

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

#### 31 March 2024, Easter Sunday

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

#### Sunday 31st March

Annual Easter Egg Hunt after 10am mass

#### Wednesday 3rd April

Men Alive Meeting—7pm in the Parish Office

#### Wednesday 3rd April

Parish Coffee Catch Up - Archies Café at 10.30am

#### Thursday 11th April

Parish Craft Group—10am in the Hall



If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Epistle for Easter Vigil)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The Easter story is now ready to be lived afresh in the lives of each one of us. Christ is our life and now it is our task in the Easter days ahead to commit ourselves once again to be his witnesses in our world. It is good to remember that while Lent prepared us for Holy Week and the Easter celebrations, we now have the beautiful season of Easter itself to truly live out all that we have learned as we prepare for Pentecost.

The Easter season is one of great joy and amazement. Let's not be afraid to live the life of a true witness. Let's not be afraid to go into the tomb, into the dark places, knowing that whatever we find, we will not stay in that darkness. We will leave the linen cloth and the cloth around his head, all those things that have tied us down, in the tomb. We have no need for such things now.

Let's go outside the tomb and stay in the light, only looking forward. It is time to live life to the full!

May God bless you and Happy Easter, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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#### EASTER MESSAGE 2024 HONY RANDAZZO DD JCL - BIS



#### MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL - BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

My dear brothers and sisters, As we approach the solemn and joyous celebration of Easter, let us reflect on the profound message of hope and renewal that this sacred season brings - a message that comes to us from the enduring promise of God's guidance and

mercy. Baruch, a Jewish aristocrat who became the scribe of the prophet Jeremiah, wrote on the circumstances of Jewish exiles from Babylon, and addressed how important it is to live our lives with wisdom. Not being clever or overloaded with information, but wisdom that wraps itself into our lives and translates our days into something meaningful.

When we begin and end each day in prayer, the fruit of wisdom becomes visible in our lives in our discernment, our understanding, and our decision making.

The words of Baruch serve as a reminder of what is truly enduring in our world, namely the wisdom that God never fails, and that profound wisdom comes from walking in the way of God. It is a path that leads to peace, harmony, and everlasting life.

Our Church uses Baruch as the sixth reading in the Easter Vigil liturgy because it is also a book of hope which reveals the transformative power of trusting in God with sincere repentance. This Easter, in the Year of Prayer, as we commemorate once more the life, death, and

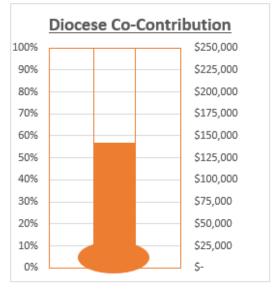
resurrection Jesus Christ, might we embrace his spirit of compassion and service, reaching out to all people of goodwill, regardless of faith, tradition, or background. Let us embody the love of Christ in our actions, bringing hope and healing to a world in need.

May this most significant season in the Christian calendar be a time of renewal and transformation, as we walk hand in hand with God, guided by the light of His love. May we all find peace and hope, wisdom and mercy in the embrace of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

May the hope of Easter fill your hearts with joy. Bishop Anthony Randazzo

#### PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING





Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over \$283 600 - 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



#### **Easter Reflection**

The Social Justice Group wishes everyone a happy, safe and blessed Easter. We hope you enjoy this reflection from The Catholic News:

Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper is one of the most iconic artworks in the world. It takes a snapshot of the apostles' expressions of shock and anger as they react to Jesus' declaration: "One of you will betray me." The late Lasallian Brother Nicholas Hutchinson tells the story of how, when Leonardo was deciding how to paint the faces and postures of each of the 13 figures in the painting, he thought of a man who was bitterly jealous of him. This man had slandered Leonardo and turned others against him. To get revenge, Leonardo thought of painting his enemy's face as that of Judas, the traitor. He told a few friends what he intended to do, and they all waited in glee and anticipation.

Two years later, when the masterpiece was finally unveiled, they were astounded to see the face of Leonardo's enemy, not in Judas, but in Jesus.

Leonardo had nobly refused to shame him in public through the painting, instead showing everyone the image and likeness of Christ in him. Leonardo's act of humility and charity reconciled him with his bitter rival and transformed him into a lifelong admirer and friend.





## Our Deepest Sympathy Jill Rolleston

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful

sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Jill.

Jill's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday 8 April 2024 at 12pm. May Jill experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

#### 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.

Wishing you and your families a very happy and blessed Easter.

From Frs Greg, Sunny and Gerard; Michelle, Jen, Gerri and Christina



#### **FEAST DAYS APRIL**

Mon 8th, The Annunciation of the Lord Thurs 11th, St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr Fri 26th, St Mark, evangelist Mon 29th, St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

### **Prayer Zone**



#### **Recently Deceased:**

Jill Rolleston

**Anniversary:** 

Patricia Meek

#### 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.

Catch up with Corpus Christi Parishioners!

## Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL ARCHIES / 10:30 AM

EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993



# Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2024 at

Corpus Christi Parish on 28th 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 <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CQNQV">https://www.trybooking.com/CQNQV</a>

There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evening** held in the Church Hall **at 7:30pm** on **Thursday 16**<sup>th</sup> **May** and **23**<sup>rd</sup> **May**.

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 6.30pm (TBC).

Attendance by at least one parent at the information evening is a requirement of the course.

All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au



Thanks to the success of the Trivia Night and the sale of raffle tickets another \$19 300 was raised for the new PRESBYTERY BUILD.

The priests would like to thank Kit, Virginia, Harry and their helpers for their tireless efforts which resulted in a very successful night.

Congratulations to the following raffle prize winners:

1st prize: White Gold 10.08ct Amethyst Ring \$2500

**Lorraine Callinan** 

2nd prize: Anytime Fitness Annual Pass \$800

**Elizabeth Sim** 

3rd prize: Pamper Hamper \$300

Sue-Anne Sherwood

4th prize: JVC 32" Android 11 Smart Tv

Fr Greg

5th prize: Villeroy and Boch Vase

A big thank you to the following businesses and anonymous parishioners for their generosity to make this fun night a great success. God Bless you All.

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STANLEY BUTCHER









What a successful night with

\$19 300 raised!!











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#### Easter Sunday 31 March

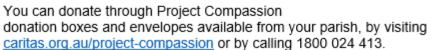




#### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.







#### **EASTER SUNDAY 10AM MASS**

Due to the children's Easter Egg Hunt being held after the 10am mass on Easter Sunday, part of the front car park will be roped off after mass.

If you are parked in the front car park and need to leave before 11.30am, please leave as soon as possible after mass or stay and enjoy morning tea and be a part of this exciting event.



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.



Pray and Play is for families with children aged o-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.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Groups/">https://www.facebook.com/Groups/</a>

<u>CorpusChristiStlves</u>) for our latest news and photos.



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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

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For further information phone President - John White 0439 851 910 Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

#### The Word

#### Sunday 31 March 2024: Easter Sunday

#### Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son,

have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity,

grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

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 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

- 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (*R*.)

#### **Second Reading**

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.