

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

7th December 2025, Second Sunday of Advent

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:



**Every Monday
(during term time)**
Divine Will Prayer Group
10-11:30am

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy

Sunday 7 December
Cana Market Day
Movie Night

Monday 8 December 12-1pm
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception—Prayers and
Benediction

Monday 8 December 12-1pm
Fr Greg's Advent Talk 6:30

**Every Second Wednesday
of the Month**

Wednesday 10 December
Parish Coffee Morning
The Living Room 10:30am

Wednesday 10 December
Christmas Choir rehearsal 7pm in the
Church

**Every Second Sunday
of the Month**

Sunday 14th December
Morning tea after 8am mass

Sunday 14th December
Volunteer appreciation Mass and
morning tea

Thursday 18th December
Parish Reconciliation 7:30



*John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of
Judea and saying, "Repent for
the kingdom of heaven is
at hand!"
(Gospel)*

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

John proclaims the coming of the kingdom- the nearness of God- and the coming judgement. He also urges the necessity of repentance in order to welcome the Lord and to receive a favorable judgement. Repentance is more than sorrow and regret for sin; it is a new way of thinking and being, that is living in fidelity to God.

John was a solitary voice; a prophet of great integrity, courage, and fidelity who did not court popularity. He spoke God's message without fear or favor and paid with his life. John was passionate about preparing the people to welcome the judge. To this end, he offered baptism - a cleansing ritual signifying the washing away of sin. When the religious officials came for baptism, John castigated them as a brood of vipers trying to escape retribution.

He warned them against the presumption of salvation by claiming descent from Abraham. The only security lies in bearing the fruits of genuine repentance. It is only the good works of love - especially towards the needy and marginalized - flowing out of genuine repentance, that open wide the doors of our hearts, and so prepare the way to welcome the Lord and experience salvation.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
ST. PETER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 10am Mass

Come and bring your children to Children's Liturgy of the Word so they can find out more about Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Includes the Sunday scriptures, prayer and a fun activity. Children return to the church at Communion time.

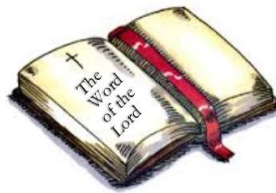
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SCHOOL AGED
CHILDREN**

ALL WELCOME

Love God and Love People



READERS AND WELCOMERS FOR CHRISTMAS



We warmly invite all parishioners to share in the joy and spirit of the season by volunteering as readers or welcomers for our upcoming Christmas services. This is a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the Word of God and bring the Christmas story to life for our community. Whether you are an experienced reader or new to this ministry, your voice can help make these celebrations truly meaningful. Please consider offering your time and talents as we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ. To volunteer, simply sign up in the foyer after Mass or contact the parish office. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Thank You



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped organise, donated, and contributed to making the Hamper Mass such a success. We are truly grateful for your generosity.



PIETY STALL

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the Piety Stall. If you can stay behind after Mass for just ten minutes, please contact Karin on 0412 373 668.

Your help is a meaningful way to support the parish and is greatly appreciated.

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items! Keep an eye out in November for Christmas gifts and decorations.

The stall will be open after all Masses — a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a thoughtful gift.

If you'd like to order something specific, please get in touch with Karin. She can arrange Christmas candles and other items and any other special orders for you.

We are now taking orders for the 2026 *Daily Missals*—if you would like to get your copy for \$35 please let Karin know by the end of November.

REGULAR COMMUNITY GATHERING/PRAYER

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| 2nd Sun of month | - Morning tea after 8am Mass |
| Sundays | - Morning tea after 10am Mass |
| 2nd Wed of month | - Parish coffee catchup 10.30am at The Living Room |
| Sundays | - Children's Liturgy of the Word 10am Mass |
| Select Sundays | - Pray and Play 11am (children and families) |
| Select Sundays | - Kingdom Kids 11.30am (family base catechesis and lunch) |
| Mon-Fri | - Morning prayer 8.30am before 9am Mass |
| Mon-Fri | - Rosary after 9am Mass |
| Saturdays | - Rosary 8.35am before 9am Mass |
| Sundays | - Indonesian Community Rosary on Zoom 8.30pm |
| Saturdays | - Eucharistic Adoration 9.30-10am followed by Benediction |
| Every 2nd Thurs | - Carmelite Conversions Contemplative Dialogue (during school term) |
| Rotating | - Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Apostolate (take home) |
| Mondays | - Divine Will Prayer Group 10am (during school term) |
| Thursdays | - Fr Sunny's Bible Study 7.30pm |
| Fridays | - Lectio Divina Bible Study 10am (during school term) |
| Fortnightly- Tues | - Parish Craft Group 10am |
| 1st Wed of month | - menALIVE 7.30pm |
| 2nd Mon of month | - Catenians at Turrumurra Bowling Club |
| 3rd Mon of month | - Interchurches Ecumenical Group 2.30pm (Feb-Nov) |
| 2nd Thurs of month | - Anointing of the Sick 9am |

Contact the office for more information

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

WHY CANDLES?

