

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

**28 April 2024, Fifth 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 (8:35am)**



**Every Monday  
(during term time)**

Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am - Hall

**Second Wednesday of Every Month**

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning  
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**Thursday evenings**

Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group  
Book of Revelation  
7:30-9pm in the Church

**Every Friday  
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28th**

Mothers Day Raffle Tickets  
available

**Wednesday 1 May**

Men Alive Meeting – 7pm in the  
Parish Office

**Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th  
May**

Mothers Day Raffle Tickets  
available

**Sunday 12th May**

Mothers Day



***“By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.”  
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Viticulture or the production of grapes was as common in Israel in Jesus' time as it is today. The vines are usually planted on the slopes of hills, which were less suitable for the planting of crops. The ground is cleared of stones and terraced, the vineyard secured by an enclosing wall or hedge, and a watchtower is built for an additional protection. These steps are described in the Vineyard Song in Isaiah 5.

Metaphorically, Israel is compared with the vine (Psalm 80:9ff). It was brought out of Egypt (the Exodus story) and planted in the promised land. It was the peculiar object of the care of the Lord from which he expected much fruit. But the vine yielded only 'wild grapes', or, more precisely, grapes that rot before they are ripe. Israel did not produce the fruits expected by the divine grower because of its bloodshed and injustice.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus declares that he is the 'true vine', he proclaims that he is the new Israel who bears fruits pleasing to God. But he also focuses on his disciples whom he calls 'branches'. United with Jesus, they become the new Israel, the new people of God. But to bear fruit that is pleasing to the vine grower, they must abide with Jesus. They must stay attached to Jesus as if their life depended on it. Pope Francis says that to remain in Jesus means – 'To do good, to help others, to pray to the Father, to care for the sick, to help the poor, to have the joy of the Holy Spirit'.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest  
Ed Wales, Parish Finance  
Michelle Miles, Office Manager  
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

**HALL BOOKINGS**

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Principal: Mrs Jayne Wheen  
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Instagram [www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves](http://www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves)**



## Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2024 at Corpus Christi Parish on **28<sup>th</sup> June**. In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and have been **Baptised**.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so by using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/CQNQV>

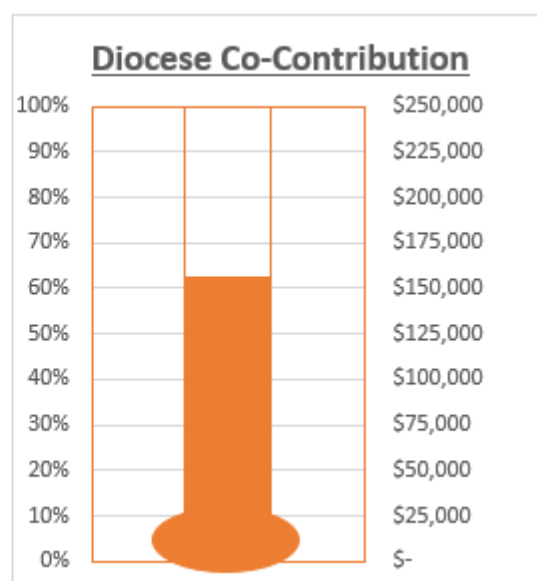
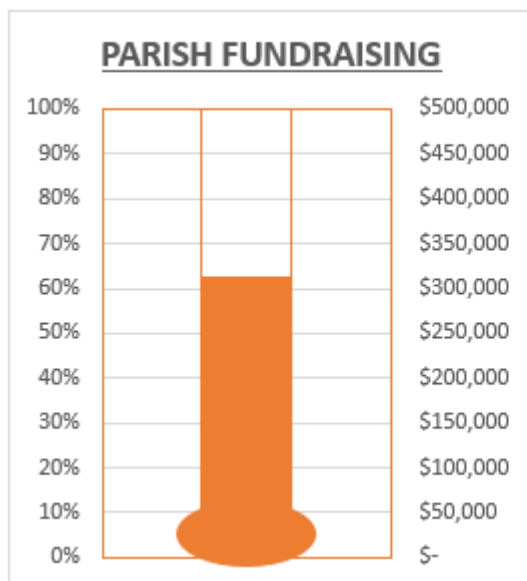
There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evenings** held in the Church Hall at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and **23<sup>rd</sup> May**. Attendance by at least one parent at **both of the information evenings** is a requirement of the course.

The presentation of candidates will be held at the weekend masses on the **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

There will also be a **compulsory practice** in the Church for each child and a parent on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm**.

