

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

2 March 2025, 8th 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

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

Tuesday 4 March

Fr Gerard's talk
The Season of Lent—Eastertide
Parish Hall 7:20-8:45pm

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday
Year 3 & 4 attending 9am mass
9am & 7:30pm masses

Thursday 6 March

Parish Craft Social Group
10:30am - Parish Hall

Friday 7 March 7pm

Stations of the Cross/First Friday



**“Can a blind person
guide a blind person?
Will not both fall into a pit?”
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The call of today's Gospel is beautifully captured in the Gospel acclamation verse from Philippians. Using the imagery of light, we are invited to 'shine in the world' in the way that stars light up the dark night sky. Our mission is not to be judges of others, assessing their behaviour. Instead, we are called to develop a clarity of vision through the guidance of trusted teachers.

The wisdom which Jesus shares with us in this parable illumines the pattern of our own psychological structure. That is, in being judgemental towards another we are often projecting something of the shadow side of ourselves onto that person. Jesus wisely advises us that before we cast judgement on another's failings, we firstly examine the intentions of our own heart. Then with God's grace we are empowered to draw from the store of goodness dwelling within us.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**

Join us on Friday the 7th March
for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month
*Stations of the
Cross*

at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7.30pm



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!



JOIN OUR MORNING TEA MINISTRY!

We invite you to join our Morning Tea Roster and help serve tea, coffee, and fellowship after the 10 am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and contribute to our welcoming community. No experience is needed—just a friendly smile and a willingness to help once every 8 weeks. If you're interested, please email the parish office office@corpuschristi.com.au or speak to one of our coordinators at morning tea following mass.



HELPERS NEEDED



Corpus Christi Parish is hosting a Wine & Cheese night in the parish hall, for parents of kindergarden children in the State Schools and Corpus Christi Primary School. This event is also open to other primary school parents. It is an opportunity for parents to meet each other and the parish to share with them what we can offer them.

**WED, 12 MARCH 2025
7:00 - 8:30PM**

We need people who would be willing to help with hospitality, either helping make something savoury or help with the set up, serve and pack up?

Please fill in the form in the foyer of the church or contact Jen Perrott or the office on (02) 9144 6998.

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY SUNDAY, 2 MARCH WHAT YOU CAN HELP WITH.



CAN YOU USE A COMPUTER?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THE LORD BY CLICKING THROUGH THE POWERPOINTS DURING MASS.

A new ministry is being formed for the running of the PowerPoints at Mass. Training will be provided.

If you think you could help once a month - please contact Michelle or Christina in the office by Monday, 10 March 2025 for more information on (02) 9144 6998 or office@corpuschristi.com.au

“Your attitude of serving the Lord can transform even the most menial of tasks into a magnificent sacrifice of love.”

Elizabeth George: *Understanding Your Blessings in Christ: Ephesians*



Social Justice Corner



Refugee Crisis Appeal

The recent freeze on nearly all foreign assistance by the US Government has left millions of vulnerable people worldwide facing an uncertain future, with essential services now suspended due to funding gaps. Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has been forced to suspend programs in nine countries, directly impacting over 100,000 refugees and leaving over half a million of our world's most at-risk people in limbo with life on pause. The 90-day funding suspension has affected JRS humanitarian initiatives in Thailand, India, Chad, Colombia, Ethiopia, Iraq, South Africa, South Sudan and Uganda.

Jesuit Mission, as part of the Xavier Network—a global coalition of Jesuit organisations working in faith to promote justice—is now working alongside its partners to raise urgent funds to support JRS programs affected by the aid freeze. As Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission reminds us:



Now, more than ever, we are called to walk alongside our refugee brothers and sisters, embodying Christ's love and ensuring they are not abandoned in their time of greatest need.

These cuts aren't just numbers—they represent lives in limbo and lifelines on hold: children missing school, desperate parents losing income, traumatised mothers without psychosocial and medical support, and communities without access to vital care.

Donations will be used to bridge the funding gap and enable Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) International to continue to provide access to essential services including shelter, psychosocial and medical support, and education.

To donate to this important appeal, go to: [USAID funding freeze: Refugee Crisis Appeal – Jesuit Mission](#) or mail cheque to: Jesuit Mission. PO Box 193, North Sydney NSW 2059.

Donations are tax deductible.

