

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

**26th October 2025, 30th 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: 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 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  
10am in the Parish Hall

**Every Thursday**  
Bible Study with Fr. Sunny  
7:30pm in Church

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

**Friday 31 October**  
Halloween Saints and Blessings Walk. Meet at the church at 6:15pm

**Saturday 1 November**  
All Saints' Day

**Sunday 2 November**  
All Souls' Day



***The prayer of the humble will  
penetrate the heavens  
(First Reading)***

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Who are we as we come before God today? Poor, humble, weak, broken-hearted, ill, exhausted, in need of God's mercy? God's face is always turned towards such people.

In the Mass today, the penitential rite is a great opportunity to stand in that place of humility with the tax-collector. Presiders sometimes use their own words to introduce the prayers of mercy.

I have heard one ask us to come to our God of love and compassion '*for forgiveness of our sins, for peace in our hearts and for healing in our lives*'. Another calls us to '*reflect on our need for healing in our relationships with God, others, ourselves and our environment*'.

The penitential rite is a great equaliser and reality-check; we can all recognise aspects of ourselves that are rough or broken. We come to receive Jesus' gift of himself in Communion not because we are perfect, but because we are in need of him. He wants to feed and nourish us because we are hungry and thirsty. If we come to him full of ourselves, we may not appreciate this gift and we may leave unchanged. So let us be open to God's mercy and healing today. Jesus is merciful love. Come to Him with repentant hearts and aim to grow in faith and humility.

May God bless you, Fr Greg

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As we approach Halloween, let's celebrate it in a joyful, faith-filled way - Holyween! The word Hallow means holy and 'een' means evening, so let's bring light, laughter, and love to our neighbourhood as we prepare for All Saints' Day.

# HOLYWEEN: A BLESSINGS & TREATS WALK

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2025

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you live within a 7-minute walk of the parish and would be happy to be a house to stop at on our Blessings & Treats Walk, please email us [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au) or call the office on 9144 6998.

We'll help with treats, decorations, and ideas for your stop!

We're also looking for volunteers to help with the games — please get in touch if you can lend a hand.

Let's make this a night of community, joy, and light!

**All welcome — families, singles, and friends!**

## JOIN US FOR OUR BLESSINGS & TREATS WALK

### OUR PARISH'S FUN, FAITH-FILLED VERSION OF TRICK OR TREAT!

Children and families will visit parish homes nearby to collect small treats and blessing messages, celebrating faith, friendship, and fun. Please register below or complete the form in the foyer.

### Schedule for the evening:

6:15PM — MEET AT THE PARISH

(PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY ALL MINORS)

7:00PM — BYO PICNIC & GAMES

7:30PM — PASS THE PARCEL

8:00PM — HOME TIME

Register for the walk



Come dressed as your favourite saint or angel!



## CATECHIST BIO

### Who am I?

My name is Val Dias and I currently live in St Ives, on the upper north shore. I am a homemaker responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of my household. My role involves preparing meals, childcare, school runs, extra-curricular activities after school, budgeting and household maintenance. I try my best to create a stable and nurturing environment for all the members of my household.

### Family

I met my husband at a youth conference organised by our local diocese in 2003 and we have been together ever since. We got married in 2010 and are blessed with two beautiful children. A boy who is 9 years old and our miracle baby girl, who is 2 years old.

### How long have you been a Catechist?

2.5 years and counting.

### What brought you to being a catechist?

Three years ago, when I was expecting my second child, after what seemed like a lifetime of praying for another child. I was filled with gratitude that God had finally answered my prayers and as a thank you to Him, wanted to render some service to the church/ community/faith as a form of giving back in any way possible.

It was then I heard the call to be a catechist at Sunday mass. I am sure they had many of those callings before 2022, but it did not resonate with me then. I simply didn't pay attention to it before.

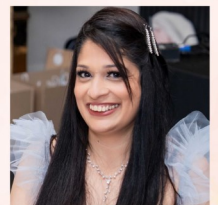
This time however, due to my then state of mind, it spoke to me immediately. I remember vividly the advertisement said, "God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things." It was as if the ad was made only for me, I am an ordinary homemaker and God was calling me on an extra-ordinary journey to give back to the community.

### Why did you stay?

I feel my journey has only just begun, but I can see myself in this long term. Due to my love for children and the desire to serve the church by helping little souls grow in their journey of faith. I feel that I have been entrusted with a grave responsibility to spread the word of God through my personal relationship and faith in Him.

### Why did you stay?

You don't have to be perfect and know everything about the teachings of the Bible and church to be a catechist. You just need to have a heart ready to share the faith, willing to learn, serve and walk with others on their journey of faith. If you feel drawn to it don't ignore it. God often calls the willing more than the ready. Pray about it, let the Holy Spirit guide you. If this is your calling God, will make a way and equip you for it.



