



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

25th January 2026, Third 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)



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

(Gospel)

**Every Monday
(during term time)**
Divine Will Prayer Group
10-11:30am

**Every Sunday at 10am
Mass**
Children's Liturgy

**Every Second Sunday
of the Month**
Morning tea after 8am mass
starting February 1st

**Every first Friday of the
month**
Exposition/ Adoration
**Fri 6th Feb 7pm
followed by mass**

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

At the onset of his mission, Jesus calls his first set of disciples. Nothing bad prepared Andrew, Simon, James and John for the task of becoming 'fishers of men.' Their training was to catch fish and trade their catch with fish vendors. But they let themselves be won over by Jesus' magnetic presence. They leave behind their boats, their father Zebedee (in the case of James and John), and follow Jesus in the adventure of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom.

At times they would be slow in understanding what the Kingdom of heaven entails. But Jesus is a patient teacher, and he teaches through unforgettable stories called parables. Most of all, he teaches through by example: being merciful and caring to the least and the last.

Speaking of the call of the first disciples, Pope Francis shares: 'There are different ways of carrying out the plan that God has for each of us, which is always a plan of love... And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, to offer all at the service of God and their brothers and sisters'. Where do you feel the Lord is calling you at this stage of your life? Do you have the openness of the first disciples of Jesus?

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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Alpha Hospitality Team

Could This Be You?

Alpha is a place where people explore faith and feel truly welcomed—and hospitality makes that possible.

We're looking to grow our Alpha Hospitality Team and would love your help in one (or more) of these ways:

- Serve** – welcome guests and serve food on Wednesday nights
- Cook** – prepare a simple meal (may be reimbursed)
- Cook & Serve** – for those who want to be a part of it all.

You don't need to enjoy cooking—many helpers simply serve. We have two servers each Wednesday, and as the team grows, the commitment becomes lighter.

If you've done Alpha before or have helped in the past and are looking for a meaningful way to serve, this could be for you.

When: Wednesdays (5:30-8:30pm) from 11 February to 6 May 2026

Commitment: As little as 1-2 nights for the whole term

Alpha

By serving in hospitality, you are serving the Lord and supporting people on their faith journey—which has an eternal impact.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch with Jen in the office or register your interest in the foyer of the church. We'd love to have you be part of this beautiful ministry, serving the Lord.



WHY WE DO The Things We Do

WHY DO WE ANOINT PEOPLE?

The practice of anointing with oil goes back to ancient times. In the Old Testament it was used in the consecration of priests and kings. The healing and fragrant properties of the oil made it an appropriate symbol of the strength of God and the sweetness of a virtuous life. The Christian Church adopted this ritual to indicate the imparting of the Holy Spirit. Today we anoint the sick and those in danger of death to invoke God's healing and comforting presence. We also anoint people in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy orders as a sign of their consecration to Christ through the transforming power of the Spirit.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 29th January
10am in the Parish Hall
Angela 0405 507 982



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 <u>Conversions</u> 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	- <u>menALIVE</u> 7.30pm
2nd Mon of month	- <u>Catenians</u> 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



Now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation
(2Cor 6,2)

PRESENTER: [Fr. Gerard Moran, OCD](#)

The grace of Lent-Easter can change us. Let the liturgy of Lent and the wisdom of St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Jesus enable us to take hold of the opportunity.

WHEN: February 13-15, 2026 • 6pm (Fri) – 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

COST: \$340/person (Price is inclusive of all meals and accommodation)

For information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

FEAST DAYS JANUARY/ FEBRUARY

MON 26TH JAN. AUSTRALIA DAY

WED 28TH JAN. MEMORIAL ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR.

SAT 31ST JAN. MEMORIAL ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST.

MON 2ND FEB. FEAST THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

THU 5TH FEB. MEMORIAL ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN,

MARTYR

FRI 6TH FEB. ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TUE 10TH FEB. MEMORIAL ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

SAT 14TH FEB. MEMORIAL STS. CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:
John Hadley

Please pray for the ill:

Leonhard John; Margot Hallaran; 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.

Preparing for Lent

As we draw closer to the holy season of Lent and the celebration of Ash Wednesday, we kindly invite all parishioners to return any blessed palms from previous years.

