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**23 April 2023, Third Sunday of Easter**

**Parish Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm  
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 Friday  
(during term time)**  
Lectio Divina

**Second Thursday  
of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick —9am

**Thursday evenings**  
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John  
Prayer Group  
7:30-9pm in the Church

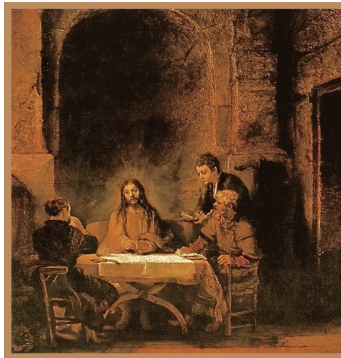
**First Friday of Every Month  
- 5 May 2023**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Sunday 23th April**  
Youth Group Meeting  
Parish Hall at 4-5.30pm

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Anzac Day Mass 9am

**Thursday 27th April**  
Parish Social Craft Group  
Parish Hall at 10.30am

**Thursday 27th April**  
Parish Finance Council Meeting



***He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him. (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners

Though loneliness can at times lead to desperation, it can also be the start of a journey to faith. To be lonely occasionally is a reminder that within us is a void that can be

filled only by Jesus who walks with us, even if his presence is often unrecognised.

This is the symbolism of the 'journey to Emmaus'. The two disciples who walk the road to Emmaus are lonely. The week before, they saw Jesus acclaimed as king coming 'in the name of the Lord', then betrayed and crucified. Now they walk out to Jerusalem defeated, trying to understand the course of events and gather together the pieces of their lives broken by the death of their Master.

In their troubled state, they do not at first recognise Jesus who joins them in their journey and explains to them that the Messiah had to suffer and die. Slowly their eyes are opened: loneliness gives way to a fire burning inside and hope finally blooms when they recognise Jesus in the 'breaking of the bread' (the term early Christians used for the Eucharist). Having experienced Jesus' presence, the two disciples immediately become missionaries, returning to Jerusalem to bring this good news that they know will rekindle the faith and hope of the other disciples.

Christianity does not guarantee a secure life. A Christian may sometimes feel so alone and God so distant because of unfulfilled expectations and hopes. The experience of Jesus' presence brings joy. At the same time, however, it challenges one to mission.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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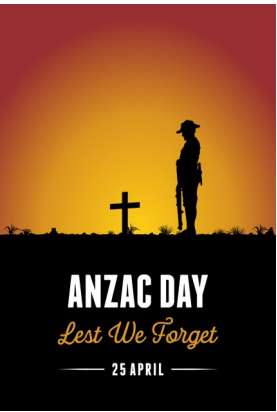
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**ANZAC DAY**

*Lest We Forget*

— 25 APRIL —

**ANZAC DAY**

Mass will be held on Tuesday at 9am to commemorate the fallen.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

Lest we forget.



**Social Justice Corner**

**Webinar**

The Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney are organising a live Question & Answer Zoom Session on the 2023 referendum on a First Nations Voice to parliament.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday, 26 April from 7- 8pm and will answer the questions of “why this, why us, and why now.”

To register go to:

[Why Yes? - Q/A led by the Justice and Peace Office \(JPO\) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney \(google.com\)](https://www.justiceandpeace.org.au/why-yes-q-a-led-by-the-justice-and-peace-office-jpo-of-the-catholic-archdiocese-of-sydney-google-com)




**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA (SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESAN COMMITTEE)**

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 13<sup>th</sup> Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon.

We look forward to you joining us in Prayer.

For further enquiries please contact us on - **0403578994.**




**Heart of Life**  
Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

*'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST).*

*"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8)*

*Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future.*


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**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 27 April 2023 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY**

The Chancery is seeking to recruit a temporary Project Officer to undertake the project management of a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite.

This is a specialised role, for a fixed term of six months, with flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate.

The ideal candidate would have a good knowledge of, and experience with Catholic organisations and events, be results-orientated, with a demonstrated commitment to service and willingness to be accountable for performance. For more information, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) for a copy of the position description and details on how to apply. Applications close **Friday, 28 April 2023.**



**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

## Prayer Zone

### Please pray for the ill:

Noel Carmody; 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; Victoria; 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 the office know.*

Sign up now!

