

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

**26 April 2026, Fourth 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: 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 (8:30am)**



**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 10am*

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

**Every Second Sunday of the Month**  
*Morning tea after 8am mass May 10th*

**Every fortnight on Thursdays**  
*Parish Social Craft Group May 7th at 10 am*

**Wednesday 29 April**  
*Deacon Tan Ordination to the Priesthood—7pm Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara*

**Thanksgiving Masses**  
*For Deacon Tan's Ordination to the Priesthood*  
**30th Apr 10am Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood**  
**2nd May Sat Vigil at Corpus Christi**

Dear parishioners,

Last Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April was a memorable and significant day in the life of Corpus Christi. The parish had organised a “farewell and welcome” Mass and lunch – saying good-bye to Fr Greg Chee (Outgoing PP) Fr Sunny Abraham and Fr Gerard Moran, after the parish had been in the care of Carmelite priests for the past 18 years. The parish also warmly welcomed Deacon Tan and me. The Mass, with Bishop Greg Homering OCD as principal celebrant, was an opportunity to give thanks for the Carmelites’ ministry at St Ives and in the life of the diocese.

The day was marked by a great spirit of celebration and gratitude, with the sharing of many wonderful memories of times past. There was also the occasional tear shed, with sadness at the departure of the Carmelites. Of course, there will be many enduring friendships and the Carmelite spirit and spirituality will live on among us.

Vicar General, Fr David Ranson, thanked the Carmelites on behalf of Archbishop Randazzo and the diocese. Several parish representatives expressed appreciation to the Carmelites and the three Carmelite priests (Frs Greg, Sunny & Gerard) each had the opportunity to share some final thoughts. A wonderful set of photos will be distributed to parishioners via email soon.

It has been a full first week for me as parish priest. It has been a priority to celebrate Mass each morning and to meet with parish staff, volunteers and many parishioners.

I attended a Parish Personnel Day (covering many items: professional standards, safeguarding, volunteers, WHS, advertising, keeping records, planned giving, Tap&Go, IT initiatives etc.) and completed stage one of an induction on parish finances.

I attended a meeting of the Parish Finance Council (PFC), an Alpha night and a night for young adults preparing for the upcoming IGNITE Conference (9-11 July). I also prepared for Anzac Day and the Sunday Masses, and met with volunteers in various ministries.

Deacon Tan and I have been getting things set up in the presbytery in a way that will help us in our life and ministry. Again, I acknowledge the PFC and parishioners for the sacrifices and generosity which have contributed to the presbytery renovations and set-up of a parish office. Thanks to all who have reached out to make Deacon Tan and me welcome. Let us pray God’s continuing blessings on our parish community.

I assure Deacon Tan of our love, support and prayers as he is ordained priest at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara on this Wednesday evening, 29<sup>th</sup> April. He has his parents, relatives and friends arriving from Vietnam at this time, as he prepares for his Ordination and Masses of Thanksgiving. It is an occasion of rejoicing and thanksgiving for Deacon Tan & his family, our parish and our diocese.

Peace and blessings to all,

Fr Paul

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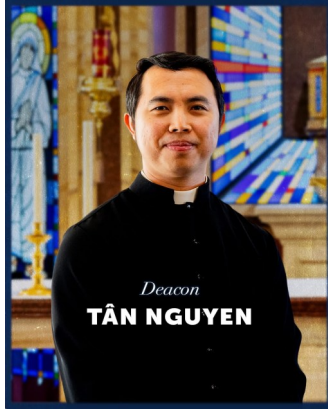
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### Deacon Tan

Deacon Tân is in his early thirties. He grew up in the south of Vietnam, the third of four sons in his family, who remain in Vietnam.

His journey toward the priesthood began in 2013, when he entered the seminary formation house of the Diocese of Xuân Lộc in Vietnam, where

he also completed a Bachelor's degree in Biology Education in Ho Chi Minh city.

In 2018, he was sent to the Diocese of Broken Bay to continue his formation. From 2019 to 2025, he undertook his seminary formation at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush, Sydney. In 2024, he served a full-year pastoral placement at The Entrance Parish, and on 12 September 2025 he was ordained a deacon and assigned to Chatswood Parish, where he has served since.