These palms will be reverently used in the preparation of ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your care and cooperation as we prepare together for this sacred season of prayer and renewal.



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





Ever thought about connecting your faith with your inner child?

We're calling all parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone with a heart for children to join our wonderful Children's Liturgy Ministry!

COME AND JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM!

Why We Need You!

Our Children's Liturgy has been running for over a couple of years now and continues to grow – which is such a blessing!

As our group expands, we need more volunteers so we can create two liturgy groups and continue offering a welcoming space for our parish children to learn about God's love.

Why You'll Love It!

By volunteering, you'll:

- Nurture the faith of our parish children
- Deepen your own relationship with God
- Have fun and connect with other families
- Discover your inner child again!
- No experience is needed – all resources, support, and training are provided.
- Each member needs a WWCC - we can help with this
- Only once a month is required, if that is all you can do.

Interested?

We'd love to chat with you!
Please contact: **Brigitte Karle on 0452 531 710** or **Jennifer Poon on 0403 162 598**

Come grow with us in faith, joy, and community.
Your Children's Liturgy Team

ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WAHROONGA

70TH Anniversary

CELEBRATIONS

Save the Dates!

THANKSGIVING MASS
WED 11 FEBRUARY 10.30AM

All welcome

1956 - 2026

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

More information soon




'BACK TO LEO'S DAY'

SUN 11 OCTOBER 11.00AM



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.

Position Vacant – Pymble Parish Catechist Coordinator Casual Position

Our Parish is looking for a new Catechist Coordinator. The primary purpose of the Catechist Coordinator (CC) is to lead and support the catechists of the Pymble Parish (Parish) who provide Special Religious Education (SRE) to the Catholic Students in State Schools within the Parish.

To achieve this, the CC works under the direction of the Parish Priest and with the Parish team to lead the Catechist program and provide coordinated support services to enhance the SRE ministry within the Parish. If you are interested in supporting the faith development of children in the public schools in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office for a copy of the Position Description. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check and National Police Check.

To apply, please email your current CV and cover letter to claudia@pymblecatholicparish.org.au by 6 February 2026. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and the closing date may be adjusted if a suitable candidate is identified.

Parish Office

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

26/1	Deacon Adrian Gomez
27/1	Deacon Paul Simmons
28/1	Deacon Kevin Hale & Deacon Kevin McGregor
29/1	Fr Ireneusz Czech SDS
30/1	Fr Brendan Lee & Fr Anoop Devasia
31/1	Deacon Peter McCulloch
1/2	Fr Roger Delmonte

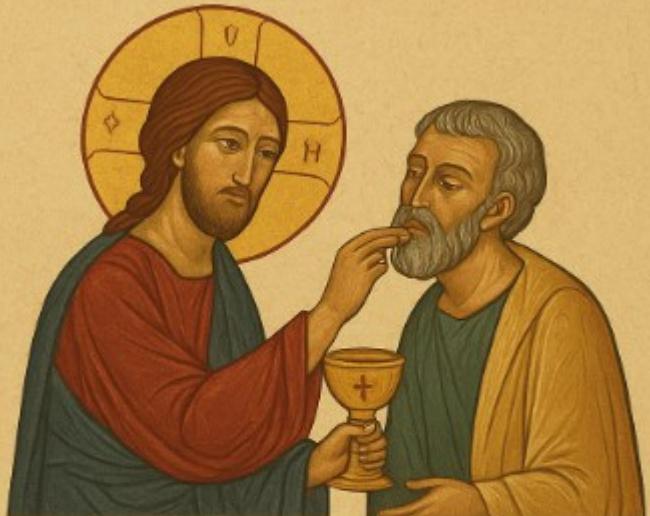
Daily Prayer for Vocations

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

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 VOLUNTEERS



EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTRY

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.

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2026

**EXPOSITION / ADORATION AT
7PM**

**FOLLOWED BY MASS
AT 7:30PM**



Try Alpha



Is there more to life than this?



Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

Starts: Wed, 11 February 2026
Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075
Time: 7:00-9:15pm

Scan here for
more
information



Scan here to
register for
Alpha



For more information contact Jen Perrott @ jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au



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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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The Word

Sunday 25th January 2026: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may be abound in good works. 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 Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1
(R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out?

Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment on Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord