

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

23rd November 2025, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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)



**We love hearing the sounds of
children at Mass**

“The sound of children is the sound of life in our church.”
If you’re looking for a parish that truly welcomes young families and encourages parents to bring their little ones to be part of our Sunday celebration, we would be delighted to have you join us. Come visit us at **Corpus Christi** on Sundays at **10 am Family Mass**. You are always welcome.



**“Indeed I promise you....
today you will be with
me in paradise.”
(Gospel)**

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The scriptures for today's feast, the final Sunday of the Church's year, gives a clear reminder that there will come a time when all that we can see and touch on earth will be no more.

Even secular science admits that life on earth will not last forever. This reality brings a clarity to human vision, helping us to keep the struggles of earthly existence in a broader, deeper, eternal and loving divine perspective. The invitation is to live every moment with the quality that we would like to see in our last hours on earth.

In years past today's feast of Christ the King and the associated last judgement scriptures provided food for fearsome preachers who seemed to delight in fire and brimstone methods. Tragically such preachers had themselves been misled into thinking that fear of hell is an effective communicator of the beauty of life with God. Today we who embrace a life of faith and who pray with the Church every Sunday are considered to be a bit odd. However, we are responding to a truth - religious belief and practice is of the nature of a healthy human person. While we might be able to survive or exist, cope or endure alone, we cannot truly live without God, now and eternally.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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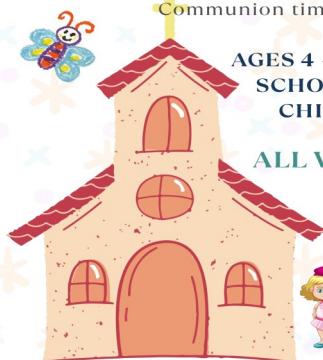
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Every Sunday
at the 10am Mass**

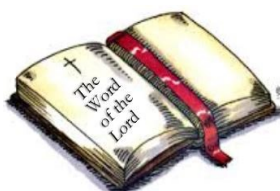
Come and bring your children to Children's Liturgy of the Word so they can find out more about Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Includes the Sunday scriptures, prayer and a fun activity. Children return to the church at Communion time.

**AGES 4 – PRIMARY
SCHOOL AGED
CHILDREN**

ALL WELCOME



READERS FOR CHRISTMAS



We warmly invite all parishioners to share in the joy and spirit of the season by volunteering as readers for our upcoming Christmas services. This is a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the Word of God and bring the Christmas story to life for our community. Whether you are an experienced reader or new to this ministry, your voice can help make these celebrations truly meaningful. Please consider offering your time and talents as we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ. To volunteer, simply sign up in the foyer after Mass or contact the parish office. We look forward to celebrating with you!

PIETY STALL

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the Piety Stall. If you can stay behind after Mass for just ten minutes, please contact Karin on 0412 373 668.

Your help is a meaningful way to support the parish and is greatly appreciated.

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items! Keep an eye out in November for Christmas gifts and decorations. The stall will be open after all Masses — a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a thoughtful gift.

If you'd like to order something specific, please get in touch with Karin. She can arrange Christmas candles and other items and any other special orders for you.

We are now taking orders for the 2026 Daily Missals—if you would like to get your copy for \$35 please let Karin know by the end of November.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES CHRISTMAS

Hamper Mass
SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2025

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! WE'RE HONoured TO HAVE FR. CAO NGUYEN SJ, PARISH PRIEST OF HOLY FAMILY MT DRUITT, CONCELEBRATING MASS WITH US. WE'RE ALSO COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR HAMPERS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN HIS PARISH.



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 goods you may wish to provide! Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper. **The hamper mass will be held on the 30th November at 10am.**

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

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PLEASE REFERENCE
HAMPER MASS

Account Name:
St Ives Catholic Parish
BSB: 062 784
Account No: 100001798

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

The practice of pausing at meal times to give thanks to God is a way of acknowledging the divine source of all our life—sustaining gifts. As many a family will attest, this brief prayerful interaction with God and with one another is a sure way of strengthening the bond of faith in a household. As one person put it: 'It's a bit like kissing my wife when I come home from work. It's only a small thing but it means a lot to our marriage.' Small habits build strong foundations! If only for your children's sake, make grace before meals part of your lifestyle.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

*LET US PRAY FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH,
THAT NOT SUCUMBING TO THE TEMPTATION
OF SELFISHNESS, IT MAY ALWAYS BE PUT AT THE
SERVICE OF THE COMMON GOOD AND
SOLIDARITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE LESS.*



Corpus Christi
Family Rock Mass

FAMILY ROCK MASS

Please join us **today**,
Sunday 23rd of
November at the 5pm mass.
The family rock Mass will be led by
the children from Kindy and Year 5.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Timothy Cornell

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Timothy Cornell. Timothy's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on **Wednesday 26th November at 11 am**. May Timothy experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Prayer Zone

Recently Deceased:

Luigia Bressi
Timothy Cornell



Anniversary:

Robert Meek

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Michelle Fisher; 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.

