

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

31 August 2025, 22nd 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

**First Friday of Every Month
5th Sept. 2025**

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

Sunday 31st August (Today)

Morning tea after 8am mass

Silver Jubilee of the Pilgrim
Mother Apostolate mass and
afternoon tea 2-4:30pm

Sound System Update
Parish Hall—6pm

Sunday 7 September

Parish Conversation Circle
Parish Hall—3pm



**Invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame, the blind;
blessed indeed will you be.
(Gospel)**

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

A wedding banquet is an ideal opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship, family ties, and neighbourliness. Jesus is certainly not opposed to inviting friends and relatives on such occasions. What is to be avoided is selfishness which excludes less fortunate people and invites only those who can 'pay back' the invitation in some way.

Jesus urges his audience to extend their hospitality to new groups: the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. These are the people who are on the fringes of or outside the village community. People must go beyond the bounds of kinship and close alliance.

The kingdom is not reserved to a select few. God prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and the sinners, the good and the bad, the learned and the uneducated, those on the margins and those rejected and scorned by society.

In the end, the kingdom of heaven is the only banquet that counts. To miss out on that banquet is the greatest tragedy that can happen to anyone.

The people at the margins of society have a powerful patron: God. To include them in a table fellowship here on earth is to ensure oneself a place of honour in heaven.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg

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Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

EXPOSITION / ADORATION AT
7PM

FOLLOWED BY MASS
AT 7:30PM



Social Justice Corner

Social Justice Sunday

This weekend, our parish is proudly celebrating Social Justice Sunday. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic

Church in Australia. Our bishops have come together nearly every year since 1940 to issue an important social justice statement. The theme of the 2025/2026 statement is ***Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health***. Further information about this statement will be provided in next week's Social Justice Corner.

In 2024, our parish's Social Justice Group drafted a report titled ***Taking Action for a Just Society***, summarising the social justice actions in our parish. This weekend, we are releasing a revised version incorporating input from parish members. The 2025 version identifies new social justice programs undertaken in our parish by many individuals, families, and groups.

We intend for the report to address a common statement: *"If only the Catholic community of St Ives knew about all the different social justice initiatives that our parish coordinates."* We hope the report raises awareness of the many wonderful social justice initiatives that support the core work carried out by our dedicated Carmelites as well as our acolytes, senior and junior servers, lectors, church wardens, communion ministers, catechists, and volunteers involved with the Children's Liturgy, Children's Sacramental Program, Altar Society, altar linen, music ministry, hospitality group, floral arrangers, and more.

We encourage all parish members to view the revised report that is available this weekend and comment where appropriate. We'd like to hear if we have missed a project or initiative. Please send your comments to John Lenehan at jslenehan@optusnet.com.au or Sid Veyret at mark.veyret@gmail.com.



Brigidine College
St Ives

Brigidine College is seeking volunteers to assist as **Readers and Writers** for students who have been approved for examination provisions by NESA during the upcoming HSC examinations.

Please note if anyone has a child or grandchild currently completing Year 12 (2025) they unfortunately not qualify to volunteer due to strict NESA guidelines.

The HSC examination period runs from **Thursday 16 October to Friday 7 November**. Volunteers would need to consider their availability for **morning and/or afternoon sessions** during this period.

Full training will be provided and no prior experience is necessary.

Your support of our girls is greatly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference in their experience.

Please see eNews for a link to the HSC timetable and NESA Reader/Writer guidelines.

If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact **Judith Allan** and **Gabrielle Nicholson** at: jallan@brigidine.nsw.edu.au and gnicholson@brigidine.nsw.edu.au



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**Join Our
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Team**

We're looking for 3 friendly, reliable volunteers to help create a warm, welcoming space, NOW, in the hall on Wednesday nights through November. You are paired with someone else. Just 1-2 sessions each, with the option to be a backup if needed.

If you enjoy greeting guests, setting up with a smile, or simply love being hospitable, we'd love to have you on the team!

Interested or want to learn more? Contact Jen Perrott in the office or on 0415 242 898 – she'd be happy to chat with you!

Let's help make Alpha a place where everyone feels like they belong.




Curious About the Catholic Faith?

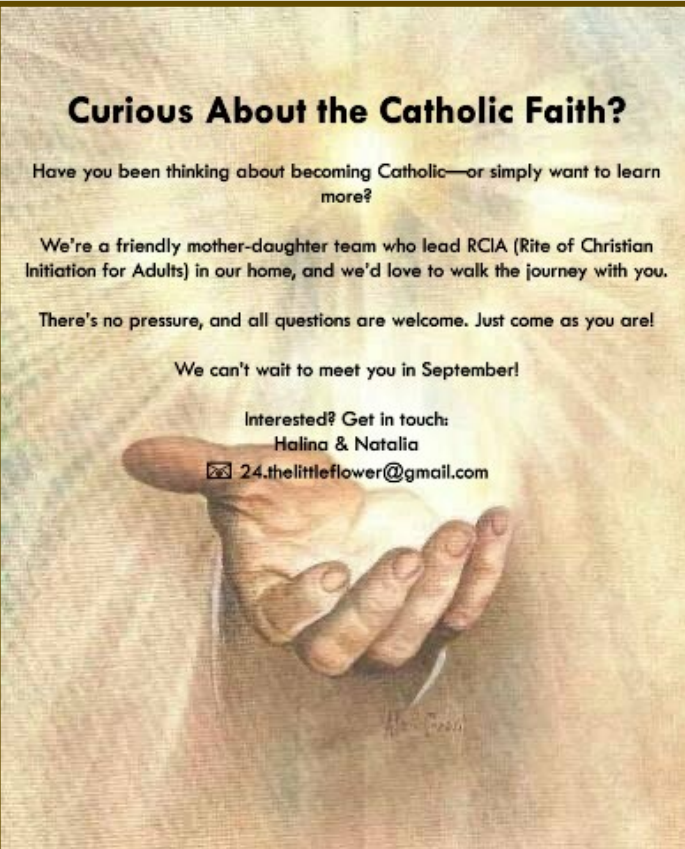
Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic—or simply want to learn more?

