

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

12 May 2024, The Ascension 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

Second Wednesday of Every Month

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

Thursday evenings

Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group
Book of Revelation
7:30-9pm in the Church

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday of Every Month

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

Sunday 12th May

Mothers Day

Thursday 16th and 23rd May

Parent Confirmation Meeting—
7.30pm in the hall

Thursday 23rd May

Parish Craft Group —10am in the hall



***So then the Lord Jesus,
after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the
right hand of God.
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

We read in Acts and in Mark's Gospel, that Jesus had shown himself to the apostles after his Passion. We can imagine the conversations they had with Jesus. What conversation do you need to have with Jesus about what's happening in your life and in our world?

Sit with the apostles and Jesus, and hear Jesus say to you, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' We are part of creation. How are you being called to make a difference in the world? In *Laudato Si* we are invited to pray: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Pope Francis quoting 1 Peter 3:8 says: "*Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind.*"

Wishing all our mothers past and present and those who have mothered in their families or in their communities a very happy Mother's Day.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2024 at Corpus Christi Parish on **28th June**. In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and have been **Baptised**.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so by using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/CQNQV>

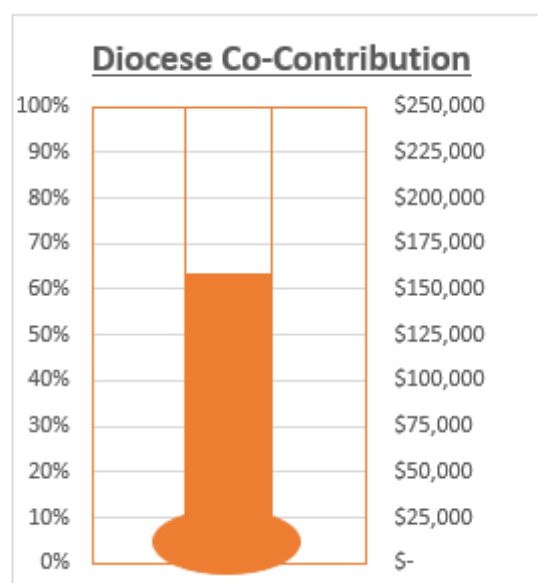
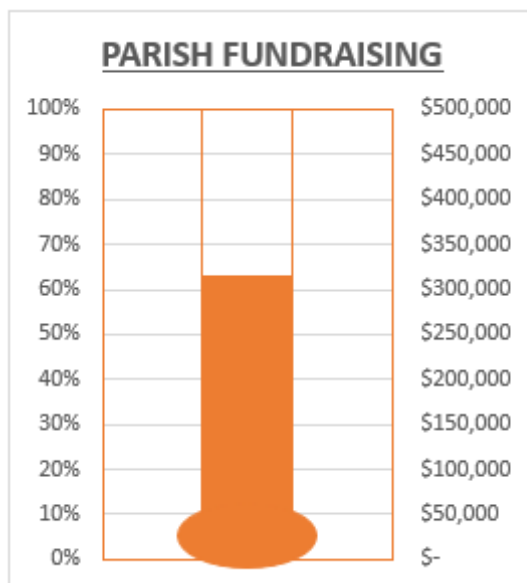
There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evenings** held in the Church Hall at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 16th May** and **23rd May**. Attendance by at least one parent at **both of the information evenings** is a requirement of the course.

The presentation of candidates will be held at the weekend masses on the **25th and 26th May**.

There will also be a **compulsory practice** in the Church for each child and a parent on **Tuesday 25th June at 4.30pm**.

Confirmation **will be held on Friday 28th June 2024 at 6pm**. All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your generosity! Our updated total raised is **\$316,600!** We have achieved 63 percent of our \$500,000 goal. **For every \$100 donated the Diocese will give us another \$50.** 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

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001798

Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.

Regards the Parish Finance Committee

Social Justice Corner



The Social Justice Group wishes all mothers a joyful and blessed Mother's Day.

A Mother's Day Prayer:

Loving God, You have loved us with everlasting love (Jer 31:3). You have loved us even more as a mother loved her child. Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.



We pray for the mothers-to-be, who are just beginning to be the bearers of new life in them, may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for the young mothers; may they cherish their children with tender care and unconditional love.

We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, conflict, violence and for any other reason. Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace that wipes every tear away.

We pray for all mother figures, those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.

We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. Their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us. Thank you for them. Grant health, blessings, and well-being to those of our mothers who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us. While they live forever in our hearts and memory, grant them eternal rest and reward for their labours.

Amen.

You're Invited to our Mother's Day Celebration!

Dear Parishioners,

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and mother like figures in our Parish following the 10am mass.

Please join us for a heartwarming gathering filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Together, let's express our gratitude for these extraordinary women who enrich our lives every day.



Prayer Zone



Anniversary : John Shoppee;

Recently Deceased: Christine Nemes, Kevin Holden

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 MAY

Sun 12th, The Ascension of the Lord

Tues 14th, St Matthias, apostle

Sun 19th, Pentecost Sunday

Mon 20th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Fri 24th, Our Lady, Help of Christians



Our Deepest Sympathy Christine Nemes

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Christine. Christine's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Friday 17 May 2024 at 11am. May Christine experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

VOCATIONS!