Maybe you've felt a gentle tap on the shoulder — a sense that God is calling you to share your faith. Becoming a catechist is a beautiful way to serve the Lord and help others know His love. Please contact Jen Perrott on email at [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) or in the office on 9144 6998



## WHY WE DO The Things We Do

### *Why do we bless ourselves with holy water?*

From the earliest days of Christianity (and, even earlier, in Judaism and other ancient religions), water was used in baptismal rituals as a symbol of life and cleansing. Today, when Catholics sprinkle themselves from that little bowl of holy water at the church door and make the sign of the cross, they do so as a reminder of their baptism. The holy water itself is simply water that has been blessed by a priest.



### PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

**Thursday 30th October 2025**

10am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



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

*For collaboration between  
different religious traditions*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



### 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

Ph: 91446998

## Prayer Zone



### Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauria; 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; 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.*

## FEAST DAYS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Tue 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles  
Sat 1st, All Saints' Day, Solemnity  
Sun 2nd, All Souls' Day  
Tue 4th, St Charles Borromeo, bishop, Memorial  
Sun 9th, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast



For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit

[www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program)

When: November 1st 10am-4pm

### **The Beatitudes**

Presenter: George Morkel, OCD

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

# ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

The Parish Pastoral Council are compiling a **Parish Directory** of all the groups and ministries that exist in our parish. If you would like your group to be included, please let us know:

[office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)

OUR JOURNEY

## 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.

2025

## Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 30th**, as we come together for a special Mass to celebrate our 38th annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we are honoured to have Fr Cao Nguyen SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Mt Druitt, co-celebrating this momentous occasion with us.

For nearly four decades, our parish has embraced the true spirit of Christmas by reaching out to those in need. This cherished tradition has not only brought smiles to countless faces but has also strengthened the bonds within our community.

As we embark on this journey of generosity, let's reflect on the impact of our collective efforts. Each item added to your weekly grocery shop becomes a beacon of hope for a family in need. Whether it's a can of soup, a box of cereal, or a festive treat, every contribution matters.

### 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 good you may wish to provide! Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

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

We will also be accepting cash donations for those who can't get a hamper together. Unfortunately we won't be able to accept gift cards this year.

**Please reference Hamper Mass**

**Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish**

**BSB: 062 784**

**Account No: 100001798**

## ALL SOULS DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER



### NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Scripture says it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our departed beloved ones. Because of Jesus Christ, forgiveness and love crosses the grave. We may pray for them but they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can and will pray for us. I know of parents who had a six year old boy who had big behavioural problems. They tried counselling, which is a good thing to do, but to no avail. It turned out that the mother had a miscarriage. They had a mass said for the miscarried child and the behavioural difficulties of the living child were healed.

In terms of responding for your departed beloved ones, you may write the names in a special book we will have available. You may also have a special individual mass said for the person by writing the name of the person on the envelopes found in the foyer and put a small donation in it, which can be put in the collection bowl or handed in at the sacristy. There will also be candles available that you may light for a gold coin donation as well as an opportunity to bring in a small photo of a deceased family member/s that can be displayed in front of the Sacred Heart statue. At each Sunday mass we will remember your departed ones generally as well. Remember that forgiveness and love crosses the grave through Jesus Christ.

God bless, Fr Greg.



### STUDENT PRAYER

Lord, we ask for your blessing on our students undertaking HSC examinations over the coming weeks.  
Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.  
Grant them the ability to comprehend questions and effectively plan and articulate their responses.  
May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit with Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude and Knowledge.  
May their faith and piety give them the strength to face these examinations and the satisfaction of achieving their best.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.





## **HELP A FELLOW PARISHIONER ATTEND MASS**

A former parishioner, Kay Crawford, has recently returned to the area and would love to attend Mass again but needs transport — either on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. She lives in North Turrumurra.

If you are able to assist, please contact Kay or the parish office as soon as possible.

Your kindness will not only make a real difference in Kay's life but is also a beautiful way to serve the Lord and support our parish family.

Thank you for your generosity of heart.

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# **KU-RING-GAI CHURCHES PICNIC**

**SUNDAY 2ND NOV 12 NOON**

**ST IVES BAPTIST CHURCH  
28 MEMORIAL AVENUE**

Hosted by St John's Anglican Church, Gordon • Corpus Christi Catholic Church, St Ives  
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pymble/St Ives • Pymble Catholic Parish  
St Ives Uniting Church • Pymble Uniting Church • St Ives Baptist Church  
St Swithun's Anglican Church, Pymble



Ku-ring-gai Interchurch Committee  
Promoting friendship and understanding between Christians:  
learning from each other; worshipping together...

## **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.

**PASTORAL  
WORKS** Broken Bay



**Please support our  
Pastoral Works November 2025 Appeal**



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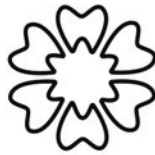
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company and to support their  
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President - Harry Hull 0411 818 132  
Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

## The Word

Sunday 26th of October 2025: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

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 book of Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man; he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

*(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.  
*(R.)*

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. *(R.)*

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 18:9-14

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.