

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

3 March 2024, Third Sunday of Lent

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 - 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

Tuesday 5th March

Easter Choir Rehearsal—7.30 pm
in the Church

Wednesday 6th March

Lenten Prayer Group—6pm in the
Hall

Wednesday 6th March

Men Alive meeting - 7pm in the
Parish Office

**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.



***“He made a whip out
of cords and drove them
all out of the temple area,
with the sheep and oxen.”
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

At this stage of your Lenten journey, how would you rate your zeal for God? Jesus' actions at the temple might shock us, yet his disciples realised that he was acting out of his zeal for the house Of God. Jesus wasn't worried about what people might think of him for getting angry. His motivation was the law we hear in the reading from Exodus. We are to put God first and not satisfy our own selfish desires or think we have the right to judge others. That is, we are to let the love and mercy of God rule our lives.

According to the psalmist, the law will then refresh our souls, give us wisdom, rejoice, the heart, enlighten the eye, and endure forever! It is worth noting that in his anger, Jesus actually makes the whip out of cord to drive everyone and everything from the temple area. What were his thoughts, what was his prayer as he plaited the cord into a whip? Next time you are angry, perhaps you could take time to plait your own whip as you discern with God the right course for your actions.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

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

Fundraiser for New Presbytery Build

Saturday 16th March 2024



7:00pm



\$35.00 per head

BYO drinks, snacks, meal

Tables of 8 – 10 or we can seat you

RSVP: 8th March 2024



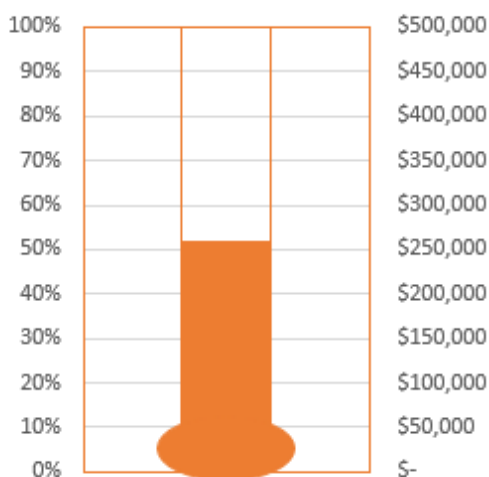
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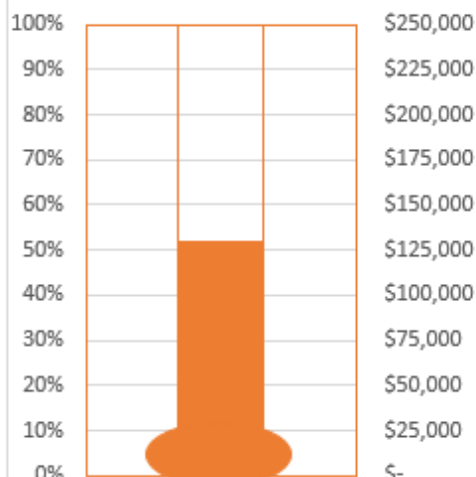
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to book or contact the
office on (02) 9144 6998

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING

PARISH FUNDRAISING



Diocese Co-Contribution



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over \$260 300 - we have passed the half way mark to our target of \$500,000! **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.

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001798

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

Regards the Parish Finance Committee

Social Justice Corner



Closing The Gap Review

Recent findings from the Productivity Commission's Closing the Gap Review remind us of the urgent need for meaningful and lasting change to address ongoing disparities faced by Indigenous Australians. The Productivity Commission found governments have largely not fulfilled their commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

To date, most government actions and plans to implement the agreement relabel business-as-usual, or simply tweak existing ways of working... The agreement can and should be a blueprint for real reform, but governments will need to move beyond business as usual and address the entrenched attitudes, assumptions and ways of working that are preventing progress said Commissioner Natalie Siegel-Brown.

The report makes four recommendations to the government to drive progress: share power, recognise and support Indigenous Data Sovereignty, fundamentally rethink mainstream government systems and culture, and implement stronger accountability.

Sharing power with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to make decisions about their communities lies at the heart of what governments committed to. However, the Commission found evidence of a failure to relinquish power and the persistence of 'government knows best' thinking.

In response to the report, Bishop Charles Gauci –Chair of the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People – emphasised:

This moment urges us to contemplate how our Church entities can better support the health and prosperity of Indigenous communities.

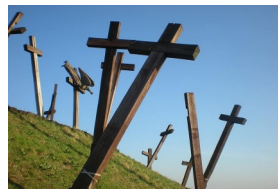
Bishop Gauci urges ongoing reflection and engagement, guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, to ensure a more inclusive and supportive future for First Nations peoples.

