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**29 March 2026, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**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

**Thursday 2 April**  
Holy Thursday Mass—7pm

**Friday 3 April**  
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross—10am  
Lord's Passion— 3pm

**Saturday 4 April**  
Easter Vigil—7pm

**Easter Sunday 5 April**  
8am Mass  
10am Mass (+ Easter Egg hunt)  
No evening mass

**Sunday 19 April 2026**  
Farewell function for Carmelites



*Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and other spread leafy branches.*

(Process of the Palms)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The prophet Isaiah writes in the person of the 'suffering servant' of the Lord, who identifies with Christ himself. Yet this also offers each one of us a model for behaviour and our response to the world. Today, we hear the principle of non-resistance, of not attempting to defend oneself against opposition. This principle of non-resistance is often taken as a call to kind of heroic fortitude, but such an approach is often not sustainable or healthy in the long term. Perhaps this non-resistance can also be understood in terms of simply 'letting things be', or 'going with the flow'. In reality, we often compound and multiply our sufferings by resistance to what is really beyond our control. How much more conducive it is to our serenity simply to accept with gentleness, flexibility, fluidity and non-judgement that which happens! This non-resistance is expressed beautifully in the word of Bruce Lee: 'Be like water making its way through cracks. Do not be assertive, but adjust to the object, and you shall always find a way around or through it'.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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# FAREWELL LUNCH

## CORPUS CHRISTI ST IVES PARISH

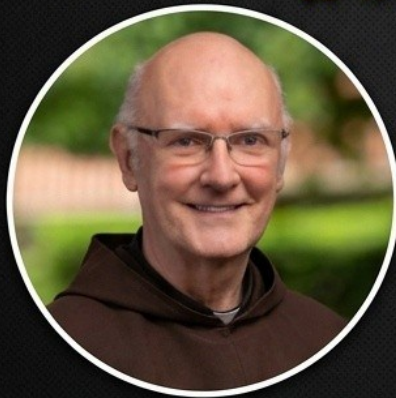


to farewell

Fr Sunny Peakal OCD, Fr Greg Chee OCD,  
Fr Gerard Moran OCD



to welcome



Fr Paul Durkin and Deacon Tân Nguyễn

with special guests



**Bishop Greg Homeming OCD  
& VG David Ranson**

Sunday, 19th April @ 11.45am, for 12.00-16.00

THE EPPING CLUB, 45 Rawson Street, Epping

**Dress Code: Smart Casual**

TICKET: \$100/person (incl. pre-event drinks & canapés,  
3 course meal, beverages, tea & coffee)

Seats are limited. Purchase your ticket early after Mass this  
weekend, from the Parish Office, or by calling 9144 6998.



19 March 2026  
*Solemnity of St Joseph*

## **TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE PARISH OF ST IVES**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we have been aware for some time now, the time of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers with entrustment of the Parish of St Ives in the Diocese of Broken Bay is soon coming to its conclusion. Again, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Friars for their dedicated service to the Parish and to the Diocese since 2008.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Fr Gregory Chee OCD for the depth of his pastoral care during his time as Parish Priest since 2017. I know that he will be greatly missed by the community, along with Fr Sunny Peackal OCD and Fr Gerard Moran OCD who have been resident in community with Fr Greg through much of this time.

As I have shared previously, the final weekend for the Friars in the Parish will be Sunday 19 April 2026. I understand that the Parish has a celebration of farewell planned for that day, and I pray that it will be an occasion of many graced memories and gratitude.

I am pleased to be able now to share that from 21 April 2026, I have appointed Fr Paul Durkin as Parish Priest, and Deacon Tân Nguyễn (to be ordained on 29 April 2026) as Assistant Priest to the Parish of St Ives. For the past three years, Fr Durkin has been Vice Rector of Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush, previously Parish Priest of Wahroonga, and of Pennant Hills earlier. I am confident that Fr Paul will bring great experience and pastoral wisdom to the parish community supported by the energy of the newly ordained Fr Tân.

Please join with me both in thanking the Friars for their remarkable service and in welcoming Fr Paul and Deacon Tân to the community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



**To the Corpus Christi community, St Ives  
A note from Fr Paul Durkin and Deacon Tan Nguyen**

We are both looking forward to taking up our ministry with you. We acknowledge the great contribution of Fr Greg, Fr Sunny, Fr Gerard and all the Carmelite friars who have served the community since 2008. We look forward to moving to St Ives and serving the parish community. Be assured of our prayers and good wishes for Easter & 2026.

Fr Paul and Deacon Tan

**FINANCE UPDATE – SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Dear Parishioners

Since July last year there have been a few changes to the office staff and to the makeup of the Finance committee. We said farewell to Michelle and Christina and thank them very much for the wonderful work they did in the Parish office and the support they provided to our priests.

