

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

4 February 2024, Fifth 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 - Hall

Every Friday
(during term time)
Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

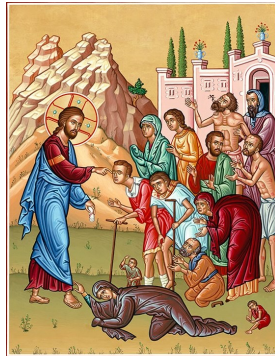
Wednesday 7 February
Men Alive Meeting – 7pm in the
Parish Office

Wednesday 14 February
Ash Wednesday. Masses at 9am
(Years 3-6 attending) & 7:30pm

Thursday 15 February
Reconciliation Compulsory
Parent Information Night –
7.30pm in the Hall

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.



***The whole town was gathered
at the door. He cured many who
were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons.***
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Like the other evangelists, Mark records many occasions in which Jesus heals people stricken with serious illnesses and brings wholeness to people handicapped by bodily defects. In today's Gospel it is Peter's mother-in-law who is the subject of his compassionate ministrations. Mark goes a step further in proclaiming the Good News by highlighting how frequently Jesus also brings freedom to those who are bedevilled and enslaved by maladies that afflict the human spirit.

In our lives this servitude can take many forms – destructive addictions, compulsive behaviour, habits of serious sin, envy of others, greed, self-centredness and bigotry, to mention just a few. Committed to amending our lives in whatever impedes our relationship with God and our neighbour, let us humbly stand before Jesus, and ask for healing of mind, body and spirit and release from our personal demons.

In this connection, Paul offers us good advice: 'Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage' (Galatians 5:1).

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Ed Wales, Parish Finance
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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**



Social Justice Corner

International Holocaust Memorial Day

On 27 January, the world observed International Holocaust Memorial Day to honour the millions of Jews and other minority groups who suffered and died during the Holocaust. 2024 marks 79 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi concentration camp and extermination camp. It is also the 80th anniversary of the deportation of almost half a million of Hungary's Jews to Auschwitz in May of 1944. By the end of the Holocaust, some 565,000 Hungarian Jews had been murdered.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day was even more poignant this year for people of Jewish faith in the aftermath of the Hamas terror attack on 7 October 2023. The slaughtering of over 1,200 innocent people was the worst atrocity committed against the Jewish people in a single day since the Holocaust. In the aftermath of the terror attack, we have sadly witnessed an alarming rise of antisemitism nationally and internationally, including in our North Shore community.

A Prayer for Holocaust Remembrance Day

Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart. Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness.

Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness,

love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

Amen



VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We have very low gluten hosts (below 20ppm) now available

for those who are gluten intolerant. If you require low gluten hosts please see the priest prior to mass. To receive the low gluten hosts, please hold off receiving communion until the end.

*Catch up with
Corpus Christi Parishioners!*

Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
ARCHIES | 10:30 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993

MORNING TEA MINISTRY

You are invited to join our Morning Tea Ministry, **after Sunday 10am Mass.**

It is an opportunity to serve fellow parishioners and socialise over cups of coffee/tea and bites to eat.

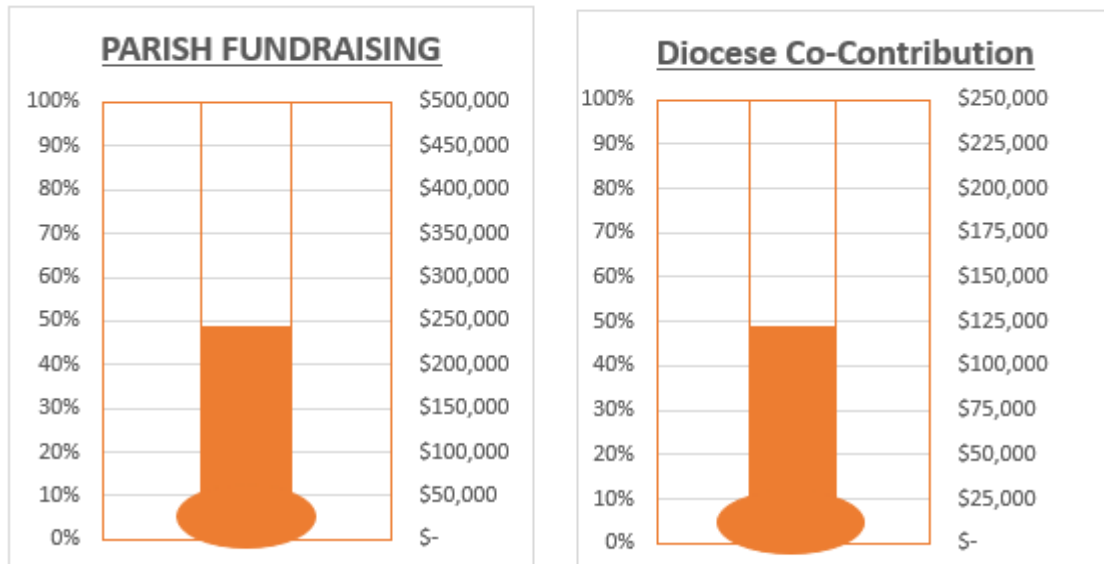
You will be rostered once every 8 weeks. The tasks involved are to bring finger food/snacks/biscuits, set up and clean up afterwards.

