

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

25 May 2025, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy

Every Friday
(during term time)
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick - 9am

Wednesday 28 May
Wild Goose - Parish Hall

Sunday 1 June
Fr Greg's 80th birthday
Morning Tea in the Parish Hall
following 10am mass

Save the date!!

Sun 27th July
6:15pm—Movie Night Fundraiser

Sunday 30th August
Praise & Worship Afternoon



Jesus said: The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, ... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

This Sunday we hear how carefully Jesus prepared his disciples for their life and work once he was no longer with them in the flesh. Ahead of their experience of what would happen in his death, resurrection and return to the Father, Jesus assured them of his continuing, loving presence. This presence would be enriched by the Father and the Spirit being present among them in a new way. With the Father, Jesus promised to make his home with his disciples. Through the Spirit, teacher and reminder of all they had heard from Jesus, Jesus' understanding and passion for God would endure, alive within them.

The first Council of Jerusalem send its decision out to the new Gentile believers not only in a written letter but also through Judas and Silas, attendees at the Council who could explain its spirit personally. A key principle of responsible decision-making is spelled out in the letter: "*It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...*". The Council members prayed for guidance, but they also used their own abilities to think and discern in reaching their decision. As we explore the synodal way we can learn from the Council's approach.

God Bless, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

Why do we say 'alleluia'

Alleluia comes from the Hebrew word which means 'Praise Yahweh'. It appears as a prayer in the Old Testament psalms and as the chant of the saints in heaven in the Book of Revelation. It was taken over by the Christian liturgy as the response of those redeemed through Christ. In the Mass, the alleluia verse is our way of responding to the second reading and preparing for the proclamation of the Gospel.

For Christians, 'alleluia' is a bit like a victorious battle cry or a cheer leader's whoop! It reeks of celebration, life, strength, freedom and all those wonderfully liberating qualities offered us through the resurrection of Jesus. To mutter it is to contradict its meaning!

You Are Invited!

Fr Greg turns 80 on Wednesday 28 May! Join us for a birthday morning tea in the Parish Hall following the 10am mass on Sunday 1 June to celebrate!



We warmly invite all parishioners to bring a plate to share and come together in fellowship as we give thanks for Fr Greg's life and ministry.

Let's make this a joyful and memorable occasion for Fr Greg!



You Are Invited!

Please join the Ku-ring-gai Interchurch Group for a special ***Prayer for Christian Unity*** service.

Date: Thursday, 5 June

Time: 11:00 am (1 hour service)

Location: Gordon Pymble Uniting Church
1 Livingstone Avenue, Pymble

Come together in faith and fellowship as we pray for unity among Christians.



The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched the Pastoral Works Broken Bay

(PWBB) May Appeal. The Appeal supports various charities in our diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community.

This financial year, Corpus Christi has been asked to contribute to the charity works of our diocese with \$29,864. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider helping us reach this year's goal. You can donate any time, not only during May or November.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible if you donate via the envelopes or Good Giving App!

On the 18th and 25th of May we will be taking a third collection to raise funds for PWBB.

"Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!"

MAY APPEAL

Sundays 18th and 25th

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care



Every gift makes a difference. THANK YOU!



**Please give generously to our
MAY 2025 APPEAL**



Social Justice Corner



National Sorry Day

May 26 marks National Sorry Day, when we remember and acknowledge the hurt and trauma of the Stolen Generation, those forcibly removed from their families and communities.

National Sorry Day is observed on the anniversary of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report, which exposed the racist history of government policy that enabled children to be removed from their families. The [Bringing Them Home Inquiry](#) was a landmark truth-telling process, bringing to light the extent of Australia's Stolen Generations history and sharing this with the nation.

In 1997, the report made a series of recommendations to help right these past wrongs. However, a Healing Foundation report released earlier this year – [Are you waiting for us to die? The unfinished business of Bringing Them Home](#)—found that only 6% of the Bringing Them Home report recommendations have been clearly implemented.

The new report's title reflects the collective testimony of Stolen Generation survivors, who are seeing their brothers and sisters pass away, and the urgency of the changes that are sought. It recommends a [National Healing Package](#) of priority changes to enable the remaining elderly survivors to live out their days with dignity.

The report offers practical policy solutions to some of the challenges facing survivors and their families, including:

- access to culturally safe, trauma-informed aged care and health services
- urgent equitable redress
- prioritised access to records, and
- investment in Stolen Generation Organisations.

The theme for this year, "**We cannot wait another generation,**" highlights the urgency of acting on priority Bringing Them Home recommendations in 2025: As The Healing Foundation's CEO Shannan Dodson stated, "*Survivors are dying. We cannot wait another generation.*"



Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Donald Richard Jambu

Please pray for the ill:

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; Quentin
Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi
Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace
Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose
Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen;
Carmel Hadley; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle
Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone;
Patricia Chazes

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.

