

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

8 October 2023, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday of Every Month

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

First Friday of Every Month

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

Sunday 8 October

Morning Tea after 8am Mass

Wednesday 11 October

Parishioner coffee catch-up
Archies 10.30am

Sunday 22 October

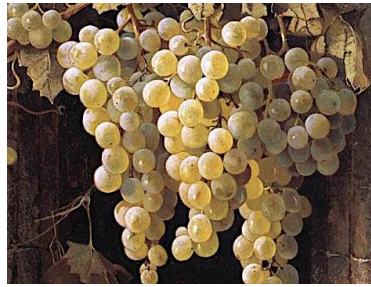
70th Anniversary Party - 11am

Sunday 29 October

Vine & Branches following 5pm
mass

Sunday 5 November

2-4pm Praise & Glory event



***When vintage time drew near,
he sent his servants to the
tenants to obtain his produce.
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The People of God are portrayed as a vineyard in both the Old and New Testaments. In every case, God is the one who plants the vineyard, after choosing the best and most fertile land and preparing it carefully. Go then looks for a good harvest, only to be disappointed time and again.

In the first reading, God is disappointed because the vineyard produces sour grapes (some translations say 'rotten'). There is nothing to do but tear the vineyard down. Isaiah is warning the people that God plans to do the same with Israel. God look for justice from Israel, and instead it produced a harvest of bloodshed.

The gospel parable tells the history of Israel as God's vineyard. The owner of the vineyard leased it out to tenants. Later, the owner sent servants to collect the portion of the harvest that was due to him. The servants represent the prophets whom God regularly sent to Israel, only to see them rejected, abused and sometimes killed. Finally, the owner sends his son to them but he, too, is killed. (Jesus' opponents know that he is referring to himself.) The owner is left with no alternative but to lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the share of the produce to him when harvest time comes.

What is that good fruit that Jesus wants from his vineyard? St Paul tells us: 'everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, everything that can be thought virtuous and worthy of praise'. Keep doing these things that you 'have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.'

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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History of Corpus Christi Parish

The formal beginnings of the Catholic Parish of St Ives were marked by the building of the first Corpus Christi Church (now the Hall) in 1953, with the foundation stone being laid on October 18th. The area was then part of the Pymble Parish and served by Priests from there. In those early years the parishioners were predominantly orchardists and market gardeners.

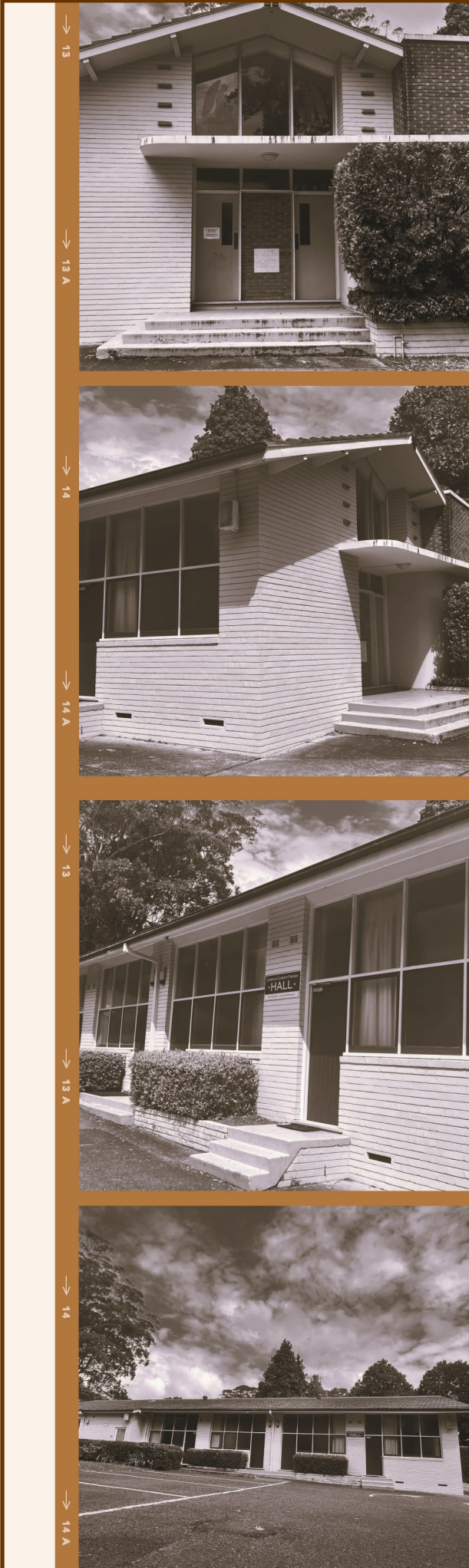
From as early as 1937 the Passionist College, where young men studied before joining the Passionist Community of Priests, had been a significant presence in the area.

In 1954 the Brigidine Sisters came to St Ives and began both their College and Corpus Christi School, which initially occupied the new church building during week days.

St Ives was established as a separate Parish by Cardinal Gilroy in 1958 when he appointed Fr Peter Sheil as first Parish Priest.