For further information: <https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/closing-the-gap-review/report>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2024

AT 7:30PM



PALMS

Do you have palm trees at home? We need some large palms to decorate the church for Palm Sunday.



Assistance can be offered to cut and collect the palms. Please contact Christina or Michelle in the Parish office if you can help.

Chrism Mass 2024 | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary Vincenzo Mule

Please pray for the ill:

George Cilia, 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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, 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.



A time to renew?

There are still a few books available for purchase. It's not too late to join. Please collect from the back of the church

Lent 2024

Everyone Welcome

Come and join us on the Lenten journey to deepen your friendship with Jesus and with each other as we walk together during this time towards Easter. You may also complete the program individually. We meet in the hall each **Wednesday night at 6:00pm up to Easter.**

Booklets with bookmarks are \$5.00 each. Contact Jen Perrott for more information on (02) 9144 6998.

**Dates (in parish hall on Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30pm)
6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024**



Bio of a Catechist Sue Anne Sherwood

Who Am I?

Two images spring to mind and I'm very proud of both of my identities - I'm a mother and I'm a Catechist. 15 years ago, we moved from South Africa to Australia and I work for the Diocese as a Regional Catechist Co-ordinator.

Family

My lovely husband has supported me in all things and I have 2 beautiful adult children.

How long have you been a catechist?

For 15 years and can't wait to receive my Papal Blessing at 20 years.

What brought you to being a catechist?

In Yr 12, it was a constant pull, drawing me to this ministry - I taught the sweetest Yr 1 children. I smiled each time I thought about the children and felt that I wanted to give

back and do God's work - that I had a responsibility as a Catholic. When we arrived in Australia, I taught my own children and just carried on teaching.

Why do you stay?

Because I feel like this ministry really makes a difference. I feel like I am making a difference by being the face of Jesus to these children and letting the Holy Spirit work through me. Each week the children hear about love, forgiveness, fairness, treating the marginalised with respect and helping, then learn how to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Every lesson is related to how the Scriptures can be lived out in their life today from K-Yr12. This helps them on their journey to heaven and helps them with choices in every facet of their life. This is important.

What would you say to someone considering being a catechist?

'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' Mark 16:15. Then Jesus gives you Jennifer in our Parish (Catechist Co-ordinator) and the Diocese to train you and support you while you do this good work. Working in this ministry, I've seen retirees and widowers find themselves

friendship, new identity, confidence and direction; children proud of parents who come into class to teach them or assist in the class; parents proud to be good role models even if they were nervous and unsure at first; grandparents show up for the younger generation and thrive in this environment; parishioners fulfilling a need, a call to mission and grow in their own faith with renewed excitement as children bring out that joy to your own faith; young people inspire children and gain their own confidence as they go out into the working world. We are the only State in Australia that still allows Scripture in our public schools. Let's help this continue by putting a Catechist into every classroom where children are waiting to hear the Word of God. What does it say if the children turn up and there is no Scripture Teacher for that classroom? All you have to do is be the smiling, welcoming, loving face of Jesus to these children. The manual tells you everything you need to know and say. **We need to show up and role model to our youth. They need us and Jesus told us to bring the little ones to Him.** Come see if this ministry is for you. **It will be worth it, on Earth and in Heaven.**



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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!



EASTER CHOIR

Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday 28th March

Good Friday 29th March

Easter Vigil 30th March

Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesday the 5th, 12th, 19th and Wednesday 27th of March from 7.30-9pm in the Church. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

The Passion - Palm Sunday

Let's make our way to Jerusalem spreading our branches and garments on the road for the one who comes in the name of the Lord



We are looking for 2 readers for the Vigil, 8 & 10am mass to tell this story. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.



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 meetings will be on 7 April and 5 May.

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24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

WALKING IN A

New Life

From Friday, March 8th to Saturday, March 9th we are invited to join with the universal Church around the world in observing "24 Hours for the Lord" – a way to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

Starting with 9 am Mass on Friday and ending with 9 am Mass the next morning, with Eucharistic adoration and hourly Confession, draw near to the Father who is truly "rich in mercy", who extends it abundantly upon those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart.

Come experience His love and His grace.

MARCH

8-9

9AM - 9AM



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24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

RECONCILIATION

Confession
TIMES

MARCH 8

9AM - 1PM

3PM - MIDNIGHT

MARCH 9

MIDNIGHT - 5AM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO USE THIS SPECIAL
TIME TO ACCESS THE SACRAMENT GIFT OF
RECONCILIATION



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Reflection Day

With Fr Aldrin Valdehuesa

*"Abide in Me as I
abide in you."*
John 15:4

March 9, 10am - 3pm

Sacred Heart Church
2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ

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The Word

Sunday 25 February 2024: Second Sunday in Lent

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus Ex 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden

the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! King of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.