

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

1 September 2024, 22nd 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

Second Wednesday of Every Month

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

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

Sunday 8 September

First Eucharist sacramental class
at the Church 3:30– 5:00pm

Wednesday 11 September

Parish Catch Up Coffee
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am



***They observed that some
of his disciples ate their
meals with unclean, that is,
unwashed, hands.
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Today's readings lead us to reflect not just on the rules we live by but on how and why we keep them. Ideally, rules are meant to allow us to live safely and freely. If children understand this early, then they readily learn how to care for themselves and for others. Society has rules that are for our protection and harmony – look at what happens to people and our environment when rules are ignored. Religious rules are meant to nurture our relationship with God.

Moses encourages the people to see God's law as a gift which, when understood, brings wisdom and life. James and Jesus say this will only come about if we live the law from our hearts. Only then will we act with justice, speak the truth and help those in need. The law will bear good fruit in us. Today we are challenged to match our actions to our faith and check if we really live as if God's law is all about love. Do we live by the law of love in our minds and in our hearts?

Wishing all Fathers, Grandfathers and father figures a wonderful Father's Day. May God bless fathers with strength, wisdom, and boundless love as they guide their families in faith and grace.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest
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Michelle Miles, Office Manager
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

HALL BOOKINGS

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Join us on Friday the 6th
September for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month

Eucharistic Adoration

at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7.30pm



You do not have to attend all the days

IGNITE CONFERENCE 24
26-29 September 2024

subsidies and/or childcare may be available;
register EOI now to find out more!
<https://bit.ly/CorpusChristi8834>

Ignite Conference is a nationwide Catholic gathering. It is 4 days of great music, inspirational workshops, and fun. Everyone is invited, regardless of your stage of faith and life. There are 4 streams running concurrently:

- Ignite Kids - primary aged children:
Sat 9am-3:30pm,
Sun 9:45am-1:30pm
- Ignite High - high school
- Ignite Young Adults - 18-25 year olds
- Ignite Adults - 25+ year olds



First in best dressed to get the free tickets.
All other interest registered with the QR Code
above will receive pro rata subsidies

(late fees will apply after 10 Sep 2024)

Kids (primary school) \$125.00

Catholic schools are offering further discount, please contact us.

Sat 28 Sep. 9am - 3:30pm and Sun 29 Sep. 10:45am - 1:30pm

Individuals (high school & adults) \$147.50

(after Diocesan discount—
scan QR code for info)

Individual tickets are for the full event (incl. lunch & 2x dinners):

Thu 26 Sep. 6pm through to Sun 29 Sep. 1:30pm

We are blessed that this amazing conference is happening 15 minutes away, in Waitara.

We hope to have a big delegation going together, and already have 16 adults, high school and primary school students registered.

Will you join us?

Discounted tickets are available until 9 September. **The Parish will be happy to provide financial support for those who may need it.** Don't miss out on this chance to ignite your faith! Register your interest using this link: <https://bit.ly/CorpusChristi8832>



Social Justice Corner

Closing the Gap Report

The 2024 Closing the Gap report, released in the aftermath of the failed Voice referendum, presents a stark picture of Indigenous disadvantage in Australia. Key metrics, including imprisonment rates, suicide rates, and child protection involvement, have worsened, deepening concerns about the efficacy of current policies.



The number of Indigenous Australians in prison has risen to 2,266 per 100,000 adults, and suicide rates have increased to 30 per 100,000. The number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care also continues to rise, with 57 per 1,000 children affected. These alarming trends underscore the significant challenges still facing Indigenous communities, despite years of effort under the Closing the Gap framework.

Out of 19 targets monitored by the Productivity Commission, only five are currently on track. While some areas, such as preschool enrolments and land and sea rights, show progress, most measures are either stagnating or regressing. Life expectancy, though improved, remains below that of non-Indigenous Australians, with Indigenous men expected to live 71.9 years and women 75.6 years, compared to 81.2 years and 85.3 years for non-Indigenous Australians, respectively.

The report's findings highlight the urgent need for a new engagement with First Nations peoples in Australia. Catherine Liddle, co-convenor of the Coalition of Peaks, has criticised the continued reliance on non-Indigenous-operated service providers, arguing that community-controlled services achieve better outcomes for Indigenous people. She emphasised the importance of Indigenous involvement in decision-making, echoing the sentiment that "nothing about us without us" should guide future efforts.

