

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

28th September 2025, 26th 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)



**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

**Catechists – Pilgrims of Hope
Sunday 28 Sept after 10 mass**

**First Friday of Every Month 3
October**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

School Holidays

Monday 29 Sept – Friday 10 Oct

The Parish office will be closed on
Monday the 29th Sept and 6th of Oct
and open from 9-12nn on Tuesdays to
the Fridays.



**Father Abraham, have pity on me.
Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his
finger in water and cool my tongue
(Gospel)**

Dear parishioners and visitors to the
Parish,

The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man is
a sobering tale of the eternal
consequences of the way in which we live
our life.

The rich man, who, in life, would not even
give Lazarus the scraps from his table,
finds himself in Hades, while Lazarus is

embraced in the bosom of Abraham.

Is this a story about the evils of being rich? No, but Jesus tells
this story as a warning to us of the importance of compassion.
All through the Bible we see God's special compassion for the
poor, the neglected, the marginalized.

In today's Gospel reading we hear the rich man beg not only for
relief for himself in his afterlife of suffering, but also that a
warning be sent to his five brothers. Abraham, however, points
to all the unheeded warnings sent through history, from the
prophets to Jesus himself.

The time for living with compassion towards those in need is
now. We cannot wait. We don't know when our time on earth will
be over and we do not want to end up like the rich man,
regretting our choices and paying an eternal price.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg.

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Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator
Davina Seeto, Administrative Assistant

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**You can now find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiChurchStIves and
Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**

To all the parish,
Thank you very much.

Your compassion, love and generosity shown towards us is extraordinary.

After having been through so much recently, this makes a huge difference to us, as we rebuild, and move forward.

May God bless each of you, and your families.

Thank you again,

Nicol and Adele, Charlie, Ivy, Freddie and Polly Matheson, and Sparky

Transport help needed

A former parishioner who is back in the area is asking for transportation help to go to Church for Sunday morning Mass. She lives in North Turrumurra.

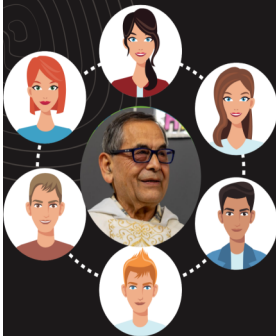
Please call or email the office if you can help and would like to be added to a roster.

Thank you

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Update Conversation Circles with Fr Greg



Thank you to everyone who came to our two Conversation Circles earlier this month. So many ideas were shared and heard. Some key themes included:

- courage in proclaiming the truth of our faith
- ideas to build community in our parish
- ideas to care for all parishioners: young, old, and everyone in between
- ideas to create opportunities for new people to join in with parish life
- strategic planning of events within our parish community

What next?

Senior leadership team (Fr Greg, Jen, Chris) will discuss ideas to see what they can action

We need your help to make some of this happen! Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help.

OUR JOURNEY



Social Justice Corner

International Day of Peace

In the lead-up to the International Day of Peace on 21 September, Caritas Australia convened a coalition of Catholic organizations to issue a united call for an immediate ceasefire and urgent humanitarian access in Gaza. The joint statement, titled [Australian Catholics for Peace in Gaza](#), urges the Australian Government and the international community to act decisively to protect the lives and dignity of civilians caught in the escalating crisis. "At least 60,000 people, including over 17,000 children, have been killed in Gaza. The situation is only getting worse," the statement reads. "We are deeply concerned about the escalating starvation crisis, especially among children. The lack of food, baby formula, clean water, and essential medical supplies is already costing lives." The statement calls for respect for humanitarian law, a ceasefire, the return of hostages, unimpeded humanitarian access, the abandonment of plans to intensify offensive actions in Gaza, and the suspension of the trade in weapons, including components.

Bishop Tim Harris, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, reflected on the statement saying, "The suffering in Gaza calls us to respond not with silence, but with steadfast compassion and moral clarity. Peace is not merely the absence of violence; it is the presence of justice, mercy, and respect for human dignity. Where peace is absent, the Church must stand united in prayer and action, urging all leaders to protect life, for in every person we see the face of Christ."

The collective call from Catholic organisations in Australia reflects the Church's enduring commitment to peace and justice. It echoes the position of Pope Leo XIV, who has consistently advocated for the protection of human dignity and the pursuit of peace through nonviolence and diplomacy.

Source: Caritas Australia



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 2nd October 2025

10am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



A letter to the People of God in the Parish of St Ives

23 September 2025

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am very grateful for the presence in the parish this weekend of Fr Bernard Hancock OCD, Regional Vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers of Australia.

As I wrote to the Parish of St Ives four years ago on 12 May 2022, it has been a difficult decision of the Carmelite Order to relinquish the pastoral care of the Parish after fourteen years of remarkable service. This is a great loss to both the Parish and to our Diocese more generally. However, the Order has made this decision from its own processes of discernment, and this I accept. Notwithstanding, I wish to convey my deep gratitude to Fr Bernard and to the Order for continuing in their care of the Parish over the four years since the Order's discernment. I convey my deep appreciation to Fr Greg Chee OCD and the friars in residence who have supported him and the parish community since this discernment was made public. I also express my gratitude to the Parish as a whole, for the development of a new presbytery over this time which has ensured that the future priests to be appointed to the Parish might be accommodated.

I am pleased to share that the Friars will continue with care of the Parish of St Ives until the weekend of 18/19 April 2026. This will enable them to celebrate the great event of Easter with the community and also provide the opportunity to be farewelled fittingly by the community. Prior to Easter, I shall be able to share the news of the appointment of two priests of the Diocese to the community. I am confident that they will be welcomed with that warmth of spirit for which the Parish is known and which the Friars have experienced so generously over these years. They will be building on the great foundation of these past years.

