

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

7 January 2024, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

**Recommencing in
February—First Friday of
Every Month**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Parish Office will
reopen on Monday
15 January**

Please email the office on
office@corpuschristi.com.au if
there are any urgent issues
during this time. The email
address will be monitored
regularly.



*The sight of the star filled
them with delight.
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Anyone who's been on a long journey - think a long car trip with kids! - knows the joy and relief of arriving at their destination, of unpacking and of simply resting at the end of a long day. I think this sort of joy was felt by the wise men, too.

We read that seeing the star filled them with delight. It was a sign of hope. Their long journey was ending, and their destination was nearing. They had found what they had been searching for, perhaps for many years, and recognised the sign of God's presence in the star, and in the child Jesus with his mother Mary. Today, let's reflect: What signs of God's presence do I notice in my own life? Do they fill me with joy?

I would like to wish you and your families a very blessed New Year.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD



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Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest
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Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT

On Monday 4th December and Thursday 7th December, the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) invited members of the Parish to come along to a briefing on the upcoming Presbytery Development Project. We thank everyone who attended and shared their ideas and the PFC have taken all suggestions away for further discussion and consideration. We will come back shortly on some Question and Answers related to suggestions that were made. Any parishioners who were unable to attend and would like to discuss the project, please reach out to a member of the PFC or watch out in the Bulletin for regular updates that will be made.

The plans drafted by Corpus Christi parishioner Roman Pazniewski, who is a practicing architect and builder, have been very well received and we are excited with the momentum that is building. These plans are now available to view on our website.

The PFC would like to encourage any parishioners to come forward if you who would like to participate and support this project. There are numerous ways that one can contribute, starting from donations to participating on either a building or fundraising sub-committee, through contribution of materials. If anyone has any ideas or skills that you would like to share, the PFC would love to hear from you. Please communicate these to the Parish Office via email at office@corpuschristi.com.au.

FUNDRAISING:

Thank you for your generosity! For every \$1 we raise for the presbytery the Diocese will give us 50 cents. So for every \$10 donated we will eventually receive \$15.

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

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Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible. A tally of the funds raised will be provided once the Parish office reopens later in January.

Regards the PFC.

Prayer Zone 

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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, 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.

FEAST DAYS JANUARY

Sun 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord

Mon 8th, The Baptism of the Lord

Wed 17th, St Anthony, abbot

Wed 24th, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

Thurs 25th, The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

Wed 31st, St John Bosco, priest

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

The Parish office will be closed until Monday 15 January 2023. Any urgent matters, please email—office@corpuschristi.com.au. The email will be monitored during this time.

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.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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together, to enjoy each others'
company and to support their
Clergy and Parishes.

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The Word

Sunday 7 January 2024: The Epiphany of the Lord

Collect

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, 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 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O 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.)

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

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. 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.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.