Ever been to Carols by Candlelight? If so, you will agree that there is something about the glow of candle flames on a dark night that evokes feelings of warmth, hope and festivity. No wonder then, that Christians use candles as a symbol of the life and enlightenment that comes from God. The practice of using candles in the Christian liturgy is based on early Christian traditions of lighting candles in pre-dawn services, in the catacombs and on the graves of Christian martyrs. Next time you light a candle, pause to consider how you can bear the light of Christ to our troubled world.

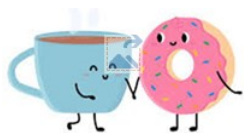


POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Morning Tea Ministry On Break

Our Morning Tea Ministry will be taking a well deserved break over the Christmas / New Year Period.



The final Morning tea for the year will be served on Sunday 7th December and will resume on 1st February 2026.

We would like to thank the morning tea ministry for providing such delicious treats and warm hospitality during the year.

FEAST DAYS DECEMBER

MON 8TH DEC. THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY

FRI 13TH DEC. ST. LUCY, MARTYR, MEMORIAL

THU 25TH DEC. THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY WITH OCTAVE

FRI 26TH ST. STEPHAN, THE FIRST MARTYR, FEAST
SAT 27TH DEC. ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST, FEAST

SUN 28TH, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, FEAST

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Michelle Fisher; 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 attending mass, could you please let Daniela or Davina know.

Christmas Mass Times

Corpus Christi Parish St Ives
263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives 2075

Christmas Week Services

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Thursday 18 December 2025 - 7:30-8:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Wednesday, 24 December 2025

6:00pm Family Mass/Nativity Pageant

8:30pm carols in preparation for 9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

Thursday, 25 December 2025 **

8:00am & 10:00am (no evening Mass)

** Christmas Obligation

After Christmas

MASSES TO NEW YEAR

Friday 26th - Saturday 27th December 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

Vigil Mass at 6:00pm on Sat 27th Dec.

Sunday, 28th December 2025

8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm Mass

Thursday, 1 January 2026

9:00am Morning Mass



For information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit

www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

OUR JOURNEY

Parish Directory

of Ministries and activities



Parish Directory of
Ministries and Groups
https://dzz8.short.gy/CorpusChristi_e3w

A guide to the ministries
and groups that we have in
our parish.

Please contact the Office
if you would like to suggest
changes, or if you'd like a
hard copy printed.



Please join us for Morning tea

Sunday 14 December, 2025
After 8:00am Mass

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.



Please bring a small plate to share if you can



You're invited to a
Parish Coffee Morning

At

The Living Room Café

Outside Verandah

St Ives Shopping Village

Wednesday 10 December, 2025

At 10:30am

For more information:

Andrena Brewer: 0438 698 993

RSVP: Just turn up

AN INVITATION TO ALL OUR SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS
WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME, TALENT AND HEART.

Volunteer Appreciation Weekend 13 and 14 Dec

You are invited to morning tea
organised and served by members of
the PPC and PFC
to celebrate our dedicated volunteers
in the hall at 11am on 14 Dec

**Blessing and thank you
at all Masses**

OUR PARISH IS DEEPLY THANKFUL
FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE.

YOUR GENEROSITY AND SERVICE ARE
TRUE BLESSINGS TO OUR
COMMUNITY.

YOU ARE THE HANDS AND FEET OF
CHRIST IN OUR PARISH.



PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Every Wednesday at 7 pm until Christmas Eve. Miho will be playing the piano for rehearsals and also for us on Christmas Eve rehearsal, plus the 8.30pm pre mass carols and 9 pm mass.

The arrangements for Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December are as follows.

7.15pm or earlier: please arrive at the church

If you want to wear Christmas colours please do

Bring a filled water bottle for your use (and a small snack for yourself if needed)

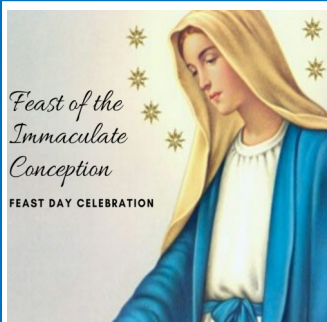
Bring any music you have for the carols and Mass

Please help with set up

7.15 pm to about 8.20pm: We will be rehearsing

8.30pm to about 8.55pm: carols will begin before the 9 pm Mass

9 pm: Mass begins



Hour Of Grace

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception,
Monday 8th
December, prayers

will be recited in Corpus Christi Church from **12—1 pm**.

These prayers said, at the request of Mother Mary, will bring us many spiritual graces. Benediction will conclude the hour. Everyone is most welcome.



Annual Thanksgiving Blessing for families of children baptized this year

7 & 14 December 10am

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



AT CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025
AFTER THE 5PM MASS

Free to Enter

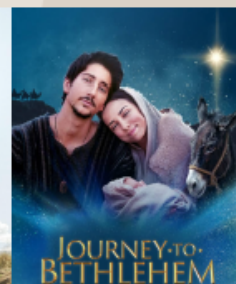
- Bring a small plate to share for dinner and BYO drinks.
- All movies start at same time and finish at 8pm.
- Donations welcome to cover licensing copyright.