More recently our sacramental co-ordinator Gerri Hadwen stepped back, and we thank her for the work she did in preparing the children for the sacraments.

We welcomed Daniela Ross Molnar as office manager and Davina Seeto as administrative assistant and thank them for taking up these roles. We also welcomed Valerie Dias as the new sacramental co-ordinator and thank her for taking on this role as a volunteer.

The parish is keen to install a new sound system as the current system is quite old and in need of replacement. Various options are being considered, and the parish will be informed of what is needed and the likely cost of the new system. The sound system has been playing up for a while and is no longer fit for purpose.

At this stage we are quite far behind on meeting our quota for the Pastoral Works Fund. We are \$15,000 behind and will have another appeal in May and hopefully cover this shortfall. Please remember that donations to the Pastoral Works Fund are tax deductible and tax receipts are issued. Donations can be made online on the Diocese of Broken Bay website (indicating that your Parish is St Ives), in the envelopes provided at the back of the Church or directly into the Church bank account, indicating that it is for the Pastoral Works Fund. Most of the money raised for the Pastoral Works Fund goes to the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) that provides the resources to our catechists.

Our priests moved back into the presbytery at the beginning of December. We sincerely thank those parishioners who assisted with the clearing out of the old office and those who assisted in moving the priests into the renovated presbytery as well as those who assisted with the office move.

You will have noticed that two of the storage containers have been removed. The remaining container has been purchased and is necessary for storing the tables and chairs that are needed for functions in the parish hall.

We are soon to say farewell to our Carmelite fraternity who will be leaving the parish towards the end of April. We thank them most sincerely for guiding us over the last 17 years and wish them well in the future. We have now been informed that Fr Paul Durkin will be taking over as Parish Priest and Deacon Tan Nguyen will be the Assistant Priest. Deacon Tan will be ordained on 29 April 2026.

We are addressing the various potholes in the driveway and parking areas. The cost of repair will be shared with the school, and we are hoping to have the repairs done during the April school holidays (after Easter).

The finance committee is going through a transition stage as there are a number of members of the committee who have served for many years and would like to step down. We have welcomed three new members to the committee, Andrew Brewer, Mark Le Roux and Robert Sapuppo. We thank them for coming on to the committee. Further changes will be made in due course, and the parish will be kept informed of whom will be stepping down.

Our operating income for the six months is up by around 11% over the same period last year but our operating expenses are up by around 16% over the corresponding period last year. We are still running at an operating deficit and are doing what we can to reduce our expenditure. The main contributor to the increase in expenses was insurance that increased considerably after we were forced to change insurers after the demise of the Catholic Church insurance.

We welcome all new parishioners and encourage those who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card, please call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the form that can be found at the back of the Church and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these challenging times to enhance our Parish.

**Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES****Income & Expenditure****For the period from 1 July 2025 to 31 Dec 2025**

	<b>ACTUAL \$</b>	<b>ACTUAL \$</b>
	<b>31-Dec-25</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>

**INCOME**

Planned Giving Credit Cards, Envelopes & EFT's	58,243	58,569
Loose Second Collection	16,965	17,269
Tap & Go	17,748	14,487
Donations	915	4,350
Pastoral Activities, & other income	9,715	4,913
Hall income etc	1,666	425
Piety store	4,112	294
Tap & Go - Candle area	5,385	2,735
Bulletin Advertising	543	-
Alpha	4,089	-
Formation	0	195
Interest Received- Church and Term Deposits	1,986	5,704
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>121,368</b>	<b>108,941</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Church Requisites	6,114	6,360
Employment Expenses including on-costs	71,593	70,243
Insurance	19,312	8,132
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	7,100	6,589
Office Expenses	16,238	10,647
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	3,105	1,845
Piety store	1,975	294
Alpha Program	1,414	-
Discipleship Program	240	577
Formation	270	533
Repairs and maintenance	15,441	18,254
Clergy Car Expenses	4,736	4,219
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>147,539</b>	<b>127,696</b>

**Operating Surplus / (Deficit)****(26,170)**      **(18,755)****Non Operating Income**

Donations Parish Presbytery Project 2024	-	432,561
Diocese Contribution Presbytery Project 2024	-	159,000
Donations PC Items Presbytery Project 2024	-	20,250
<b>Total Non -Operating Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>611,811</b>

**Non Operating Expense**

Refurbishment of Presbytery Project 2024	-	591,438
<b>Total Non -Operating Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>591,438</b>

**Surplus / (Deficit)****(\$26,170)**      **\$1,618**

**WHY WE DO  
The Things We Do**

**Period of Enlightenment**

Imagine an engaged couple a few weeks before their wedding. Expectations mount. Preparations intensify. They are acutely aware of the important life step they are about to take. Anticipation is often tinged with anxiety. For people in their final weeks of preparation for baptism, the experience can be somewhat similar. This stage—the Period of Enlightenment—normally coincides with Lent and is a time of heightened reflection and repentance as preparations for baptism (usually at Easter) come to a head.



