

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

5 May 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 8 May

School's Mothers Day Breakfast – parking may be limited

Thursday 9th May

Parish Craft Group—10am in the Hall

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May

Mothers Day Raffle Tickets available

Sunday 12th May

Mothers Day



**“While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.”
(First Reading)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

In today's first reading, we hear of another experience of the Holy Spirit coming down on all the listeners, including those who did not believe. This reminds us of the generosity, breadth, and inclusivity of God's outpouring of the Spirit of Love.

Let our hearts be formed by Love. Let our lives be formed by Love. Let our relationships be formed by Love. Today's Gospel repeats words we have received in the daily readings this week: Ask, Chosen, Remain, Friend, Fruit, Love, Joy.

Choose one of these words and speak it aloud. Breathe it in slowly. Allow the gift of this word to flow through you.

Breathe it out upon the world.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Michelle Miles, Office Manager
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



Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

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 <https://www.trybooking.com/CQNQV>

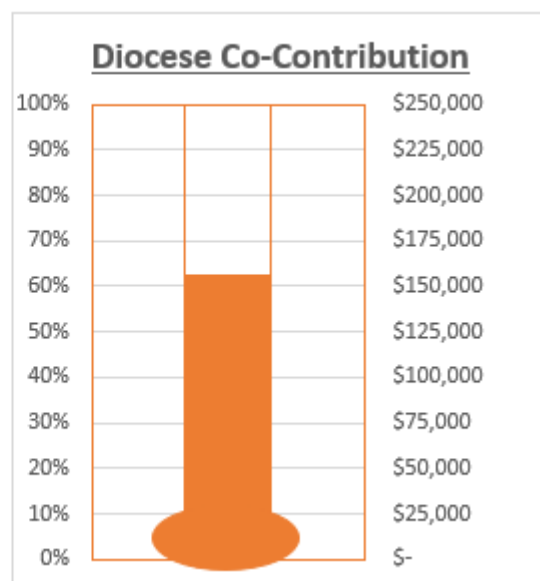
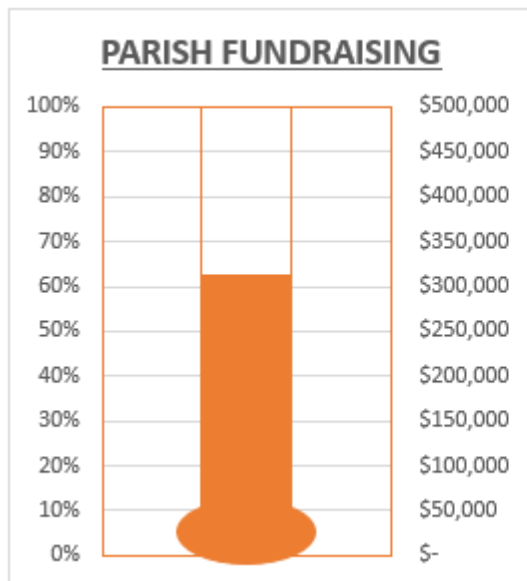
There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evenings** held in the Church Hall at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 16th May** and **23rd May**. Attendance by at least one parent at **both of the information evenings** is a requirement of the course.

The presentation of candidates will be held at the weekend masses on the **25th and 26th May**.

There will also be a **compulsory practice** in the Church for each child and a parent on **Tuesday 25th June at 4.30pm**.

Confirmation **will be held on Friday 28th June 2024 at 6pm**. All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! Our updated total raised is **\$313,300!** We have achieved 63 percent of our \$500,000 goal. **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



An Evening with Emeritus Prof John Maynard

The Northern Sydney Alliance for the Uluru Statement is hosting an event on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 with Emeritus Prof John Maynard who will be speaking on his book, *Fight for Liberty and Freedom: 100 Years of Aboriginal Activism*.

Members of the Northern Sydney Alliance come from a range of backgrounds and organisations and share one goal: to work towards justice for First Nations people of this land and towards greater understanding and respect for all Australians.

Prof John Maynard is a Worimi man and Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Newcastle. Author of many books and former Deputy Chair of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, his research has examined the rise of early Aboriginal political activism. He is credited with unearthing the links between early African-American and Aboriginal politics. His grandfather was Fred Maynard, the noted political activist and President of the 1924 Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association.