The new roster for 2024 is to start effective 25th February.

If you are called to join, please contact Michelle/Christina at the office, 9144 6998.



PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over \$244,000 so we are nearly half way 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



DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Will Prayer Group will recommence on Monday 5th of February in the Hall Boardroom at 10am. The

group will meet every Monday during term time.

The prayer group reflects on the Hours of the Passion from the writings of Luisa Piccarreta. We look forward to welcoming you!

FEAST DAYS FEBRUARY

Fri 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

Mon 5th, St Agatha, virgin, martyr

Tues 6th, St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

Sat 10th, St Scholastica, virgin

Wed 14th, Ash Wednesday

Thurs 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Slavka Pavela

Please pray for the ill:

Tania Gerzina; Joan Brumby; 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

Rejoice Advent Program



A small group of Parishioners participated in the Rejoice Advent Program. This concluded with Mass on 27th December followed coffee and a chat. The overwhelming response was it was a program that deeply touched the hearts of the participants and a wonderful preparation for the Birth of Jesus.



"Amazing experience to enrich my faith and trust in God and the Birth. Thank you so much."

"A highlight for me was the meditations."

"This is a great journey. The focus on meditations and the videos were amazing."



The Post Christmas Clean up. The Church now in Ordinary Time.

Thank you to everyone who prepared the Church for Christmas and assisted in the cleanup.



Bishop Greg concelebrated Mass with Fr Greg.



The period of Lent can be considered as a time of journeying. It is a time to turn away from worldly distractions and journey home to God. It is a time of inner reflection and by the end of the journey you should find yourself in a different place spiritually than when you started.

A time to renew? Lent 2024

Produced by the Wollongong Diocese, 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 individually. **Beginning Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in the church hall for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter.**

Register with the QR Code below (or on the website with this link <https://bit.ly/42lDuWY>). Alternatively, complete your details on the clipboard in the foyer to reserve your copy of the Pietà Lenten Program. Booklets with bookmarks are \$6.50 each. Contact Jen Perrott for more information on (02) 9144 6998.

**Dates (in parish hall on Wednesdays
at 6:00-7:30pm)
14, 21, 28 February 2024
6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024**



BRING YOUR PALMS TO SUNDAY MASS

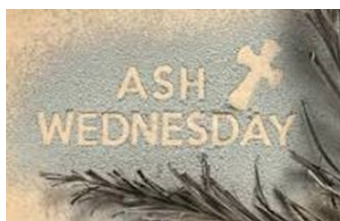
Now is the time to bring last year's dried palms back to church so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, it is the ashes of these burnt palms that are used on that day as a

sign of our commitment to follow Jesus in His journey to the events that has become for us the Paschal Mystery. Please return your palms by Sunday 11 February.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024

Masses will be held at 9am (Year 3-6 from the school will be attending this mass) and 7:30pm.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: 23rd March at 9.30am or 3.30pm in the Church

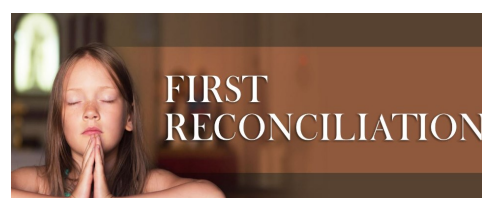
[In order to participate in the Reconciliation Programme your child must be Baptised and Confirmed.](#)

Compulsory Parent information night: 15 February at 7.30pm in the Hall

Presentation Mass: Any mass over the weekend 24th/25th February.