Source: *Social Justice Trends, Office for Justice,*

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Enid McBain; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chaurira; 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 SEPTEMBER

Tues 3rd, St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
 Fri 13th, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
 Sat 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Mon 16th, Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

*Catch up with
 Corpus Christi
 Parishioners!*

Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
 ARCHIES | 10:30 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP to Andrena - 0438 698 993
 or just turn up



THANK YOU ALL!



IGNITE CONFERENCE Cake Sale and Fundraising

Thank you for your generous baking and donations last 2 weeks - We are continuing to reach out to the schools in our Parish, and will process the subsidy applications. More updates next week!



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.

Calling all kids!!



Do you want to have a run and play after sitting still during mass? Come to Pray and Play!! We will be meeting after Sunday 10am Mass on the grassed area between the Presbytery garage

and school oval on the following dates:

- 8 Sep
- 20 Oct
- 10 Nov
- 8 Dec

We hope you'll be able to join us!

Childrens' liturgy of the Word

During Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the school to participate in Children's

Liturgy of the Word with Children



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

Morning tea is served after Mass for everyone.

50th Anniversary Celebrations of our Parish Church

Please save the date for the following celebrations:

- International Food Festival - Sunday 27 October after 10am Mass
- Parish Dinner Dance - Saturday 23 Nov



We'd love it if you could share photos and a description of the event, corpuschristi.stives@gmail.com.

Volunteers are also needed for our celebrations: contributing food for the food festival, event organising, donating items for raffles/prizes... any skills or experience that you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office to help - office@corpuschristi.com.au



EVER CONSIDERED CONNECTING YOUR FAITH WITH YOUR INNER CHILD?

Calling all teachers, parents, grandparents and children!

Children's Liturgy has been running for over a year and we are growing, which is exciting. However, we need more volunteers** to help us as we need to expand into two liturgy groups. By volunteering you are not only engaging your inner child, you are also growing your faith and that of the children.

All resources, support and training provided.

Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives
Sunday 10am Mass

If you would like to know more, please contact Brigitte Karle (0452 531 710) or Jennifer Poon (0403 162 598). We would love to chat to you.

** Please note all volunteers over 18 will need a Working with Children Check which we can help you with if needed.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Dear Parishioners

We are grateful for the wonderful support of our parishioners, many of whom work behind the scenes to assist with the day to day running of the parish. We are also grateful to our office staff who work hard to provide the support services needed to keep the parish going. We also thank our parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially.

Our deficit for the year was a lot greater than the previous year due in part to the to the shortfall in meeting our quota for the Pastoral Works (\$16,115 compared to \$8,423 in 2023) and an increase in repair and maintenance costs. However, it is pleasing to note that our income increased slightly (by \$2,464, excluding the increase in interest received) in the 2024 year compared to 2023. The increase in interest received was due to higher interest rates being received and an increase in cash on deposit.

We finished the year with \$342,530 in donations towards the renovation of the Presbytery. Since the year end, up to 7 August, we received a further \$60,596 in donations. This included one donation of \$45,000 and we thank all parishioners for their continued support. So far we have spent \$29,130 on consultants fees and after the year end we paid the first instalment to the building contractor of \$52,620. The amounts received as donations and the amounts paid for the project are not shown in the income and expenditure account. The Diocese has advised us that as these are not operating items they should be reflected in the balance sheet.

Discussions on the new parish office are continuing and parishioners will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the plans for the new office.

The Presbytery renovation is under way and is scheduled to be completed by the middle of December, when the lease on the current priest's accommodation ends. Thank you to those parishioners who assisted the parish staff in clearing out the old parish office. It was greatly appreciated.

The temporary office in the parish hall is on hold for a while as the mould has to be removed. We have had an Occupational Hygienist examine the hall and take air samples. The mould came about during COVID when the hall was closed for almost two years and there was a leak in the roof that was not noticed until the hall was reopened after COVID. The Occupational Hygienist has recommended that the curtains be disposed of as well as the carpet in the boardroom as these hold mould spores. The advice is that after cleaning the ceiling and other affected areas then repainting the hall and recarpeting the boardroom the whole area will be suitable for use. Further air testing will be done before we reopen the hall and commence the alteration for the temporary parish office.

Our parish continues to follow its mission of seeking to "Evangelise, celebrate our faith, foster community and serve God and each other." Our goal is Missionary Discipleship. We are moving from a maintenance church to a missionary one in keeping with Jesus' great commission: "Go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all I have commanded you" (Mt 28).

