

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

7 April 2024, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy 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 (8:35am)



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 10th April

Parish Coffee Catch Up - Archies
Café at 10.30am. All welcome

Thursday 11th April

Parish Craft Group—10am Hall

Sunday 7 April 2024

Daylight savings time ends

School Holidays

Monday 15 to Friday 26 April.
Please see inside for office school holiday hours.



**“Do not be unbelieving but believe.”
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The Gospel of the second Sunday of Easter (John 20:19-31) is that of Jesus's appearance to the apostles locked in the upper room. *“Peace be with you,”* Jesus says as his disciples rejoice in the sight of their living God. Jesus breathed on them and said: *“Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them, whose sins you shall retain they are retained.”* This is the scriptural basis for the sacrament of reconciliation, one of the principle means of the bestowal of God's mercy and healing applying the benefits of Christ's passion, death and resurrection to repentant sinners.

Francis de Sales recommends that we make a humble, devout confession once a month if possible. In confession, you not only receive absolution from the sins you confess but also great strength to avoid them in the future, light to see them clearly and abundant grace to repair whatever damage you have incurred. You will practice the virtues of humility, obedience, simplicity and charity. However small the sins you confess may be, always have a sincere sorrow for them together with a firm resolution to correct them in the future.

The Sunday of Divine Mercy derives from the revelations given to St Faustina who died in 1938 and was canonised by John Paul II in the year 2000.

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St Faustina received these revelations and mystical experiences towards the end of her life. During these revelations, our Lord asked her to promote the celebration of Divine Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter in the context of the great act of God's mercy flowing from the Christian Passover. Here is a strong connection between the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our redemption, which we solemnly acknowledged during Holy Week and Easter Sunday and God's merciful love as given by St Faustina and other saints such as St Therese.

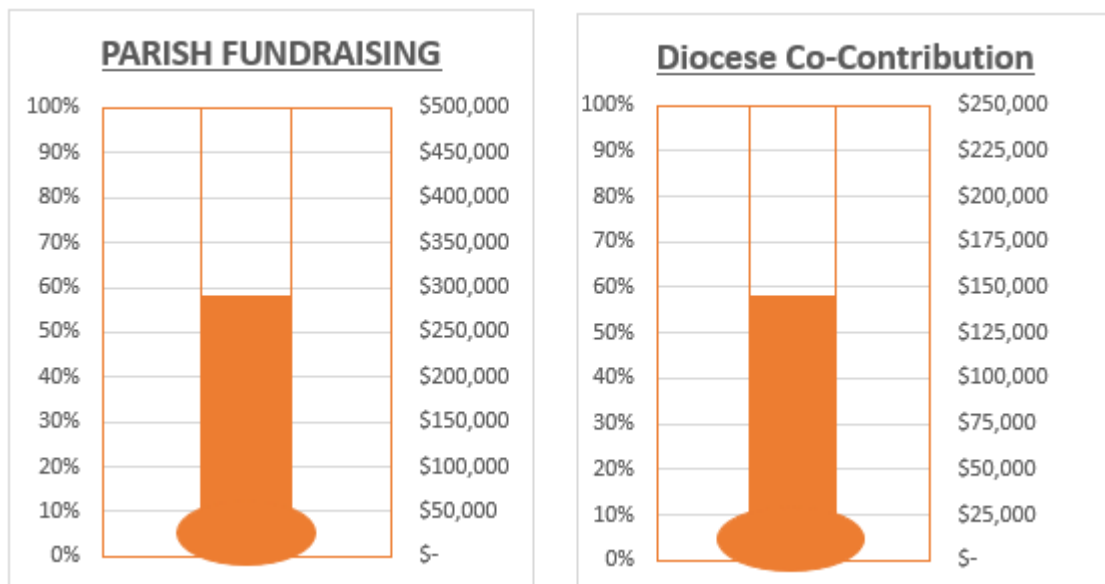
The Eucharist makes present that Paschal mystery in a sacramental way when we come with proper dispositions in Holy Mass. The Lord said: "I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of my tender Mercy are open, pour out an ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of Mercy.

Besides the feast day on the first Sunday after Easter there are other beautiful aspects of the devotion such as the Divine Mercy image, the chaplet, the 30'clock prayer and spreading the message of God's wonderful mercy.

Let us have great confidence in God's mercy and show mercy to others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We are invited to experience God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and in other ways and we in turn ought to forgive and be merciful to others and so break the spiral of violence with the miracle of forgiveness.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



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Regards the Parish Finance Committee

METANOIA RETURNS




Early Term 2

Stay Tuned for Dates
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dissapointment



Guest Speaker

**FR DAVE
PIVONKA**




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 11 April 2024 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

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



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 12noon. May Jill experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

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.