# @News

**BE SURE NOT TO MISS OUT ON ANY INFORMATION!**

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.



### FEAST DAYS APRIL

Wednesday April 26th, St Mark  
Friday April 28th, St Peter Chanel  
Saturday April 29th, St Catherine of Siena

### 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 .



## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2023 at Corpus Christi Parish on **23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and have been **Baptised**.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so by using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/CGTSM>.

The enrolment link is also available on our website <http://www.stives.dbb.org.au> in the Sacraments section under Confirmation.

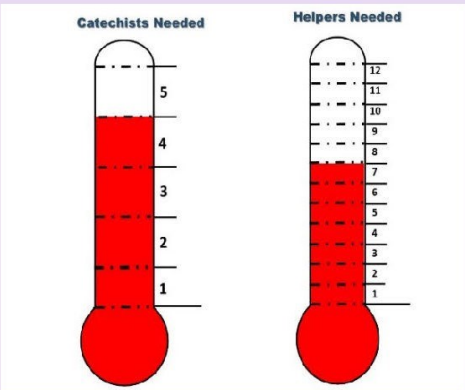
There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evening** held in the Church at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** and **18<sup>th</sup> May**.

Confirmation **will be held on Friday 23rd June 2023 at 6pm**

# Getting There!

## We Still Need You!! Catechists Needed

We have had a wonderful response to the call to join the ministry. Thank you to all those wonderful new people that have joined our ministry. We look forward to journeying with you in the days, weeks and months ahead. I pray you all find this beautifully rewarding experience.




**We only need 1 more catechist and 5 more helpers. We are getting closer on that thermometer.**

Part of our Parish Vision is **"... To lead people to experience and respond to God's Love."**

Helping is so easy and a great way to experience what the ministry is like. If you feel the Lord has been tapping you on the shoulder to enquire, I warmly encourage you to respond to the call. As Sue-Anne said in her video a few weeks ago, "God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called." And there is a real safety net in that. We just need to step up and let the Holy Spirit work through us. Part of our parish vision is **"... to lead people to experience and respond to God's love."** We absolutely do that in the catechist ministry. This response is missionary

discipleship in action. It is responding to the Great Commission which is "... to go and make disciples of all nations." The eternal consequences for our souls is assuring and exciting at the same time. So, if you have had that nagging feeling that you should be responding, please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 69988 or register your interest with the QR code here.

### PARISH PRAYER

Father,  
 Pour out your spirit upon the people of this parish.  
 So that inspired by your Word, nourished at your table, and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters, and the building up of your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be for this place and time the body of Christ your son, through whom we make this prayer.  
 Amen.

## VOCATIONS OFFICE BROKEN BAY HOLY HOUR & DISCERNMENT EVENING




*Pray, Discern & Act*

**21**  
APRIL  
6PM-9PM

SPEAKER  
**MOST REV BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO**



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### Formation Events:

#### St Teresa of Avila Series

Presented by Bishop David Walker on 6 Wednesdays 10.15am – 11.30am from 10 May

#### The First Spiritual Exercises

A five-week introduction to Ignatian (Jesuit) prayer which scaffolds a way of personal prayer and a deep listening  
 Groups will meet from the week of 22 May:

# HOLY THURSDAY



# GOOD FRIDAY



# HOLY SATURDAY



# EASTER SUNDAY

# Get connected and explore faith with others



Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to get connected, discover more about the Christian faith, and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.



Gather together  
and get connected



Watch an episode  
on a topic of faith



Ask questions and  
share your thoughts

YOU'RE INVITED

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Corpus Christi Parish  
Hall - 7:00-9:00pm

Register with QR Code  
or

Contact Jen Perrott  
(02) 9144 6998  
[bbcatholic.org.au/st-ives](http://bbcatholic.org.au/st-ives)





## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

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Clergy and Parishes.

For further information phone  
President - John White 0439 851 910  
Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

# The Word

## Sunday 23 April 2023, Third Sunday of Easter

### First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14, 22-33

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

*(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord:  
'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' *(R.)*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 1:17-21

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are

living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.