Confirmation **will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6pm**. All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via [sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au)

## PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! In the last week alone we received donations amounting to \$13,500. Our updated total raised is **\$313,300!** We have achieved 63 percent of our \$500,000 goal. **For every \$100 donated the Diocese will give us another \$50.** You can donate directly to our bank account as below: Please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message. This will ensure that the entire amount will be used for the presbytery and the Parish won't be subject to Diocesan tax on these donations.

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Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.

**Regards the Parish Finance Committee**

## RCIA Testimonial: Why I became a Catholic

Participating in the RCIA program at Corpus Cristi has been an incredibly rewarding and enlightening experience.

I was raised in a non-religious household and had been an agnostic for most of my life. Major life events over the last two years led me to question my belief system - it felt like certain things were happening to me for reasons which I didn't couldn't understand. A good friend invited me to attend mass last Easter, and this sparked an interest to understand more about the catholic faith. This then led to my decision to enroll in the RCIA program and eventually convert.

I was unlucky with my timing, as the RCIA course in my area had already commenced by the time I reached out to the Diocese in September. After contacting a few of the surrounding parishes, I connected with Halina and Natalia at Corpus Cristi who welcomed me into their RCIA group just before the half-way point of the course.

The entire RCIA group at Corpus Cristi were so supportive to me. The leaders even offered additional catch-up sessions and a chance to ask some of the difficult questions that were on my mind, helping me bridge any gaps in my faith.

I was baptised at the Easter Vigil this year and received the sacraments of confirmation and communion.

I will miss spending Wednesday nights with the RCIA group, eating delicious Polish delicacies and discussing the faith. A massive 'thank you' to everyone involved in the RCIA program this year for their generosity and support.

Terry Hoban



## Prayer Zone



**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Holden

**Please pray for the ill:**

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

***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.***

### You're Invited to our Mother's Day Celebration!

Dear Parishioners,

In celebration of the remarkable women who bring love, guidance, and compassion into our lives, we warmly invite you to join us for a special Mother's Day celebration. Let's come together as a community to honor and celebrate the wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers, and other nurturing ladies in our parish.

**Date:** Sunday, May 12th

**Time:** After 10am Mass

**Location:** Church Hall

**Activities Include:**

- Tea and eats
- Raffle draw
- Photos with your mum
- Mingle and chat

As we gather to share in this joyous occasion, we kindly request that each parishioner bring in a plate of eats to contribute to the festivities and make this celebration even more special.

Join us for a heartwarming gathering filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Together, let's express our gratitude for these extraordinary women who enrich our lives every day.



### FEAST DAYS APRIL

Mon 29th, St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor



**Jason Evert**  
IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY  
*Finding your soulmate without losing your soul*  
Catholic husband, father, author & founder of Chastity Project and the host of "Lust is Boring" Podcast.

**FREE ENTRY**  
\*limited seats. Registration is essential.

Wednesday 22 May 2024  
Light of Christ Centre  
Yardley Ave Waitara, NSW  
Food & Activities begin from 6 PM  
Talk begins at 7 PM

Secure a spot by scanning the QR Code. This is an 18+ Event.  
<https://www.trybooking.com/GRFMV>

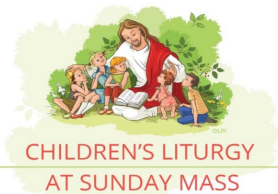
**REGISTER NOW** →

The Diocese of Broken Bay is excited to invite you to an exclusive event featuring renowned speaker **Jason Evert**. Join us on **Wednesday, 22 May 2024**, at The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave; Waitara.

Festivities and foodtrucks will be available from 6.00 pm, with Jason's talk on "Finding Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul" starting at 7:00 pm.

This is a **FREE** event, but seats are limited, so **registration is essential**. Please note that no ticket means no entry. Ticketing is open exclusively to Broken Bay young adults until Tuesday, 30 April.

Don't miss out on getting your tickets, **BOOK NOW!**



At every Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the Church Hall during Mass to participate in Children's

Liturgy. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

Morning tea is served afterwards for everyone!



Pray and Play is for families with children aged 0-12years. It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together once a month after Sunday 10am Mass

for some simple games for the children while parents mingle and chat.

Our next gathering will be on 5 May.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Groups/CorpusChristiStives>) for our latest news and photos.



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- Visit the 11<sup>th</sup> Century San Francisco Monastery in Lima
- Enjoy the Vistadome Train ride and visit Machu Picchu
- Visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

\*Terms and Conditions apply. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is required to secure your place.