Thank You!

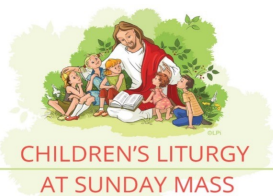


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At every Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the Church Hall during Mass to participate in Children's

Liturgy. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

Morning tea is served afterwards for everyone!



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER

Father Aldrin Valdehueza, Assistant Priest at Epping/Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 18th April 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Aldrin will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "What is a Church". Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



Pray and Play is for families with children aged 0-12years. 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 (<https://www.facebook.com/Groups/CorpusChristiStives>) for our latest news and photos.



Keep updated with our latest news and photos on our Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStives>



Catch up with
Corpus Christi Parishioners!

Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL
ARCHIES / 10:30 AM

EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners and visitors attend the Easter Triduum. As we reflect on the sacred journey of the Easter Triduum, we are filled with immense gratitude for each and every one of you who generously volunteered your time, energy, and talents to make our Easter celebrations truly special.

Your dedication and commitment have touched the hearts of many and enriched our community in profound ways, so a very big thank you to all who were involved!



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

Welcome To Our Newest Members



At the Easter vigil we welcomed Terry Hoban, Aidan O'Neill and Shirin Mordant into the Catholic community.

On behalf of our entire faith community, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome as Terry, Aiden and Shirin begin this new chapter of their spiritual journey. The joy of Easter was magnified by their presence among us, and we rejoice with them as they have embraced the gift of baptism and joined the Catholic community.

May they find comfort, strength, and inspiration in the love of God and the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS WEEKEND

Please remember to wind
your clocks back by one
hour

Office Hours over the school holiday period 15th - 26th April

The Parish office will be closed on Mondays the 15th and 22nd of April and open from 9-12nn on Tuesdays to the Fridays. Closed on ANZAC Day. Normal hours resume on 29 April.



ANZAC DAY 25 April 2024

Mass will be held on the 25th of April at 9am to commemorate the fallen.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

We invite you all to attend. *Lest we forget.*



Carmel House Retreats 2024

MAR 1-3 Consecrated Life Weekend
Discernment Retreat

A time for single women aged 16-35 to listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern your vocation.
mglisters.sydney@gmail.com

JUN 15 Awake
Day Retreat

Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during this day retreat with the MGL Sisters.
trybooking.com/CNTCH

MAR 28-31 Light To The Nations
Easter Pilgrimage

Young people come on pilgrimage from all around Australia camping under the open skies and joining in a awesome celebration of the Easter liturgies.
facebook.com/light.to.the.nations.pilgrimage

AUG 23-25 Wildfire
Holy Spirit Retreat

Feel the Holy Spirit's transformative power, igniting a wildfire within. Immerse in a retreat deepening your connection with God and unleashing Love's fiery passion.
trybooking.com/CNSWT

APR 1-5 Disciples School of Mission
Formation for Ministry

Be formed in mission through fellowship, powerful inputs, workshops and times of prayer, taking your new skills back to your local context or out on short-term mission.
facebook.com/discipleschoolofmission

OCT 11-13 Springtime
Creative Retreat

Experience the healing power of creativity. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God.
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APR 19-21 Emmaus
Silent Retreat

Embark on the sacred journey to Emmaus, discovering God's victorious love through Jesus' abiding presence. Renew in solitude and let your heart ignite.
trybooking.com/CNSXK

NOV 2 Alight
Women's Day Retreat

Rekindle the flame of faith and prepare for Advent through a day of reflection, prayer and fellowship. This retreat is being supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney.
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MAY 17-22 Banquet
Pentecost Intensive

Explore God's love and the gifts of the Spirit in our Banquet Intensive. Feast on the powerful gifts of God's love and charismatic generosity through fellowship, inputs, prayer, and practical workshops.
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CATHOLIC VOCATIONS
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Catholic Vocations Broken Bay
Young Adult Event
Encounter
FRIDAY APRIL 19, 6PM

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Special Guest Speaker
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

VENUE: ST AGATHA'S CHURCH
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Walk by FAITH not by SIGHT
2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Day Retreat with Mother Mary
13 April 2024 (Saturday)

Rev Fr Rey Sentillas, MI
Retreat Facilitator

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall,
Walz St, Rockdale NSW (Parking entry at Parker St)
Time: 9am - 5.30pm including MASS
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is FREE
Bookings essential for the purpose of catering
Enquiries: Helen on 0433 455 114 or Ida 0424 267 500

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the role of women

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The Word

Sunday 7 April 2024: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24.

R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (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. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St John 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.