**QUENTIN STEWART EXTENDS HIS THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO HAS KEPT HIM IN THEIR
PRAYERS.**

**THE RESULTS FOLLOWING HIS RADIATION
THERAPY INDICATE THAT THE THERAPY WAS
SUCCESSL.**

Our Deepest Sympathy

Luiga Bressi



The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Louiga Bressi. Louiga's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on **Monday 24th November at 11 am**. May Louiga experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

FEAST DAYS NOVEMBER

Sun 23rd, Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE, Solemnity
Mon 24th, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs, Memorial
Sun 30th, First Sunday of ADVENT

Thank You

Save the Date!

Volunteer Appreciation Mass
Sunday, 14 December at 10am

**Thank you for serving with such love and
generosity**



*For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program,
please visit*

www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: December 6th 10am-4pm

***Darkness & Light: Embracing the mystery of
Advent in the teaching of St. John of the Cross***

Presenter: Fr. Ransom Rapirap

Everyone is welcome

Advent: Preparing for Christmas

Hope, peace, joy and love
Pymble Parish Retreat

Join in the parish retreat, a time of reflection, renewal, and joyful anticipation as we progress through Advent. This retreat is a special opportunity to pause, pray, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

From Tuesday, 25 November to Friday, 28 November 2025, Fr Sam Samuel VC will celebrate the 9am Mass followed by an address. Friday will also include Adoration. Each day, Fr Samuel will also speak at 7pm followed by Adoration and an opportunity for confession.

Fr Samuel is a member of the Vincentian Congregation following their patron, St Vincent de Paul. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2009 and came to Australia in 2024 as Director of the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby. Previously, he served as Director of the Toronto Centre for eight years, and six years as a missionary in North East India, as Director of the Gumto Centre.

Pymble Catholic Parish | 02 9144 2702



Christmas Mass Times

Corpus Christi Parish St Ives
263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives 2075

Christmas Week Services

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Thursday 18 December 2025 - 7:30-8:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Wednesday, 24 December 2025

6:00pm Family Mass/Nativity Pageant

8:30pm carols in preparation for 9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

Thursday, 25 December 2025 **

8:00am & 10:00am (no evening Mass)

** Christmas Obligation

After Christmas

MASSES TO NEW YEAR

Friday 26th - Saturday 27th December 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

Vigil Mass at 6:00pm on Sat 27th Dec.

Sunday, 28th December 2025

8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm Mass

Thursday, 1 January 2026

9:00am Morning Mass



THURSDAY 11 - SUNDAY 14
DECEMBER 2025
COBBITTY, NSW

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**RECEIVE THE
POWER AND BE
MY WITNESSES**

ACTS 1:8

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



2026

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Term 1 of 2025 at Corpus Christi Parish on Saturday 22 March 2026. In order to join this sacramental program children must be in Year 4 or older and have been Baptised.

ONE COMPULSORY MEETING

There will be ONE compulsory Parent Information Evening held in the Church Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday, 19 February 2026.

Attendance by at least one parent is a compulsory requirement of the course. Details of the classes will be provided at the Information session.

ENROLMENT

Children need to be in year 4 or older, baptised and received their Confirmation.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The presentation of candidates will be held at the weekend Masses on Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21st February 2026.

Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, 22 March 2024 at 6pm.

ENQUIRIES

All queries can be directed to the office via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 27th November 2025

10am in the Parish Hall

Angela 0405 507 982



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.

PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES

If you would like something included in the weekly parish bulletin, please contact the parish office by phone or email. The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday at midday** for the coming weekend.

Thank you,

office@corpuschristi.com.au or ph: 91446998

PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Hi everyone, we are very close to Christmas and the parish choir is getting ready for rehearsals. I am hoping we can have as many people as possible join us this year. Our first rehearsal in the church is on **Wednesday 19th November at 7 pm to 9 pm and then every Wednesday at 7 pm (except Wednesday 26th which is at 7.30pm) until Christmas Eve. Miho will be playing the piano for rehearsals and also for us on Christmas Eve rehearsal, plus the 8.30pm pre mass carols and 9 pm mass.**

I know everyone is busy at this time of year and I am hoping you can stretch that little bit more to attend the rehearsals. We have 3 new hymns and we will need extra time to learn them.

The arrangements for Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December are as follows.

7.15pm or earlier: please arrive at the church

If you want to wear Christmas colours please do

Bring a filled water bottle for your use (and a small snack for yourself if needed)

Bring any music you have for the carols and Mass

Please help with set up

7.15 pm to about 8.20pm: We will be rehearsing

8.30pm to about 8.55pm: carols will begin before the 9 pm Mass

9 pm: Mass begins

Please help put away equipment and hymn books

I would like to thank everyone who will help contribute to making Christmas Eve carols and Mass a happy celebration. It's a very special occasion for so many; bringing families together, triggering happy memories, allowing individuals to feel part of a welcoming group even if they are on their own at this time, supporting those who are sad because of loss or distance from their loved ones.