Date: Tuesday 21 May
Time: 5.30pm-7.00pm
Venue: Pat Brunton Room, Crows Nest Centre, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest (2 hrs. free parking & direct access via Holtermann St carpark).
Cost: Free

To register go to: [An Evening with Prof John Maynard | Humanitix](#)

Parking at the Church Wednesday 8 May for 9am Mass

Please be aware that the school is hosting a Mother's Day breakfast next Wednesday and parking may be limited.

FEAST DAYS MAY

Sun 12th, The Ascension of the Lord
 Tues 14th, St Matthias, apostle
 Sun 19th, Pentecost Sunday
 Mon 20th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 Fri 24th, Our Lady, Help of Christians

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Edna Rodely
Anniversary : John Barrie; John Shoppee; Clyde Sequerah

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.

You're Invited to our Mother's Day Celebration!

Dear Parishioners,

In celebration of the remarkable women who bring love, guidance, and compassion into our lives, we warmly invite you to join us for a special Mother's Day celebration. Let's come together as a community to honor and celebrate the wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers, and other nurturing ladies in our parish.

Date: Sunday, May 12th
Time: After 10am Mass
Location: Church Hall

Activities Include:

- Tea and eats
- Raffle draw
- Photos with your mum
- Mingle and chat

As we gather to share in this joyous occasion, we kindly request that each parishioner bring in a plate of eats to contribute to the festivities and make this celebration even more special.

Join us for a heartwarming gathering filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Together, let's express our gratitude for these extraordinary women who enrich our lives every day.



PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus. We have two appeals each year, in May and November, that help support two key Diocesan ministries.

Our quota, set by the Diocese of Broken Bay, for this financial year is \$32,675. So far we have raised \$7,215, leaving a balance of \$25,460. We will be collecting for PWBB during the month of November. Your generosity is appreciated. Any shortfall will be supplemented by the Parish.

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.

VOLUNTEERS — Pentecost

19 May 2024

‘And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues’

We are looking for 2 readers for each mass to read the Prayers of the Faithful, firstly in English and then in a second language. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.



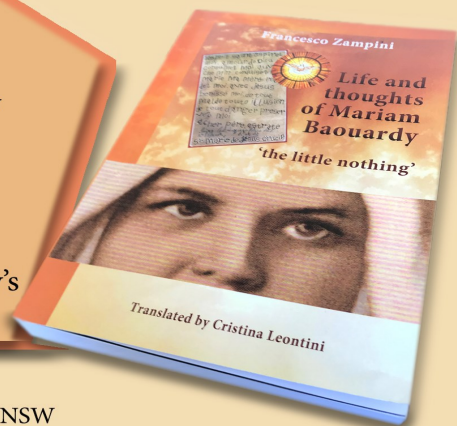
St. Mariam of Jesus Crucified (1846-1878)

Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of

Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, ‘the little nothing’

Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a ‘little nothing’; this Teresian Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. She bore the wounds of the “Ecce Homo” in her body and offered her sufferings in loving union with her Lord for mercy upon sinners. Fr Paul and Cristina Leontini will present her life and comment on her way of the cross in the context of today’s sufferings, especially in the Holy Land.

First retreat on St Mariam in Australia



WHEN: May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)
WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW
COST: \$330 (Price is inclusive of all meals and accommodation)
Please register at: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

<https://thelittlenothing.au>



OPEN DAY

Thursday 16 May 2024 | 9am-12pm

Register now

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My Pilgrimage into the Catholic Faith - Aidan O'Neill



I've been a Christian most of my life, being brought up in a Pentecostal church. While I was surrounded by that influence growing up, and absorbed the teachings and beliefs, I felt that it never really

connected to me. It wasn't until the past 2 years that I chose to gradually immerse myself back into the faith, but through a Catholic lens.

In early 2023, I was encouraged to attend the World Youth Day in Lisbon by a relative. In an admittedly unresearched decision I decided to walk the Portuguese Camino. I spent 6 weeks walking from Lisbon to Santiago, meeting a wide range of people along the way. I studied the Gospel of Luke, admired the 'Landscape Temple' of God's creation and overall immersed myself in the pilgrim culture. I continued this solitary reflection until I reached Santiago, where I began the second part of my conversion; Two weeks involved with an American group during W.Y.D.

