

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

5 April 2026, 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: 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 (8:30am)



Saturday Vigil
Refreshments in the hall this weekend to celebrate our newly baptised parishioners

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday after the 10am mass

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*

Every Second Sunday of the Month
*Morning tea after 8am mass
April 12th*

Every fortnight on Thursdays
*Parish Social Craft Group
April 9th at 10 am*

Sunday 12 April
*Divine Mercy Sunday, Parish Hall
3pm*



*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,

This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God's eternal love into history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real and decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we.

Indeed, our resurrection is happening here and now, but it is not yet complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in his mystery of God's eternal love?

Frs Greg, Sunny, Gerard and the Corpus staff would like to wish you and your families a very blessed Easter.

May God bless you, **Fr Greg**

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Valerie Dias, Sacramental Co-Ordinator
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FAREWELL LUNCH

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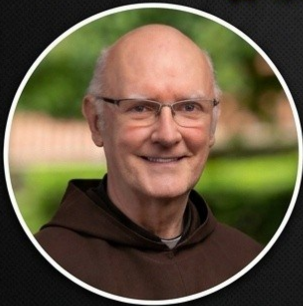


to farewell

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.

Extraordinary Communion Ministry

We warmly invite parishioners to consider joining our
Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday Mass
at 10:00am and 5:00pm.

This is a beautiful opportunity to serve our community
by helping distribute the Eucharist during weekend
Masses. If you feel called to take part, we would love
to hear from you. Please contact the parish office or
leave your details on the sign-up sheets in the church
foyer.

No prior experience is needed—formation and
guidance will be provided.

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.



MORNING TEA

At the morning tea following the 10am
mass on the 12th of April, we will be
celebrating the priests before they
leave the St Ives Parish. **Please bring a
plate and join us at morning tea to
say goodbye.**

There will be no morning tea following 10am mass on
the 19th due to the farewell function.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning
every fortnight - bring your own craft or
handiwork if you wish.



Thursday 9th April 10am in the Parish Hall

Contact: Angela , 0405 507 982

Office Hours over the school holiday period 6th—17th April

The Parish office will be closed on Mondays the
6th and 13th of April and open from 9-12nn on
Tuesdays to the Fridays. Normal hours resume
on 20 April.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS WEEKEND

Please remember to wind
your clocks back by one
hour





POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For Priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; 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



12 April 2026 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)
(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.



Easter Vigil

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to gather in the parish hall following the Easter Vigil for refreshments in celebration of our RCIA candidates: Simon, Jane, Vicky and Tim.

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.

WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

The Easter Season

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, is the climax of the Church's life marking Christ's victory over sin and death. Traditionally, the Easter Vigil is the time for baptizing newcomers to our Church. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday.

In the early Church this period was a time of catechesis for the newly baptized. Called *mystagogy* ('reflection on the mysteries'), this catechesis led the baptized to a deeper understanding of what it meant to bear the light of Christ to the world. Appropriately, the Gospels of the Easter season reflect this missionary theme. It is an opportune time for all Christians to ponder the missionary significance of their baptism.

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



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

***May your hearts be lifted and your
homes be blessed.***

***From Frs Greg, Sunny and Gerard;
Jen, Daniela, Davina and Valerie***

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

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$
	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24

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
Total Income	121,368	108,941

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
Total Operating Expenses	147,539	127,696

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
Total Non -Operating Income	-	611,811

Non Operating Expense

Refurbishment of Presbytery Project 2024	-	591,438
Total Non -Operating Expense	-	591,438

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



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The Word

Sunday 5th April 2026: 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.

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.)*

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.)*

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 Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

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.