

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

1 December 2024, First 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: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



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

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy

Every Friday
(during term time)
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

Thursday evenings
(during term time)
Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group
7:30pm in the Church

Wednesday 4th December
Christmas Choir rehearsal 7pm in
the Church

Sunday 15th December
10am Hamper Mass followed by a
BBQ.



*On earth nations will be in
dismay, perplexed by the
roaring of the sea and the
waves. People will die of
fright.*

(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

As we commence the season of Advent, we hear Jesus speak to us in prophetic and even somewhat frightening words. He talks of signs in the sun, moon and stars, of the heavens being shaken and the ocean in tumult, and of human beings dying of fright. In the chaotic and turbulent times in which we live, we may readily wonder if we are witnessing such signs at present. If we look at history, we realise that almost every age and era has had its fair share of trials, disasters and catastrophes. And, in a sense, they are all signs of the coming of the Son of Man. For truly, Christ comes to us not just once, but many times – or rather, he is continually coming to us. The word ‘*advent*’ literally means ‘*coming*’, and we are called upon to prepare our hearts and lives for this coming at every moment, but especially during this season. Let us guard ourselves against excessive distraction, busyness, and stress, so that when the infant Jesus arrives, he may find a serene and peaceful dwelling place ready for him in our hearts!

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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The Advent Season

We have begun the season of Advent. It is a significant period of spiritual preparation, reflection, and anticipation. The Latin word “adventus” means “coming.” It is a four-week period before Christmas and a time for preparing for the comings of Christ. We want to celebrate the birth of Jesus (first coming of Christ) which happened just over two thousand years ago and to anticipate his second coming when He will come again in glory to definitively establish the kingdom where we can share fully in that glory and happiness depending on how we live now under and with grace. So, the birthday of Christ uniquely celebrates both a past and future event.

In his first coming Jesus won for us infinite mercy as we come to Him with humble and contrite hearts. Without the first coming after the Fall of Adam and Eve and our subsequent wrong doing there was an infinite distance between God and ourselves and so we could never experience everlasting happiness in heaven (Bad news). But because Jesus took up our humanity, He could represent us and because He is a divine Person He could bridge the infinite gap between ourselves and God by satisfying public justice in living every virtue in the experience of his costly passion. No greater love has a person than one who lays down his life for another. Hence great gratitude is in order. We may now regain and experience God’s friendship and happiness eternally (Good news).

In Advent it is appropriate for each of us to reflect on our own personal relationship with Jesus in a way that is committed to his project of loving others. It makes sense to prayerfully study the life of Jesus and habitually aim to imitate Him under grace while simultaneously saying no to impulses that are not in keeping with the Gospel and are not life-giving. There are Advent programs which you may use to help achieve the above aim. One relates to St Therese and the other is from our diocese. They are free and are not onerous. See the bulletin for details. There is also a special Advent reconciliation service at the parish on Thursday 7.30pm to 8.30pm on the 19th December. So, prayerfully decide how you might deepen your relationship with Jesus during this Advent time.

ADVENT WREATH:

This is a circular wreath with four candles which are lit, one for each week, symbolizing hope, love, joy, and peace during Advent.

First Candle: Prophets’ candle who spoke of a future Messiah (Hope in his coming).

Second Candle: John the Baptist’s candle who prepared the way of the Lord and calls us to repent (To repent is to love God and others).

Third Candle: Saints’ Candle: We call to mind all the saints who now experience the fullness of Joy in heaven. We want to follow.

Fourth Candle: Angel Gabriel’s candle who brought the message of peace through Jesus to Mary the Mother of Christ and our spiritual Mother.

God Bless,
Fr Greg

2024

Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 15th**, as we come together for a special Mass to celebrate our 37th annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we are honoured to have Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Mt Druitt, co-celebrating this momentous occasion with us.

For nearly four decades, our parish has embraced the true spirit of Christmas by reaching out to those in need. This cherished tradition has not only brought smiles to countless faces but has also strengthened the bonds within our community.

As we embark on this journey of generosity, let's reflect on the impact of our collective efforts. Each item added to your weekly grocery shop becomes a beacon of hope for a family in need. Whether it's a can of soup, a box of cereal, or a festive treat, every contribution matters.

Suggested hamper contents

Canned Food (eg soups/seafood) Canned Fruits
Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
Long life custard / Jelly
Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial / Soft drink / Juice
Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
Packets of Sugar / Long Life Milk
Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
Tissues / Paper Towel
Christmas Decorations / Colouring Pencils
Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable good you may wish to provide! Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

Please place in a sturdy clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags—wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.

We will also be accepting cash donations for those who can't get a hamper together. Unfortunately we won't be able to accept gift cards this year.

Please reference Hamper Mass

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001798

Social Justice Corner



Cana Market Stall: Sunday, 1 December 2024

Next Sunday, a stall will be held outside the church to support Cana Communities after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. The market stall will have handmade gifts, preserves, and other pantry items suitable for Christmas presents.