He will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on 29 April 2026 and assigned as an assistant priest to the Parish of St Ives.



### Fr Paul Durkin

Fr Paul Durkin has recently completed his term as Vice Rector and Director of Pastoral Formation at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. He has now begun his appointment as Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, St Ives.

Fr Paul was ordained priest for the Diocese of Broken Bay, where he has been Assistant Priest of Holy Cross Parish, Kincumber and MacKillop Catholic Parish, Warnervale. He was then Parish Priest of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills and Holy Name, Wahroonga. Fr Paul has served the Diocese as Consultor and as a member of the Council of Priests, and as Chair of the Clergy Retirement Remuneration and Sick Fund.

Fr Paul was Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Broken Bay from 2013-2022. He has a deep commitment to encouraging and promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate, to promoting the call of all the Baptised, and to actively supporting seminarians and diaconal aspirants in their formation programs. Fr Paul has been actively involved in four World Youth Days.

In training for the priesthood, Fr Paul completed Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Theology through the Sydney College of Divinity. He has also undertaken courses in Spiritual Direction and in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), along with shorter courses in Prayer, Liturgy, Spirituality, Church leadership and Formation.

Fr Paul's background before becoming a priest was in Catholic Education. He undertook his initial teacher training at Mt St Mary College, Strathfield (later Australian Catholic University, Strathfield campus) and then a Bachelor's degree at Macquarie University, in Sydney. Fr Paul also completed a Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership at the Australian Catholic University.

Fr Paul held various positions of responsibility in Sydney Catholic Secondary schools and colleges, including that of Religious Education Coordinator. Fr Paul then worked as a Religious Education and Curriculum Adviser, and as Project Leader of 'A Sense of the Sacred', a Values-across-the-curriculum initiative in Sydney Catholic secondary schools.

Fr Paul is the sixth of seven children. His parents were on the land in northern NSW, which meant he went to boarding school, first locally in Goondiwindi and then to Nudgee College in Brisbane, finishing at Waverley College in Sydney. He has travelled in many parts of the world and he remains close to extended family and friends from throughout his life.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay invites you to

# The ORDINATION

to the Priesthood  
of  
Rev Huy Trần  
Rev Shayne D'Cunha  
Rev Tân Nguyễn

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT AND ORDAINING PRELATE  
**MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL**  
BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA  
WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2026, 7PM  
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL, WAITARA

**For those who would like to attend Deacon Tan's ordination please register using the QR code to confirm your attendance.**





### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

#### For Priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### Extraordinary Communion Ministry

We warmly invite parishioners to consider joining our Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday Mass at 10:00am and 5:00pm.

This is a beautiful opportunity to serve our community by helping distribute the Eucharist during weekend Masses. If you feel called to take part, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office or leave your details on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer.

No prior experience is needed—formation and guidance will be provided.

### 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.

## WHY WE DO

## The Things We Do

### Why do we celebrate the Eucharist?

For Catholics, the sacrament of the Eucharist, the sacred meal whereby we break bread and share a cup, is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the source and summit of the Church's life. When we receive the Eucharist we believe that we receive Jesus in an extraordinarily intimate way: we take him into our very beings in the form of food and drink. In doing so, we remember the way he died for us and rose again to lead us into eternal life. The Eucharist not only commemorates past events, it draws us into the mystery of Christ in the here and now and ultimately towards our eternal life with God.

### PIETY STALL

Our piety stall is now fully restocked—we've got a full cabinet ready for you.

Please stop in on your way out and have a look, especially if you're looking for meaningful gifts.

Thank you.

## Prayer Zone



### Please pray for the ill:

Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; 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.



### Young adults @ St. Ives

Meet on Mondays at 7pm every 2 weeks

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## Schoenstatt Annual Marian Pilgrimage Day

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Program:

- 9.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
- 10.00am Welcome & Opening Prayer
- 10.30am Holy Mass with Bishop Tony Percy - Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney
- 2.00pm Eucharistic Procession OR Anointing of the Sick
- 3.00pm Benediction

Please bring your Pilgrim Mother Shrines along.

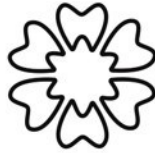
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## The Word

### Sunday 26th April 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
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 2:14, 36-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'  
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 10:1-10

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.