We're a friendly mother-daughter team who lead RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) in our home, and we'd love to walk the journey with you.

There's no pressure, and all questions are welcome. Just come as you are!


We can't wait to meet you in September!

Interested? Get in touch:
Halina & Natalia
✉ 24.thelittleflower@gmail.com



Prayer Zone

Anniversary:
Eugenia Alba



Please pray for the ill:
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.


FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER

Wed 3rd, St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
Mon 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 13th, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Sun 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mon 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows
Tue 16th, Sts Cornelius, pope martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Sound system update

The Senior Leadership Team (Fr Greg, Chris Hannan, Jen Perrot) will provide an update in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENERAIOUS DONATIONS TO DATE.



Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives

Praise & Worship

Postponement

For the sound and audio visual system

The Praise and Worship event planned for **Saturday, 30th August 2025 has been postponed**. With only 4 attendees outside of the choir and organisers, and given the time and preparation such an event requires, we feel it makes more sense to reschedule.

We will look at setting another date later in the year and hope more people will be able to join us then.

Please note that the **raffle will now be drawn on Sunday, 31st August 2025**, after the 10am Mass (around 11:10am). You may still purchase raffle tickets for the draw on Sunday. The QR code is below.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to gathering in joyful worship together soon.

Raffle Prizes:

- 5 day long weekend away out of season in 5 bedroom house in Avoca Beach
- Ultrasonic humidifier
- Waterford Photo Frame
- 3 Pamper Packs
- Swarovski Ornament
- Royal Dalton Cake Stand
- Jewellery Box and Earrings

BOOK NOW

Purchase Raffle Tickets



Calling all who have a love for young people!

All ages welcome!

You are invited to the
**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
YOUTH SUMMIT**




When? Sunday 14 Sep, 2025
Time? 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Where? Corpus Christi church hall

Registrations requested for catering and planning

*We may try to arrange childcare - please request in registration form.

OUR JOURNEY <https://tinyurl.com/CCYouthSummit>

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

When: September 6th 10am-4pm
Called to Be
Presenter: Ms. Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

When: September 14th-21st 6pm-12:30pm
Guided Retreat: A week with Carmelite Saints
Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD

When: October 4th 10am-4pm
Canticle of the Creatures
Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

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



**Please join us for
Morning Tea
After the 8am Mass
TODAY**

Catch up with old friends and meet new friends.



**FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL FATHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

Please note that the school will be hosting a Father's Day breakfast on Friday 5 September 2025. Parking for our 9am mass may be limited on this day.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST IVES

POP-UP PLAYGROUPS

ALL PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME!

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WED 6 AUG 2025

THU 21 AUG 2025

TUE 2 SEP 2025

FRI 19 SEP 2025

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND LEARN WITH OUR CORPUS CHRISTI EARLY YEARS SPECIALISTS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

- Storytelling
- Art and craft
- Fun games
- Lego and building

SESSIONS FROM 9:15-10:45AM

HELD IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI A/P ROOM

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Why do we have statues of Saints?

Does your home display photos of deceased family members? Do you sometimes visit the grave of a loved one on special occasions of remembrance? Sometimes painful, sometimes comforting, gestures like these allow families to continue to include their ancestors in the fabric of daily life. The Catholic community, too, has ways of acknowledging its ancestors, the communion of Saints, with whom we are bonded through faith even beyond the grave. Statues, art and various devotional practices that abound in Catholic churches are concrete expressions of our enduring relationship with those who have gone before us in faith.

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

Love God and Love People

Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate

Corpus Christi parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate.

There will be a mass followed by afternoon tea.

Date: **Today**, Sunday 31st of August 2025

Venue: Corpus Christi Church,
263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives, 2075

Time: 2.00 – 4.30pm

The Jesuit Mission Bazaar



Saint Ignatius' College Riverview

13 September

All proceeds on the day will support vulnerable communities around the world



jesuitmission.org.au/bazaar



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.

What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you been given?

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Did you know that every baptised person has been given special gifts by the Holy Spirit? These gifts, "charisms", are given to us to share with others, and help them experience God. You are invited to a discernment process to help discover what charisms God has gifted you.

The discernment will begin with an online workshop on **Monday 8 Sep** 7-8pm, and the last workshop is on **Monday 24 Nov** 7-8:30pm. Cost \$95. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process/>

Corpus Christi parishioners O'Kelly Tam, Jen Perrott, Lawrence Chan and Edith Chan have undergone this process, please do come and speak with us if you'd like to find out more!



Praise and Worship Raffle Prizes – 1st prize

5 day long weekend out of season

2 Carnegie Drive, Avoca Beach

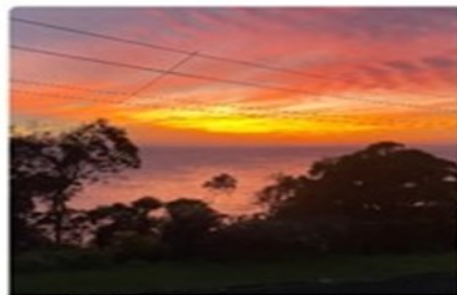
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5. **Pamper Pack**



6. **Swarovski - Vase and red roses**



7. **Pamper Pack**



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9. **Jewellery box and pair of earrings**





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The Word

Sunday 31st August 2025: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the book of Ecclesiasticus Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 14:1. 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.