FEAST DAYS - MAY/JUNE

Sat 24th, Our Lady, Help of Christians
Mon 26th, St Philip Neri, priest
Sat 31st, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 1st, The Ascension of the Lord
Sun 8th, Pentecost Sunday
Mon 9th, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Every Sunday
at the 10am Mass**



During Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the school to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

FOR MAY

For working conditions



Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

Laudato Si' in Action

Last weekend was the soft launch of the new parish bin system which enables us to do more recycling. Based on parishioner feedback, we added labels to the other usual bins that we previously used for further clarity. Here are the 5 bins:



1. **Paper recycling** - uncontaminated paper/ cardboard (dry with no food debris), to be emptied into the blue council bin
2. **Soft plastic** - plastic food packaging / wrappers (dry), we will accumulate this and pickup will be arranged later with the council
3. **Refund recycling** - containers suitable for 'Return and Earn', volunteers will bring to 'Return and Earn' facility
4. **Plastic, glass and tin recycling** - mixed recyclables not suitable for 'Return and Earn' and can be emptied into the yellow council bin
5. **General Rubbish**- anything else not suitable for the above recycling bins, to be emptied into the red council bin



These bins are to be used only for parish morning tea, get-togethers and events. We are unable to process your 'Return and Earn' recyclables from home, *please do not bring them to the parish.* Let our volunteers know if you'd like to learn more about it.

ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES




**God of Love,
You walk beside us,
guiding our path,
Teach us to simplify our
lives, to pause, to slow
our steps and to
be mindful of all of
creation, so that we
may truly enjoy the
richness of your love.**



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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.



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Wednesday 4th June - Sunday 8th June.
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BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

There is no more joyous time to be Catholic and what more sacred time to visit Rome with our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV than in this **Jubilee Year of Hope!**

We warmly invite you to journey with our very own Fr Hien Vu for an extraordinary, faith-filled ten day pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. Breathe in the beauty of Assisi, walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, visit the tomb of Bl Carlos Acutis.

Whilst in Rome, participate in Mass with Bishop Anthony, pay a personal tribute at the resting place of Pope Francis, walk through the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas, and join in the Holy See celebrations for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life 8-9 October and Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

Registrations for this once in a lifetime trip closing soon. To join our next online information gathering, please email mission@bbcatholic.org.au



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of Holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.

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"The Jubilee Year 2025 calls us to rediscover the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives and to deepen our relationship with Him, as the Door through which we enter into the fullness of life."
- Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

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The series:

1. The Father's Loving Plan
2. The Joy Of The Gospel
3. The Gift Of The Spirit
4. Unwrapping God's Gift
5. Encountering the Holy Spirit
6. Living In The Spirit

Weekly series beginning
Wednesday, 28 May 2025
7pm to 8:30pm
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For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: June 7, 10am - 4pm

The Roses of St Therese

Presenter: Ms Jill Ditton, OCDS

When: June 12-13 or 13 June

The Artistic and Spiritual Dimensions of the Christmas Story

Presenter: Mr John Charadia & Artist Tutors

When: June 20-22 6pm (Fri) to 12:30pm (Sun)

Let yourself Be Loved

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

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10-13 JULY



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If this interests you, please contact the Ignite team at ignite@corpuschristi.com.au for more information.

THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU



YOU'RE INVITED

At Alpha, you can ask anything! Alpha is a safe place where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning.

And, the great news is, Alpha runs here! Right now, a seat at the table has been prepared for you. All you have to do is come.

**Begins Wednesday, 6 August 2025
at 7:00pm in the church hall**



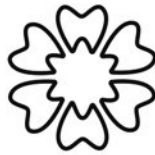
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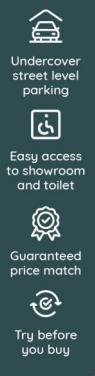
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The Word

Sunday 25 May 2025: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these
days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen
Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may
always hold to in what we do. 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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves
not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the
brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in
the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led
to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had
had a long argument with these men it was arranged
that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church
should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem
with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and
elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch
with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred
with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and
Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave
them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and
elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers
of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear
that some of our members have disturbed you with
their demands and have unsettled your minds. They
acted without any authority from us, and so we have
decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send
them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly
respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending
you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of
mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been
decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to
saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials:
you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from
blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from
fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right.
Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face
shed its light upon us. So will your ways be
known upon earth and all nations learn your
saving help. *(R.)*
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule
the world with justice. With fairness you rule the
peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the
peoples praise you. May God still give us his
blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.
(R.)

Second Reading

From the book of the Apocalypse Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.
In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous
high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city,
coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the
radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious
jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a
great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve
gates there was an angel, and over the gates were
written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the
east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on
the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The
city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of
which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the
Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves
the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon
for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and
the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 14:23-29

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you
of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will
keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him and make our home with him. Those who
do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is
not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have
said these things to you while still with you; but the
Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in
my name, will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I
bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the
world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you
would have been glad to know that I am going to the
Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you
this now before it happens, so that when it does happen
you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.