I hope you have a great time yourself and feel happy and fulfilled by sharing your music with others.

Cheers,
Patricia



Children's Nativity Mass

2 Practice Dates:

- Tues 23 Dec 6:30pm
 - Wed 24 Dec 4:30pm
- Mass at 6:00pm



Would your child like to
be part of the 6pm
Nativity Play at
Christmas Eve Mass
this year?

**Everyone is
welcome!**

Parent helpers encouraged to
stay during practice times.

Please attend the Tuesday
practice for main role
allocation. If you can't come
on Tuesday, 23 Dec, please
still come to the Hall
before Mass on Christmas
Eve to join.

All are welcome to join in.

Contact the office for
more information.



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PASTORAL
WORKS Broken
Bay

Pastoral Works November 2025 Appeal



Confraternity
of Christian
Doctrine (CCD)



Hospital
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Pastoral Care

SAVE THE
DATE

Please join Corpus Christi Primary School on December 2 @ 10.30am for Mass as we acknowledge the wonderful Mrs Ann Godley who will be retiring at the end of this year after 40 plus years in education. Ann has spent the last 30 years on staff at Corpus Christi. All welcome!

One of our parishioners is generously offering a brand-new hospital bed mattress. If you need it, or if you know someone who would benefit from it, please contact the parish office.



Parish Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun 23 Nov	- Rock Mass 5pm
Mon 24 Nov	- 'How to know what God is asking of you' talk 6.30pm in church
Wed 26 Nov	- CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL 7.30pm in the church
Sun 30 Nov	- Advent week 1 - Lighting the candle on the Advent Wreath - Christmas Hamper Mass 10am
Mon 1 Dec	- 'How to know what God is asking of you' talk 6.30pm in church
Wed 3 Dec	- CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL 7pm in the church
Sun 7 Dec	- Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Baptisms 10am - Movie night (Free bring a plate) after 5pm Mass
Mon 8 Dec	- 'How to know what God is asking of you' talk 6.30pm in church
Wed 10 Dec	- CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL 7pm in the church
Sun 14 Dec	- Annual Thanksgiving Mass 10am for Volunteers and Baptisms
Mon 15 Dec	- 'How to know what God is asking of you' talk 6.30pm in church
Wed 17 Dec	- CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL 7pm in the church
Thurs 18 Dec	- Parish Reconciliation 7.30pm
Tues 23 Dec	- Nativity Play practice 6.30pm
Wed 24 Dec	- Family Christmas Eve Mass 6pm - Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Carols 8.30pm and Mass 9pm
Thurs 25 Dec	- Christmas Mass 8am & 10am

REGULAR COMMUNITY GATHERING/PRAYER

2nd Sun of month	- Morning tea after 8am Mass
Sundays	- Morning tea after 10am Mass
2nd Wed of month	- Parish coffee catchup 10.30am at The Living Room
Sundays	- Children's Liturgy of the Word 10am Mass
Select Sundays	- Pray and Play 11am (children and families)
Select Sundays	- Kingdom Kids 11.30am (family base catechesis and lunch)
Mon-Fri	- Morning prayer 8.30am before 9am Mass
Mon-Fri	- Rosary after 9am Mass
Saturdays	- Rosary 8.35am before 9am Mass
Sundays	- Indonesian Community Rosary on Zoom 8.30pm
Saturdays	- Eucharistic Adoration 9.30-10am followed by Benediction
Every 2nd Thurs	- Carmelite Conversions Contemplative Dialogue (during school term)
Rotating	- Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Apostolate (take home)
Mondays	- Divine Will Prayer Group 10am (during school term)
Thursdays	- Fr Sunny's Bible Study 7.30pm
Fridays	- Lectio Divina Bible Study 10am (during school term)
Fortnightly- Tues	- Parish Craft Group 10am
1st Wed of month	- menALIVE 7.30pm
2nd Mon of month	- Catenians at Turramurra Bowling Club
3rd Mon of month	- Interchurches Ecumenical Group 2.30pm (Feb-Nov)
2nd Thurs of month	- Anointing of the Sick 9am

Contact the office for more information

Listening to the Holy Spirit

Fr Greg Chee invites you to a series of four Advent talks on how to better listen to the Holy Spirit.

Talk 1 - Mon 24 Nov 6:30pm

Talk 2 - Mon 1 Dec 6:30pm

Talk 3 - Mon 8 Dec 6:30pm

Talk 4 - Mon 15 Dec 6:30pm

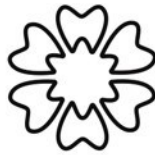
Corpus Christi Church Hall

HOW TO KNOW WHAT GOD IS ASKING OF YOU

Together, we'll explore:

- What *discernment* really means and the difference between discernment of God's will and of other voices.
- What are the dispositions for openness to the Holy Spirit?
- How true *listening* lies at the heart of **synodality**: listening to one another and to the Spirit.

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Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

For further information phone

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Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

The Word

Sunday 23rd of November 2025: Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

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 second book of Samuel 5: 1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20
He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11: 9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus.

As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.