I continue to keep the Order and the Parish in my prayer during this significant time of transition and extend my blessing to you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Reconciliation

Why go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

People sometimes ask. *Isn't it enough to say sorry to God in my heart?* The Catholic approach to Reconciliation is deeply community-oriented. For us, sin is never a private affair. When one member of the body of Christ hurts, the whole body suffers. Imagine a husband and wife who harshly criticize each other. They can regret their words and say sorry to God. But for the forgiveness of God to really take effect in their marriage, they also need to reconcile with one another. Similarly, in Reconciliation we offer a public sign to our faith community that we are sorry for the ways we have undermined the unity of the Church and that we desire to renew our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



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

When: October 4th 10am-4pm

Canticle of the Creatures

Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

When: October 17th to 19th 6pm-12:30

Finding Inner Peace in a Chaotic World: The Timeless Wisdom of St. Teresa of Avila

Presenter: Ransom Rapirop, OCD

When: November 1st 10am-4pm

The Beatitudes

Presenter: George Morkel, OCDS



Prayer Zone

Anniversary:

Molly Tang ; Mary Tang

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; 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; 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.

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,

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FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER

Mon 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Tue 30th St Jerome, doctor

FEAST DAYS - OCTOBER

Wed 1st, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Thu 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

Sat 4th, St Francis of Assisi

Tue 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary

Wed 15th, St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

Fri 17th, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

Sat 18th, St Luke, evangelist

Tue 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

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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






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

OUR JOURNEY

Rose Petal afternoon prayer

with St Thérèse

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the Little Way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask for Saint Thérèse's intercession by individually addressing and writing letters of intercession to her.

**TALK BY FR ALOYSIUS REGO, OCD
THEN MASS AT 5PM
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER**

AN AFTERNOON OF
 PRAISE & WORSHIP | REFLECTION
 OPENING LAST YEAR'S LETTERS | ADORATION
 WRITING NEW PRAYER LETTER | NOVENA

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
 2:30-4:45 PM**

FOR MORE INFO:
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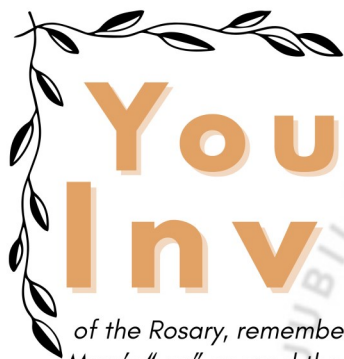
Join us on Friday the 3rd of
October for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month
*Eucharistic
Adoration*
at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7:30pm

PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items, including a wide selection for First Holy Communion so if you did not get the chance to purchase last weekend, there are still many items available. Look out in November for Christmas items! The stall will be open after all Masses – a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a gift.



You are Invited

of the Rosary, remembering Mary's faithful "Yes" to God. The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary remind us that Mary's "yes" opened the way for the Resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the hope of eternal life. As catechists, our "yes" echoes Mary's—responding with courage and trust, we make Christ known by sharing our faith and passing on the Good News so that others may encounter His glory and be strengthened in hope.

Come and walk with us in thanksgiving for their ministry and in prayer that we too may answer God's call with the same spirit of hope and generosity.

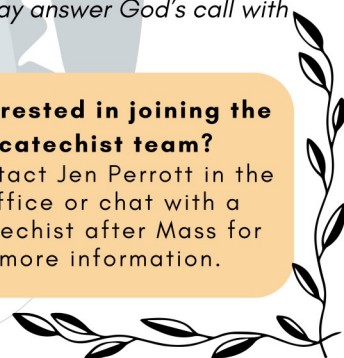
**SUN
28
SEPT**

**Parish Hall
After 10am Mass**

**All invited to join this
pilgrimage**

Interested in joining the catechist team?

Contact Jen Perrott in the
office or chat with a
catechist after Mass for
more information.



Discover Palms Volunteering



Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

A number of overseas communities in Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call we are offering an opportunity to live and use their professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community.

Palms is holding a webinar on **Thursday 30 October 7pm – 8.30pm AEDT** for all those interested to know more of the mission life.

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Explore the life of Mary MacKillop through art, stories and games. Discover courage, resilience and hope that inspire everyday life!



10:30am - 12:30pm

Week 1
1 OCTOBER

Week 2
8 OCTOBER

Cost
\$8
per child

- Storytelling
- Reflection Circle
- Lawn Games
- Chalk Wall
- Treasure Hunt
- Museum Visit

Ages 6 - 12

SCAN TO
REGISTER



More Information:

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JOIN THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION



The Catenian Association is an international group of Catholic laymen founded in Manchester in 1908.

Internationally they are in Ireland, U.K., India, Malta and Australia.

The groups are called circles and there are a number in Sydney.

Our local Ku-Ring-Gai circle meets at Turramurra Club on the second Monday of every month for a meeting and dinner.

We support each other, the parishes, charities and clergy. In addition, we have social outings like river cruises, theatre, opera, cinema etc.

There are already member from this parish and if you would like to attend a no obligation circle meeting, including a free meal. Please contact the following:

President: Harry Hull 0411818132

Membership: John White 049851910

There will be some speakers this weekend at the Sunday 10am Mass.

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Opening Centenary Jubilee Mass Sunday 5th October 11am



Following Holy Mass there will be a procession to the Schoenstatt Shrine to open the jubilee year.

Save the date for the centenary celebrations next year:

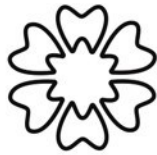
Sunday 13th September 2026

www.schoenstatt.org.au



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For further information phone
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Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

The Word

Sunday 28th of September 2025: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 Amos Am 6:1. 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obeys the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before

Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

Now he is being comforted while you are in agony. Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

The Gospel of the Lord.