

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

16 March 2025, 2nd Sunday of Lent

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)



*His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white....
(Gospel)*

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

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

Wednesday 19 March
Wild Goose starts
Parish Hall—7pm

Friday 21 March
Corpus Christi Open Day
8:45-10:30am

Friday 21 March
Stations of the Cross—7.30pm

Sunday 23 March
5pm Family Rock Mass—Year 6 and Kindy

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The observation of the English mystic poet, William Blake, that 'great things happen when men and mountains meet' is true of such pivotal incidents in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai (Exodus 19: 16-25; 20: 1-21) and the transfiguration of Jesus 'on the mountain' (often associated with Mount Tabor). Scripture scholars point to several parallels that may be drawn between these two events. In the latter instance, as recorded in all three Synoptic Gospels and now included in the luminous mysteries of the rosary by St John Paul II, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. Accompanied by representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), he is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John—the three apostles who later are witnesses to his agony in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46). Jesus' human bodiliness becomes the vehicle through which his inner reality as God-Man shines forth. Surely this was a source of hope to his disciples after Jesus' prediction of his death by crucifixion had become a reality. Alluding to this event Peter wrote: 'We had seen his majesty for ourselves.... When we were with him on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1:16-18).

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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9144 6998



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

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER
WILL BE
FATHER MAREK WOLDAN ASSISTANT PRIEST AT MANLY
FRESHWATER PARISH
HE WILL BE SPEAKING TO US ABOUT HIS VOCATION
JOURNEY FROM
POLAND TO AUSTRALIA**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

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

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



FAMILY ROCK MASS

Please join us on Sunday 23rd March at the 5pm mass.

The family rock mass will be led by the children from Year 6 and Kindy.

**Parking at the Church
FRIDAY 21 March for 9am Mass**

Please be aware that the school is hosting their OPEN DAY from 8.45—10.30am next Friday so parking may be limited.

PALMS REQUIRED FOR PALM SUNDAY

As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday, we are looking for large palm fronds to help decorate the church.

If you have any palms that you would be willing to donate, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing



the office (office@corpuschristi.com.au) alternatively, please call on 9144 6998. Your generosity will help make our worship space beautiful for this special celebration. Thank you for your support!



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FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025 8:45-10:30AM

Meet our Principal, teachers, learning specialists, students and other families

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Corpus is a school of academic achievement. As well as solid NAPLAN results, we consistently achieve high scores across our student body in extension competitions such as ICAS and Maths Olympiad.

Visit our classrooms, playgrounds, two sports ovals, all-purpose court, library, STEAM room and Senior Learning Hub

Gain a real sense of Corpus Christi's welcoming and nurturing community

Our Open Day is a structured morning with the opportunity for meaningful insight into our wonderful school and community.



Jayne Wheen
Principal



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ST PIUS X COLLEGE
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OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
at www.spx.nsw.edu.au





For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When April 5, 10am - 4pm
Lenten Reflections—Second Isaiah
Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

When May 3, 10am - 4pm
Hope: Present and Eternal
Presenter: Mr Matthew Delasey, OCDS

When: June 7, 10am - 4pm
The Roses of St Therese
Presenter: Ms Jill Ditton, OCDS

When: June 12-13 or 13 June
The Artistic and Spiritual Dimensions of the Christmas Story
Presenter: Mr John Charadia & Artist Tutors

When: June 20-22 6pm (Fri) to 12:30pm (Sun)
Let yourself Be Loved
Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

Global Mission: No age limit!



Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- registerr at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

02 9560 5333

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.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:
Phil Davies

Anniversary:
Edward & Jackie Bonderski

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 - MARCH

Mon 17th St Patrick, bishop

Wed 19th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord

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 20 March 2025** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

Our Deepest Sympathy Phil Davies



The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Phil Davies. Phil's funeral will be held on **Friday 21 March at 11:30am**. May Phil experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

FINANCE UPDATE – SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Dear Parishioners

We are very pleased that over the last six months the renovation of the presbytery was completed as well as the interim office accommodation. Also, the mould was removed from the hall, and the hall was given a freshen up. Dehumidifiers have now been installed in the hall to prevent any new build up of mould.

Our priests moved back into the presbytery at the beginning of December. We sincerely thank those parishioners who assisted with the clearing out of the old office and those who assisted in moving the priests into the renovated presbytery as well as those who assisted with the office move.

We also thank all those who contributed to this project for their generosity. As mentioned in a recent Parish bulletin we have ceased fund raising for the overall project other than a few PC items that have not yet been covered. There are still some expenses to be incurred, primarily for adding extra shelving and storage in the office. The office also needs a new photocopier as the current photocopier is quite old and prone to break downs. It is estimated that the new shelving and storage will cost around \$4,500 and the new photocopier around \$8,000.

The containers that have been taking up car spaces will soon be moved. We will need to retain one container and will be purchasing rather than renting it. This is to store the hall tables and chairs as well as some of the Parish documents and files that do not fit in the current office. A second hand refurbished container will cost around \$3,900. It can be sold if it is no longer required.