For more information or to register:  
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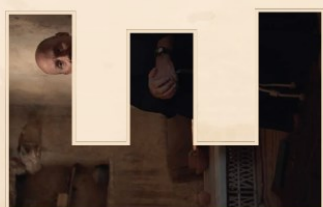
Keep updated with our latest news and photos on our Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStives>

## 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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## Are you looking for a way to get closer to Jesus?

Come and join us on the Metanoia journey. The term “metanoia” may not be familiar to everyone, but Host Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR tells us that metanoia is a reference to conversion, to a mind and a life changed through Jesus – and it’s not something that should be experienced only once.

Metanoia is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion, which comes about through repentance. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. Metanoia contains eleven, 1/2 hour episodes shot in locations all throughout the Holy Land and interviews with various people across the country. The audience will be able to encounter the Lord in the settings of some of the holiest sights in the world. Metanoia is a spiritual journey through the places where Jesus physically taught His Church the meaning and the way of metanoia.

### Where:

Corpus Christi Parish Hall.

### When:

Tuesday 9:30-11:15am OR  
Wednesdays 7:15-9:00pm

### Register:

Using this QR Code or complete the form in the foyer of the Church  
Or go to <https://bit.ly/4cSr7GL>

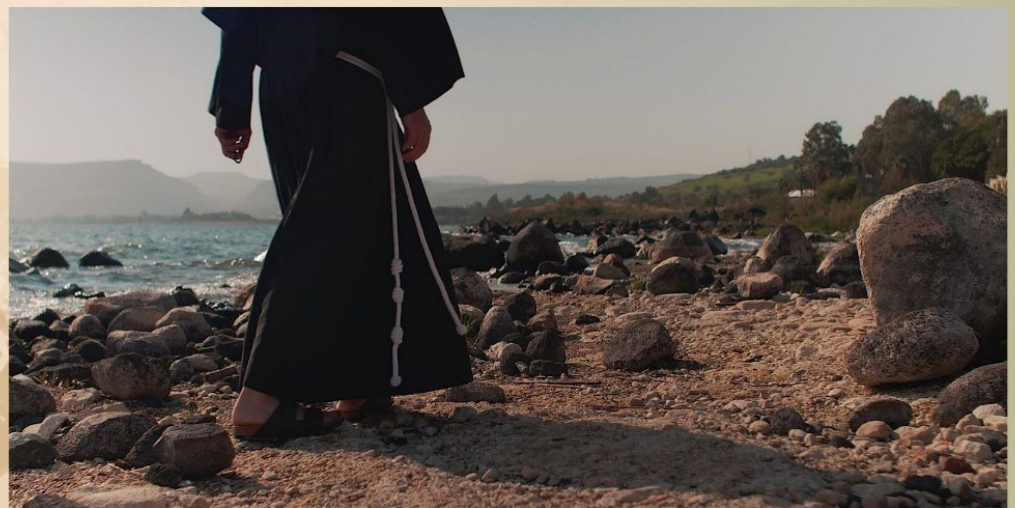
Guest Speaker

## FR DAVE PIVONKA

Starting

MAY 7/8<sup>th</sup> 2024

9:30-11:00am & 7:15-9:00pm



For more information contact Jen Perrott on 9144 6998 or [jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au)



# MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE - 12 MAY

All proceeds for the Presbytery Build

\$5 a ticket

Drawn on Mother's Day  
after 10am mass morning tea

Tickets available at mass on  
27-28 April and 4-5 May

1. Ampol petrol voucher 2x \$50
2. Oryspa Ancient Asian beauty products \$80
3. Mother's Day bouquet
4. Afternoon tea hamper
5. KarisLife mobility product voucher \$50
6. HappyLand Chinese restaurant voucher \$50
7. KarisLife mobility product voucher \$50
8. Wooden jewellery box with shell inlay
9. Ecology platter with knife and server
10. Essential oil burner





## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

### For the role of women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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President - John White 0439 851 910  
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## The Word

### Sunday 28 April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within  
us, that those you were pleased to make new in  
Holy Baptism may, under your protective care,  
bear much fruit and come to the joys of life  
eternal.

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 9:26-31

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26  
(R.) *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek  
him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!  
(R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the  
Lord, all families of the nations worship before  
him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of  
the earth; before him shall bow all who go  
down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children  
serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to  
generations yet to come, declare his  
faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These  
things the Lord has done.' (R.)

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe  
and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 15:1-8

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.