Cana Communities is a not-for-profit charity working with men and women, who have experienced homelessness, addiction, mental health issues, and other barriers that have prevented them from creating a positive life for themselves. At Cana Farm at Orchard Hills, locally grown and chemical-free produce is grown with the help of volunteers and community members, often people who have been homeless or are transitioning back into society following time in jail and face employment barriers.

Cana is run by volunteers and regularly runs stalls in parishes in the Sydney area. Funds raised go towards providing employment, education, and sustainable opportunities for people transforming their lives.

If you are unable to attend Mass next Sunday and would like to support Cana, you can also order online from their Christmas Catalogue www.canafarm.com.au/collections/christmas-gifts.



Our Deepest Sympathy Ignazzio Cristaudo

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Ignazzio Cristaudo. Ignazzio's funeral will be held on Friday 6 December at 10:30am May Ignazzio experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:
Kath Fletcher

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.

FEAST DAYS - DECEMBER

Sunday 1st, First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 3rd, St Francis Xavier, priest

Saturday 7th, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Sunday 8th, Second Sunday of Advent

Monday 9th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 13th, St Lucy, virgin, martyr

Saturday 14th, St John of the Cross, priest,



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 5 December 2024 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

Christmas Flowers

We invite all those with a love for creativity and beauty to volunteer as floral arrangers for our Christmas celebrations. You can help transform our church into a radiant and welcoming space that reflects the joy of Christ's birth. Whether you are experienced or simply eager to help, your contribution will add a special touch to our services and bring the spirit of the season to life. Please let Christina or Michelle in the Parish office know if you could help out. We'd love to have you be part of this joyful tradition



“This season of the Church offers us space to pray, to listen to and dialogue with God, who loved us so much that He sent His only Son into the world so that we might come to know Him and the depth of His love for us.” Bishop Anthony Randazzo

To help people prepare for the Birth of Our Lord, the Diocese of Broken Bay has developed a booklet called “A Journey of Hope” for parish groups and families to guide them through the season. The booklet features Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and personal stories, to encourage people to enter more deeply into prayer and reflection. The booklet is available in your parishes. An online version can be found at bbcatholic.org.au/mission/advent-2024

Fr Greg is also delighted to invite you to sign up to an online **Advent Retreat**. This retreat is a time for quiet reflection, spiritual renewal, and drawing closer to the Lord as we anticipate the joy of Christ's birth. To register, please use the following link: <http://www.retreat-online.karmel.at>

Thank you once again for being part of our prayerful community. May St. Thérèse's Little Way continue to inspire you, and may this Advent season bring you peace, hope, and joy.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee

PC ITEMS

We would like to thank those generous parishioners who have already made donation contributions towards the purchase of the PC items.

To date approximately \$24,700 has been either paid or pledged to this appeal, which will reduce the total amount of the building contract.

There is still opportunity to contribute to this appeal. The items that are still available for a "cash in kind" donation are shown in the attached table.

PC ITEMS	Approximate cost \$
Supply & install kitchen, laundry & pantry	20,000
Carpet	8,000
Ceramic tiles (to be selected)	3,000
Alarm system (to be selected)	2,000
WC suites (3) (Mondella Signature)	1,500
Shower roses (3) (Methven Satinet)	600
Floor wastes (7) (Kinetic 100mm Chrome)	210

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024

EXPOSITION / ADORATION AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY MASS

AT 7:30PM



Readers for Christmas

We warmly invite all parishioners to share in the joy and spirit of the season by volunteering as readers 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!

Children's Nativity Mass

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

Practice Dates:
3:30-5:30pm

Everyone is welcome!

- Sat 14 Dec 3:30-5:00pm
- Sat 21 Dec 3:30-5:00pm
- Tue 24 Dec 4:30pm
Mass at 6:00pm

Parent helpers encouraged to
stay during practice times.



Please attend the Saturday
practices for main role
allocation. If you can't come
for the Saturdays, please
still come to the Hall
before Mass on Christmas
Eve to join.

All are welcome to join in.

Contact:
Rebecca 0407 277 689
(via text msg)



263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives



Thank You



Corpus Christi Ministry Thank You
& Hamper Mass

INVITATION

Following 10am Mass on
Sunday, 15 December 2024

To all volunteers who either directly or indirectly supported the ministries in the church and those who have supported others in need in the wider community.

Following the 10am Mass on 15 December we will be hosting a BBQ as a thank you to everyone. Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle along with a cuppa and cake as we send off our hampers.

EVERYONE WELCOME

**MORNING TEA /
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER
2024 AFTER THE
10AM MASS

GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING



**For the
Kids!**

LOLLY BAGS / TATTOO'S

HAMPERS

Please bring your hamper to
the 10am Mass ready for
collection after.

Cuppa and Cake!





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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The Word

Sunday 1 December 2024: First Sunday of Advent

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

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

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.