While my Catholic pilgrimage started on my own, it ended with community. I was welcomed into the American group as one of their own and got heavily inspired by their faith. Their strong sense of community and passion for faith was what ultimately led me to seek out the RCIA upon returning back to Sydney.

I am continuing my work in Horticulture and pursuing further learning in the Catholic Faith.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP



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

Next get together **Thursday 9 May 2024 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.
Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

As indicated in the last update (17 March 2024) the project will now be done in two phases. The plan for the renovation of the presbytery is complete and tenders for this first part of the project will be called for as soon as the tender documentation is complete. We anticipate that tenders will be called for in the next month. Once tenders are received and we have a firm idea on the costs of the renovation we will meet with the Diocese to obtain their formal approval to commence the renovations. At this stage we only have an informal approval from the Diocese. If any parishioner knows of a builder that would like to tender could they please contact the parish office with the details.

Based on the cost estimates, we have sufficient funds to go ahead with the renovations, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners.

It is anticipated that the renovations could be completed within a three to four month period after the tender is awarded. This means that our priests should be able to move into the renovated presbytery prior to December 2024 when the lease on their current accommodation expires.

Temporary arrangements for the office staff will be made during the construction period.

The plans for the new office building are being completed as well as the documents required to lodge a DA with Council. We are hoping to be able to lodge a DA towards the end of May. Once we lodge the DA we will also need to obtain formal approval from the Diocese for the building. We will also have to apply for a loan from the CDF. At this stage we do not have sufficient funds to complete the office building so our fund-raising efforts will continue. Thank you for your generosity.

The Finance Committee



On Tuesday 14th May at St Swithun's Anglican Parish, the agreement between the congregations of :

- Catholic Parishes of Corpus Christi, St Ives and Pymble;
- St Andrew's Presbyterian Church St Ives-Pymble;
- St Ives Baptist Church;
- St Swithun's Anglican Church Pymble; and
- The Uniting Churches of Gordon-Pymble and St Ives will be signed.

We would like to invite parishioners to attend the signing and then join us for a light lunch. St Swithun's Anglian Parish , 2a Telegraph Road, Pymble.



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE - 12 MAY

All proceeds for the Presbytery Build

\$5 a ticket

Drawn on Mother's Day
after 10am mass morning tea

Tickets available at mass on
4-5 May

1. Ampol petrol voucher 2x \$50
2. Oryspa Ancient Asian beauty products \$80
3. Mother's Day bouquet
4. Afternoon tea hamper
5. KarisLife mobility product voucher \$50
6. HappyLand Chinese restaurant voucher \$50
7. KarisLife mobility product voucher \$50
8. Wooden jewellery box with shell inlay
9. Ecology platter with knife and server
10. Essential oil burner



METANOIA

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS?

Come and join us on the Metanoia journey over the coming weeks and meet some new people. The term "metanoia" may not be familiar to everyone, but Host Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR tells us that metanoia is a reference to conversion, to a mind and a life changed through Jesus – and it's not something that should be experienced only once.

Metanoia is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion, which comes about through repentance. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. Metanoia contains eleven, 1/2 hour episodes shot in locations all throughout the Holy Land and interviews with various people across the country. The audience will be able to encounter the Lord in the settings of some of the holiest sights in the world. Metanoia is a spiritual journey through the places where Jesus physically taught His Church the meaning and the way of metanoia.

Where:

Corpus Christi Parish Hall.

When:

Tuesdays - 9:30-11:30am OR

Wednesdays - 7:15-9:00pm

Register:

Using this QR Code or complete the form in the foyer of the Church

Or go to

<https://bit.ly/4cSr7GL>

Guest Speaker

**FR DAVE
PIVONKA**

Starting

MAY 7/8th 2024

9:30-11:30am & 7:15-9:00pm



!!! BEGINS THIS WEEK !!!

Register and bring a friend

For more information contact Jen Perrott on 9144 6998 or jennifer.perrottebbcatholic.org.au



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

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For further information phone
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The Word

Sunday 5 May 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2
(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St John 1 Jn 4:7-10
God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another

since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.