Our fund-raising efforts now are mainly addressed at covering the expenses noted above and meeting our quota for the Pastoral Works Fund. The amount we need to raise, as levied by the Diocese, is \$29,684. So far we have raised \$14,590. Please remember that donations to the Pastoral Works Fund are tax deductible and tax receipts are issued. Donations can be made online on the Diocese of Broken Bay website (indicating that your Parish is St Ives), in the envelopes provided at the back of the Church or directly into the Church bank account, indicating that it is for the Pastoral Works Fund. The majority of the money raised for the Pastoral Works Fund goes to the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) that provides the resources to our catechists.

At the December PFC meeting Kit Ling Chow resigned from the PFC. We thank her for her contribution over the last few years and for arranging all our fund-raising events. We do now have a vacancy on the PFC for someone who would like to take on the fund-raising role. Can you please let the office know if you would be able to take on this role. Another resignation was that of Paul Gavazzi. We thank Paul for his contribution to the PFC, particularly as a member of the building sub-committee. His advice and counsel was really appreciated.

Our operating income for the six months is down by around 5% over the same period last year and our operating expenses are up by just under 10% over the corresponding period last year. We are still running at an operating deficit and are doing what we can to reduce our expenditure.

With the demise of Catholic Church Insurance (now under administration) a new insurer had to be found. The Diocese has chosen AON as the new insurer for the Diocese. Unfortunately our insurance premium will increase and is now \$38,716 per annum, a significant increase on last year. This additional cost is not reflected in the half yearly accounts as the premium was only given to us recently. We had budgeted on an increase in premium to \$29,000 so this will impact our deficit. We welcome all new parishioners and encourage those who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card please call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the form that can be found at the back of the Church and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these challenging times to enhance our Parish.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee

Income & Expenditure

For the period from 1 July 2024 to 31 Dec 2024

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
INCOME		
Planned Giving Credit Cards, Envelopes & EFT's	58,569	60,986
Loose Second Collection	17,269	18,478
Tap & Go	14,487	13,600
Donations	4,350	50
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	8,367	11,012
Bulletin Advertising	0	2,051
Alpha	0	415
Discipleship	0	202
Formation	195	48
Interest Received- Church and Term Deposits	5,704	7,452
Total Income	108,941	114,295
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Church Requisites	6,360	6,316
Employment Expenses including on-costs	70,243	63,244
Insurance	8,132	3,901
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	6,589	9,201
Office Expenses	10,647	8,663
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	2,140	2,008
Alpha Program	0	256
Discipleship Program	577	956
Formation	533	2,663
Repairs and maintenance	18,254	15,355
Clergy Car Expenses	4,219	4,571
Total Operating Expenses	127,696	117,133
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(18,755)	(2,839)
Non Operating Income		
Donations Parish Presbytery Project 2024	432,561	-
Diocese Contribution Presbytery Project 2024	159,000	-
Donations PC Items Presbytery Project 2024	20,250	-
Total Non -Operating Income	611,811	0
Non Operating Expense		
Refurbishment of Presbytery Project 2024	591,438	-
Total Non -Operating Expense	591,438	0
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,618	(\$2,839)

Wild Goose, Holy Spirit Series with Fr Dave Pivonka



Join Fr Dave Pivonka , TOR, on this incredible 14 part video series which is awakening Gods love and transforming power in the hearts of those who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father.

This adventure consists of Fr Dave speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies from people across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God.

Discovering a
Deeper
Relationship
with the Holy
Spirit

To Register, please scan the QR Code below or online at:
<https://bit.ly/3DzVmWk>. You May also register your details in the foyer of the church.

Alternatively, please contact Jen Perrott on email:
jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au or in the office for more information (02) 9144 6998.



**LAST WEEKEND
TO REGISTER**

**BEGINNING
19TH MARCH 2025
AT 7:00PM**

**HELD IN CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH HALL.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR MATERIALS.**





**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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. 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.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Liturgy of the Word with Children



WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

Why do we sign ourselves before the Gospel?

The Church distinguishes between the 'large' sign of the cross (made with the right hand outstretched on the forehead, chest and shoulders) and the 'small' sign of the cross (made with the thumb on the forehead, mouth and chest). By performing this latter action just prior to the reading of the Gospel, we are asking God's blessing upon our thoughts, words and desires. Next time you make this sign, be aware that you are praying to open yourself to God's Word.

Morning Tea after 8:00am Mass

Last year, a few volunteers organised Morning tea after 8am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. We would like to continue this again but need more volunteers to make this happen.



Once a month shared amongst a group of us keeps it easy.

If you would like to participate in some way please see Joy Pitts, Danielle Hadley or Andrena Brewer after mass or contact the office so that one of them can give you a call.

These morning teas are a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community after Mass and get to know one another.





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

THINKING OF MAKING A MOVE?

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For further information phone
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The Word

Sunday 16 March 2025: Second Sunday of Lent

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your 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 book of Genesis Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
2. Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *(R.)*
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. *(R.)*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 3:17 – 4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. The Gospel of the Lord.