottomless depth of his mercy.



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The Word

Sunday 22nd March 2026: Fifth Sunday of 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 Ezekiel 37:12-14.

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129 R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. *(R.)*

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. *(R.)*

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) *(R.)*

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.