IS GOD CALLING YOU
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 23rd May 2024.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting our guest speaker will be Tim Curran, Executive Director of CatholicCare in our Diocese who will provide us with an overview of all their activities.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see" and learn about all the amazing services provided by CatholicCare.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywkw@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

VOLUNTEERS — Pentecost

19 May 2024

'And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues'

We are looking for 2 readers for each mass to read the Prayers of the Faithful, firstly in English and then in a second language. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.



PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus. We have two appeals each year, in May and November, that help support two key Diocesan ministries.

Our quota, set by the Diocese of Broken Bay, for this financial year is \$32,675. So far we have raised \$7,470, leaving a balance of \$25,205. We will be collecting for PWBB during the month of November. Your generosity is appreciated. Any shortfall will be supplemented by the Parish.

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.



70 YEARS

OPEN DAY

Thursday 16 May 2024 | 9am-12pm

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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners

As indicated in the last update (17 March 2024) the project will now be done in two phases. The plan for the renovation of the presbytery is complete and tenders for this first part of the project will be called for as soon as the tender documentation is complete. We anticipate that tenders will be called for in the next month. Once tenders are received and we have a firm idea on the costs of the renovation we will meet with the Diocese to obtain their formal approval to commence the renovations. At this stage we only have an informal approval from the Diocese. If any parishioner knows of a builder that would like to tender could they please contact the parish office with the details.

Based on the cost estimates, we have sufficient funds to go ahead with the renovations, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners.

It is anticipated that the renovations could be completed within a three to four month period after the tender is awarded. This means that our priests should be able to move into the renovated presbytery prior to December 2024 when the lease on their current accommodation expires.

Temporary arrangements for the office staff will be made during the construction period.

The plans for the new office building are being completed as well as the documents required to lodge a DA with Council. We are hoping to be able to lodge a DA towards the end of May. Once we lodge the DA we will also need to obtain formal approval from the Diocese for the building. We will also have to apply for a loan from the CDF. At this stage we do not have sufficient funds to complete the office building so our fund-raising efforts will continue. Thank you for your generosity.

The Finance Committee

*Mothers hold our hands for a little while...
but they hold our hearts forever!*



All-loving God,
we give you thanks for
mothers young and old.
We pray for all mothers of
every kind. Those who
have loved us and helped
shape us with
motherly care and
compassion.
We remember mothers,
grandmothers and
great-grandmothers
who are no longer with us,
but whose love
is in our memory forever.
Amen

*Frs Greg, Sunny & Gerard,
Michelle, Jen, Gerri & Christina
would like to wish all Mothers,
Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters and carers
a very happy Mother's Day.*



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE - 12 MAY

Drawn on Mother's Day
after 10am mass morning tea

1. Ampol petrol voucher 2x \$50
2. Oryspa Ancient Asian beauty products \$80
3. Mother's Day bouquet
4. Afternoon tea hamper
5. KarisLife mobility product voucher \$50
6. HappyLand Chinese restaurant voucher \$50
7. KarisLife mobility product voucher \$50
8. Wooden jewellery box with shell inlay
9. Ecology platter with knife and server
10. Essential oil burner



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METANOIA

Are you looking for a way to get closer to Jesus?

Come and join us on the Metanoia journey. The term "metanoia" may not be familiar to everyone, but Host Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR tells us that metanoia is a reference to conversion, to a mind and a life changed through Jesus – and it's not something that should be experienced only once.

Register:

Complete the form in the foyer of the Church Or go to <https://bit.ly/4cSr7GL> OR use this QR Code to register online



Where:

Corpus Christi Parish Hall.

When:

Beginning 7 & 8 May 2024
Tuesdays 9:30-11:15am OR
Wednesdays 7:15-9:00pm

Guest Speaker

FR DAVE
PIVONKA

Starting

MAY 7/8th 2024

9:30-11:00am & 7:15-9:00pm



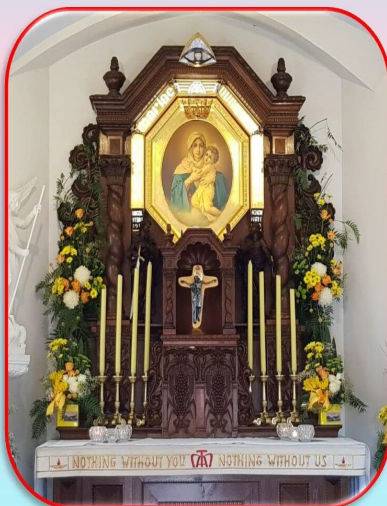
BEGAN THIS WEEK, YOU CAN STILL REGISTER

For more information contact Jen Perrott on 9144 6998 or jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

Schoenstatt Annual Marian Pilgrimage

Sunday 19 May 2024

Mary, your Shrine - Our Cenacle!



9.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation available

10.15am Pilgrims' Prayer and Welcome

10.30am Holy Mass (Father Andrew Fornal OP)

Recommissioning of Pilgrim Mother Coordinators

2.00pm Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the shrine

Alternative program: Anointing of the sick (Shrine)

3.00pm Benediction

THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.
HOT FOOD, TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

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The Word

Sunday 12 May 2024: The Ascension of the Lord

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. *(R.)*
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. *(R.)*
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 4:1-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.