Preparation Classes: Over 4 weeks prior to the ceremony in your nominated groups. These are held in the Parish Hall. If you would like your child to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation please register by the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1145113>





On 27 October 2024 we, at Corpus Christi, celebrate a milestone in our history. It will be exactly 50 years since the new church was blessed and opened by Cardinal Freeman. How will we celebrate it?

50 years of our new church

Some interesting background:

- Parish started in 1953 with the hall
- Presbytery completed in 1961 (this is our present office)
- New church completed in 1974
- Became the Cathedral in 1986
- Ceased as the Cathedral in 2006
- Carmelites came in 2008

To mark and celebrate this important milestone of our 50 year anniversary, we would like your feedback and help.



Front page of the Catholic Weekly, 31 October 1974

We not only want to celebrate a milestone in our history, but also enjoy each others company and deepen our community. We really would appreciate your feedback and ideas to make the 50 year celebration a wonderful experience. Please complete the form below and return to the parish office by **Monday, 26 February 2024** or in the box provided in the church foyer. We are aiming to form a working group to facilitate the planning of this wonderful celebration.

How can you help?

- Ideas of what programs we should plan to run.
- Your willingness to volunteer in a planning meeting and to help.
- Any other help you can provide.



Name: Contact Number:

Current Ministry you serve in (if any):

Your suggestion for the celebration:

Any other help you can provide:



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

POSITIONS VACANT

There are three roles being advertised in two of our parishes.

North Harbour Parish is looking for a Family and Sacramental Coordinator. This is a permanent part-time position based at North Manly and working with the Parish Priest and parish team to engage positively with families of children participating in sacraments, promote parish partnerships, develop a model of family catechesis and nurture strong relationships with the parish, schools and parents/ carers. Applications close on Friday 9 February 2024.

North Harbour is also seeking a permanent part-time Media and Communications Coordinator to assist in creating, creating, organising, planning and implementing effective communication strategies between the Parish of North Harbour, parishioners and the greater community. Applications for this role also close on Friday 9 February 2024.

Frenchs Forest Parish is seeking a permanent part-time Parish Secretary to oversee the administration functions of a busy parish office. Applications for this role close on Friday 9 February 2024.

Full role descriptions, hours and contact details for all three positions are available on the Diocesan website www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/contact-us/positions-vacant

Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

THE CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES TO CELEBRATE THE 2024

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**SUN
DAY
11
FEB**

**MASS TOGETHER AT 10:30AM THEN
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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT AMELIA.LEE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

RESIDENTIAL RETREATS FOR 2024

STARTS ON FRIDAY, 5:30PM ENDS ON SUNDAY, 4:00PM

Volunteers Retreat 9th-11th February
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th February
Lenten Growth Retreat 15th-17th March
Divine Mercy Growth Retreat 5th-7th April
Couples Growth Retreat 17th-19th May
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 14th-16th June
Family & Children Retreat 12th-14th July
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 16th-18th August
Youth Retreat 13th-15th September
Marian Growth Retreat 18th-20th October
Inner Healing Growth Retreat 15th-17th November
Advent Retreat 13th-15th December

(Live-in, Accommodation and food provided)
2 bedded room: Single person - \$275 (including meals),
Sharing - \$185 each (including meals),
4 bedded rooms: Single person - \$250 (including meals),
Sharing \$170 each (including meals).

For more info & bookings
please contact: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretreatreggo@gmail.com

Special Dates to Remember

DIVINE MERCY FEAST April 7th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.	ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA FEAST 5th September
ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST September 29th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.	ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA FEAST 5th October

7:00am to 9:00am
•Confession •Holy Adoration •Holy Mass
A partial indulgence is granted to all who venerate the relic on this day.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
31st Dec, 8:00pm- Confession 10:00pm- Praise and worship, Rosary, 11:00pm- Holy Mass



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

The Word

Sunday 4 February 2024: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Job Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. *(R.)*
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. *(R.)*
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen

this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.