Our mission depends on our parishioners' support and we thank you for your contributions over the last twelve months.

Sacramental programme

The Children's Sacramental Programme is a three stage process that is delivered over a twelve month period. The first sacrament in this programme is Confirmation, followed by Reconciliation and is completed with First Holy Communion, when the children become fully initiated into the Church.

Our thanks go to Gerri Hadwen, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, for the wonderful work she does in working with the families to prepare the children for the sacraments.

Over the year we had 129 children through the programme, 58 for Confirmation, 36 for first Reconciliation and 35 for first Eucharist. The children came from both our local Corpus Christi Parish School and the state schools in our area.

Catechists

Our catechists, led by Jennifer Perrot, put a lot of work into preparing lessons, activities of significance and attending professional development opportunities. Our catechists bring the Word of God to children in state schools in our area and assist in preparing those children to receive the Sacraments. We are still looking for catechists and would welcome further volunteers for this very important ministry. Please contact Jen Perrott at the parish office on 9144 6998 if you can assist.

Significant Parish Statistics

Sacraments and services:

Baptisms 51

Weddings 2

Funerals 8

Parish Team and staff

Our thanks to Michelle Miles and Christina Surjan for their efficient running of the Parish Office. Our thanks to our Carmelite priests who do a significant amount of pastoral work, including home visits and anointing of the sick.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDE VITAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

Parish Pastoral Council	12 (8 parishioners and 4 ex-officio representing the schools and the diocese)
Parish Finance Committee	6
Hall booking co-ordinator	1
Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	not active
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	3
Altar Society	3
Altar linen	6
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	38
Music ministry	32
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	14
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	30
Welcoming and hospitality	28
Morning tea	32
Liturgy Committee	4
Childrens' Liturgy	10
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	16
Floral arrangers	Seeking volunteers
Social Justice Group	9
Piety stall	not active
Catechists	24
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	2
All our volunteers who contribute without acknowledgement.	Numerous

In addition to the above we have an active St Vincent de Paul team who provide vital services in our parish. We also have an organised roster for providing food to Youth off the Streets. Our priests are very active serving our spiritual needs and those of patients at the San and Hornsby hospitals and Neringah Hospice. They conduct spiritual services to residents at BUPA and Fernbank. In addition, they run study groups examining the gospels.

As you can see there are many ways to become involved in the work of the Parish. If you are not yet a part of one or more of the Ministries and are able to assist please contact the Parish Office as it would help share the load with those already involved. As mentioned before we depend on our parishioners for their various contributions. Without your help we would not be able to function.

As baptised disciples of Christ we have the privilege and responsibility of being Christ's presence and action in the world both within and outside the church structure. To live this discipleship out of love for Christ in a way that cares for others, facilitates the effective running of this parish and influences, for the better, the world around us. Let us help each other to grow in this discipleship together.

Thank you for helping our community.

Fr Greg Chee and the Parish Finance Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES
Income & Expenditure
For the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$
	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
INCOME		
Planned Giving Credit Cards, Envelopes & EFT's	123,766	113,837
Loose Second Collection	34,600	38,009
Tap & Go	27,371	28,220
Donations	305	430
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	24,713	23,094
Bulletin Advertising	2,051	1,482
Alpha	415	4,792
Discipleship	504	250
Formation	48	200
Interest Received- Church and Term Deposits	16,926	7,508
Building donations	0	995
Total Income	230,698	218,816
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Church Requisites	9,792	9,539
Employment Expenses including on-costs	131,234	124,963
Insurance	26,372	25,359
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	13,658	14,047
Office Expenses	18,599	16,018
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	5,226	3,926
Alpha Program	256	423
Discipleship Program	1,394	197
Formation	3,998	3,110
Repairs and maintenance	56,588	41,024
Clergy Car Expenses	8,353	8,827
Pastoral Works Fund - PWF	16,115	8,424
Total Operating Expenses	291,584	255,856
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(60,887)	(37,040)
Non Operating Income		
Rental Income specifically received for Priests accommodation	19,800	-
Total Non -Operating Income	19,800	0
Non Operating Expense		
Rental Expense for Priests accomodation	19,800	-
Total Non -Operating Expense	19,800	0
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(\$60,887)	(\$37,040)



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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The Word

Sunday 1 September 2024: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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 book of Deuteronomy Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. *(R.)*
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St James Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he

had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.