THE THREE MOVIES SHOWING:



- Christmas with The Chosen: The Messenger
- Journey to Bethlehem
- The Star

CHRISTMAS WITH
THE CHOSEN
"THE MESSENGER"



To All Corpus Christi Catechists

You're Invited! Catechist Christmas

AFTERNOON TEA

Come and celebrate the end of another fabulous year of teaching with an afternoon tea at:

WHERE: Cheryl Doyle's Place
WHEN: Monday, 8 December 2025
TIME: 3-5pm
ADDRESS: 83 Killeaton St, St Ives 2075

Opposite Bupa down a laneway. There is plenty of parking. There are 3 houses 83, 85 and 87 in laneway. Cheryl is the 1st house.

RSVP: On the WhatsApp poll so we know how many are attending for catering. If you would like to bring something please let Cheryl know.



Jesus loves you

Children's Nativity Mass

2 Practice Dates:

- Tues 23 Dec 6:30pm
 - Wed 24 Dec 4:30pm
- Mass at 6:00pm



Would your child like to
be part of the 6pm
Nativity Play at
Christmas Eve Mass
this year?

**Everyone is
welcome!**

Parent helpers encouraged to
stay during practice times.

Please attend the Tuesday
practice for main role
allocation. If you can't come
on Tuesday, 23 Dec, please
still come to the Hall
before Mass on Christmas
Eve to join.

All are welcome to join in.

Contact the office for
more information.



263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Ever thought about connecting your faith with your inner child?

We're calling all parents, grandparents, teachers, and
anyone with a heart for children to join our wonderful
Children's Liturgy Ministry!

COME AND JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM!

Why We Need You!

Our Children's Liturgy has been running for over a
couple of years now and continues to grow — which is
such a blessing!

As our group expands, we need more volunteers so we
can create two liturgy groups and continue offering a
welcoming space for our parish children to learn about
God's love.

Why You'll Love It!

By volunteering, you'll:

- Nurture the faith of our parish children
- Deepen your own relationship with God
- Have fun and connect with other families
- Discover your inner child again!
- No experience is needed — all resources, support,
and training are provided.
- Each member needs a WWCC - we can help with this
- Only once a month is required, if that is all you can
do.



Interested?



We'd love to chat with you!

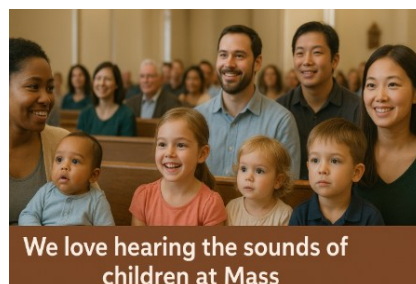
Please contact: **Brigitte Karle** on 0452 531 710
or **Jennifer Poon** on 0403 162 598

Come grow with us in faith, joy, and community.
Your Children's Liturgy Team

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 11th December
10am in the Parish Hall
Angela 0405 507 982



We love hearing the sounds of
children at Mass

"The sound of children is the sound of life in
our church."

If you're looking for a parish that truly
welcomes young families and encourages
parents to bring their little ones to be part of
our Sunday celebration, we would be delighted
to have you join us.

Come visit us at **Corpus Christi** on Sundays at
10 am Family Mass. You are always welcome.



CANA MARKET DAY

TODAY

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

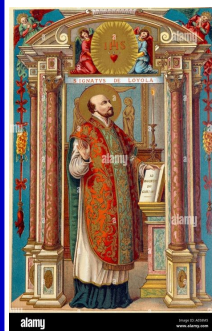
On 7th December, at the morning Masses, Cana Communities will again run a stall outside Church, selling products from Cana Farm (near Emu Plains NSW). Cana is a non-profit organisation that helps and provides accommodation and work for people who have suffered homelessness, addiction and mental health issues, or who are returning to society.

Cana sells jams, condiments, cakes and preserves, and these will make a great Christmas present, while supporting a worthwhile charity.

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.



FR GREG'S ADVENT TALK

MONDAY
6:30 PM

All of us experience desolation where we are discouraged and confused. Let Ignatius and the Saints point to the way of freedom.

Also the devil can appear as an angel of light serving up a beautiful meal with just enough strychnine to kill you. Both John of the Cross and Ignatius point out this truth. How can we pick these and become free?

One of our parishioners is generously offering a brand-new hospital bed mattress.

If you need it, or if you know someone who would benefit from it, please contact the parish office.

OUR JOURNEY AN INVITATION

As we continue our Journey towards Synodality, the Parish Council would like to invite you to tell us more about yourselves and how we can serve you. All parishioners are invited to complete both surveys.

WHO ARE WE?

Help us know more about you



Connect Card

https://dzz8.short.gy/CorpusChristi_e1w

PULSE SURVEY

Let us know how we can better serve you



Pulse survey

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The Catenians



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Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

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Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

The Word

Sunday 7th of December 2025: Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. *(R.)*

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.