**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER  
INTENTION FOR MARCH**

**For disarmament and peace**

**Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.**



**Prayer Zone**

**Anniversary:**

Marie Martin; Patricia Meek

**Please pray for the ill:**

Christine Anello; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauria; 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.*

Corpus Christi Parish  
Coffee Morning

8 April 2026 at 10:30am

On the Verandah at

The Living Room. St Ives Shopping Centre  
Everyone Welcome.

Come and catch up with old friends and make new friends.

RSVP: Andrena Brewer 0438 698 993  
or just turn up.

**Lenten Penance**

**Good Friday:**

fast and abstinence for ages 18-59



**Other Fridays:**

-some act of charity

-some extra prayer / mass

***FEAST DAYS APRIL***

**13APR ST. MARTIN, POPE, MARTYR**

**21APR ST. ANSELM, BISHOP, DOCTOR**

**23 APR STS. GEORGE, MARTYR; ST. ADALBERT,  
BISHOP, MATYR**

**24APR ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST,  
MARTYR**

**25APR ANZAC DAY**

**8AM MASS MORNING TEA**

Please join us for Morning Tea  
After 8am Mass

Sunday 12 April, 2026

Catch up with old friends.

Meet some new ones.

Please bring a small plate to share if you can.

**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.



## POPE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL

### ARCHBISHOP AND PREFECT OF VATICAN DICASTERY

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, until now Bishop of Broken Bay and Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, with the personal title of Archbishop. Archbishop Randazzo, who has served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay for the past six and a half years, will take up his role in the Roman Curia when he moves to the Vatican in three months. Until that time he will be the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Please see eNews for the full announcement .

### Divine Mercy Sunday at Corpus Christi Church

#### Spreading the Honour of The Divine Mercy

*“Souls who spread the honour of My mercy, I shield through their entire life as a tender mother her infant, and at the house of death I will not be a judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour (Diary, 1075).*

Programme:

- 3pm: Entrance Hymn  
3 o'clock prayer
- 3:05pm Opening Prayer: Vida Aquam (Priest)  
Blessing of the Divine Mercy image,  
Blessing of people and their Divine Mercy images
- 3:15pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament—Priest  
Prayer for the Pope—Priest  
(Priest goes to hear confessions)
- 3:20pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Prayed not sung)
- 3:40pm Divine Mercy Litany - Response:  
“Jesus, I trust in You”  
Act of Consecration to Jesus,  
the Divine Mercy
- 3:45pm Divine Praises
- 4-4:30pm Reposition of Blessed Sacrament  
(Pros Veneration of Divine Mercy Image  
and cuppa)  
(Cuppa, if desired, permission given by  
priest)
- 5:00pm Mass

***I grant permission for the consumption of a cup of tea 30 minutes prior to celebration of Mass, as the required 1 hour Eucharistic fast before reception of Holy Communion will still be fully observed.***



### SOCIAL JUSTICE COLUMN

Vale Margot Hallaran

The Social Justice Group recently celebrated the life of Margot Hallaran at her Requiem Mass on Friday, 20th March. Margot was well known in our parish, actively engaging in many Ministries.



Margot will be greatly missed by the Social Justice Group, and her commitment to a more just and inclusive world will always be remembered. Margot’s faith and belief in social justice shaped everything she did. Her generosity was exceptional, not just for the many charities she supported but also for the time, support, and encouragement she gave others. Margot was always the first to volunteer to work behind the scenes, helping others, including fundraising for people in Rwanda, the Tibetan refugee community on the Northern Beaches, and supporting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander project. Margot was affectionately called the “Cellophane Lady” by one of our members, in recognition of the beautiful wrapping of raffle prizes. Although Margot was small in stature, she was big in heart, kindness, warmth, and empathy. Her sense of humour brightened our days.

Rest in peace, Margot.

You were the wind beneath our wings.

# SERVICES & MASSES

# EASTER 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY, 16 MARCH**

**7:30pm**

**PASSION SUNDAY, (PALM SUNDAY)**

28 March, 6pm Vigil (Sat night)

29 March, 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sun)

**HOLY THURSDAY, 2 APRIL**

2 April Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Followed by prayer & Adoration until 10pm

**GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL**

Stations of the Cross at 10am

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

**EASTER SATURDAY, 4 APRIL**

Solemn Vigil of Easter 7pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, 5 APRIL**

Easter Mass at 8am & 10am

No Evening Mass

**EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS**

After the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday



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the annual

# Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, 5 April 2026 |  
after the 10am Mass  
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## The Word

### Sunday 29th March 2026: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

#### Collect

Almighty ever living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### Passion Reading

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 26:14- 27:66

#### First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9.17-20. 23-24.R. v.2

*(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!