Taken from Welcome to the Catholic Community of St Ives 1997

If you have any memories or photos of the time Hall was Corpus Christi Church please email Michelle or Christina at the Office office@corpuschristi.com.au



Celebrating 70 Seventy Years

This year marks the 70th anniversary of our parish hall, which was our original Church at St Ives.

22 OCTOBER 2023

Fr Greg will bless the hall after the 10am Mass. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake.

Please bring a plate to share and enjoy catching up with parishioners on this memorable occasion.

Please contact Michelle or Christina in the office for more information or if you can help.



\$10 ENTRY



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

5 NOV 2023

2-4 PM

\$10 RAFFLE



Praise & Worship

FUNDRAISER

for priest's presbytery and office build

& CELEBRATING

70 years as a parish

- Singing together in Praise
- Community building
- Snacks and drinks
- Incredible raffle

***Come and join us in
a big sing-a-long
praising our Lord.***

The programme will be:

- 40 min praise singing with spot prizes being given away;
- Refreshment break
- 40 min of praise singing;
- The big raffle draw.

This community building event and fundraiser is for the presbytery build as well as celebrating 70 years as a Parish.

If you can't attend, please buy raffle tickets in support of your parish by using the QR Code above or by heading to <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=y95k5>

Prizes:

- 1st Prize - AirBnB non-peak weekend away in Avoca Beach. 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 14 sleeper, amazing sea views - worth \$2875
- 2nd Prize - Oroton Bag - worth \$129 (donated by parishioner)

- 3rd Prize - The Living Room Cafe voucher - \$100
- 4th Prize - Clarins Products hamper - worth \$100 (donated by St Ives Professional Skin Care)
- 5th Prize - St Ives Mobile voucher - worth \$100
- 6th Prize - Blooms The Chemist hamper - worth \$100
- 7th Prize - The Deli Hub hamper - worth \$75
- 8th Prize - Stanley Street Butchery voucher - worth \$50
- 9th Prize - Knife Sharpener voucher - worth \$50
- 10th Prize - AM Mart hamper - worth \$....
- 11th Prize - Coke products (donated by parishioner)

Please support our raffle donors when you are in St Ives Shopping Centre and please tell them when you buy from them that you're from Corpus Christi Parish that they donated to.



Morning Chat with a cuppa

Come and join us for refreshments

after the 8:00 am Mass on

Sunday, 11 October.

Catch up with old friends,

make a few new friends.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



Social Justice Corner

Laudate Deum

Pope Francis has released his new [Laudate Deum](#), where he revisits the issues relating to the human response to climate change he raised in Laudato Si. Where Laudato Si was more general in its language, Laudate Deum is much more specific about climate targets and what needs to be done in the short term.

In his introduction, Pope Francis notes:

"Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter [Laudato Si'](#), when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc..... This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life."

Voice to Parliament

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has issued two new documents leading up to the Referendum:

A [supplementary statement](#) from the bishops themselves, titled *Towards The Referendum*.

A [referendum factsheet](#) compiled by the bishops' Office of Justice, Ecology and Peace. The factsheet includes pastoral statements from several bishops.

Prayer Zone



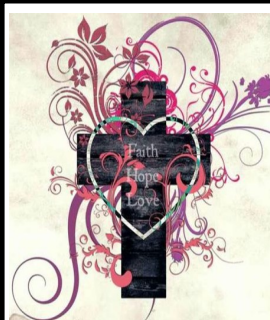
Recently Deceased: Christina Gomez

Anniversary: Molly and Mary Tang;
Joseph Teow Quee Yeo

Please pray for the ill:

Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; 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.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The Corpus Christi Parish family would like to congratulate Hillary Cheah and Daniel Full on their upcoming wedding. May God shower your new lives together with many blessings.



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 12 October 2023**
@ 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

FEAST DAYS OCTOBER

Mon 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

Wed 4th St Francis of Assisi

Sat 7th Our Lady of Rosary

Sun 15th, St Teresa of Avila

NEXT MEETING 29TH OCTOBER

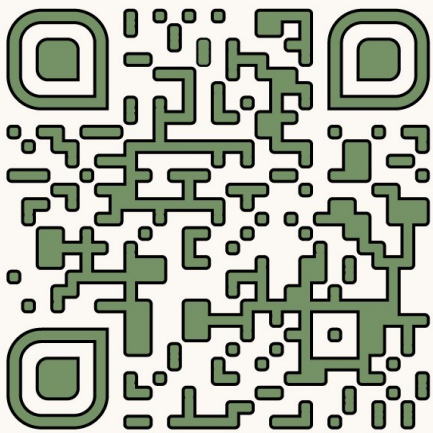
VINE & BRANCHES

A community gathering after mass for wine, cheese and a chat

6pm

Each fourth Sunday of the month

We can't wait to meet you!



SCAN TO DONATE WINE OR SNACKS
IT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!

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.

CATCH UP WITH
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISHIONERS

Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER
ARCHIES, ST IVES SHOPPING CENTRE
10:30 AM



RSVP to Andrena | 0438 698 993



Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. We had a great turnout on Sunday the 10th of September, and was so busy chatting that we only managed to get a photo after a few families left! The next dates are 15 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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The Word

Sunday 8 October 2023, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

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 prophet Isaiah Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. *(R.)*
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. *(R.)*
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 4:6-9
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.