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:
Helen Griffin-Foley

Please pray for the ill:

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 - MARCH

Wed 5th, Ash Wednesday
(9am & 7:30pm mass)

Mon 17th St Patrick, bishop

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

Tues 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord



THE SEASON OF LENT - EASTERTIDE

Tuesday 4th of March

Parish Hall 7:20-845pm

Fr Gerard will give a short talk (45 minutes) on the meaning of the great Season we are about to enter on Ash Wednesday. It will unpack the words of Jesus as he signs us with the ashes: "Repent and Believe the Good News". After the talk, those who wish are invited to move to the church for a brief period of meditation and prayer (20 minutes).



Bio of a Catechist Sue Anne Sherwood

Who Am I!

Two images spring to mind and I'm very proud of both of my identities - I'm a mother and I'm a Catechist. 15 years ago, we moved from South Africa to Australia and I work for the Diocese as a Regional Catechist Co-ordinator.

Family

My lovely husband has supported me in all things and I have 2 beautiful adult children.

How long have you been a catechist?

For 15 years and can't wait to receive my Papal Blessing at 20 years.

What brought you to being a catechist?

In Yr 12, it was a constant pull, drawing me to this ministry - I taught the sweetest Yr 1 children. I smiled each time I thought about the children and felt that I wanted to give

back and do God's work - that I had a responsibility as a Catholic. When we arrived in Australia, I taught my own children and just carried on teaching.

Why do you stay?

Because I feel like this ministry really makes a difference. I feel like I am making a difference by being the face of Jesus to these children and letting the Holy Spirit work through me. Each week the children hear about love, forgiveness, fairness, treating the marginalised with respect and helping, then learn how to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Every lesson is related to how the Scriptures can be lived out in their life today from K-Yr12. This helps them on their journey to heaven and helps them with choices in every facet of their life. This is important.

What would you say to someone considering being a catechist?

'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' Mark 16:15. Then Jesus gives you Jennifer in our Parish (Catechist Co-ordinator) and the Diocese to train you and support you while you do this good work. Working in this ministry, I've seen retirees and widowers find themselves

friendship, new identity, confidence and direction; children proud of parents who come into class to teach them or assist in the class; parents proud to be good role models even if they were nervous and unsure at first; grandparents show up for the younger generation and thrive in this environment; parishioners fulfilling a need, a call to mission and grow in their own faith with renewed excitement as children bring out that joy to your own faith; young people inspire children and gain their own confidence as they go out into the working world. We are the only State in Australia that still allows Scripture in our public schools. Let's help this continue by putting a Catechist into every classroom where children are waiting to hear the Word of God. What does it say if the children turn up and there is no Scripture Teacher for that classroom? All you have to do is be the smiling, welcoming, loving face of Jesus to these children. The manual tells you everything you need to know and say. **We need to show up and role model to our youth. They need us and Jesus told us to bring the little ones to Him.** Come see if this ministry is for you. **It will be worth it, on Earth and in Heaven.**

Catechist CORNER

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Over the next two weekends we will be recruiting new members to the Catechist Ministry as either a catechist, a helper or a relief catechist (someone who fills in when a catechist is away for a short time).

We need catechists to help in the primary schools and also the high school, which is currently being taught as a team once a term in a seminar format. We have just learnt that we can now go into the high school weekly instead of once a term and will need a team of catechists that can help us with this new endeavour. Would you be willing to be trained and mentored in this process? Would you be willing to serve the Lord this way?

We have training, mentoring, support and lots of friendships made in this ministry - the greatest Evangelising the Catholic Church does today. We are all called to serve the Lord. This is a wonderful way to serve Him.

This ministry is not for everyone, but is definitely for those God calls. If you feel the urge to want to know more, or you are sitting in your seat questioning "should I do it?" or a feeling of, I would like to do this but; "I am too busy, I do not know enough, I work, I, then that feeling is most likely God tapping you on the shoulder to step up. **I know, it happened to me too, and I have not looked back.** It is one of the most rewarding things you can do and you are serving the Lord. I would love to encourage you to speak to one of the catechists after Mass today or contact Jen Perrott in the office for more information. All training and resources are provided.

Could I ask you to please pray we find new people for the ministry, as prayer is very powerful. Finally, if you are interested, could you complete the Catechist Registration form in the foyer expressing your interest in becoming a catechist, helper or relief person and I will get back to you.

Jen Perrott



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WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

Why do we make the sign of the cross?

Do you rush through the sign of the cross as if swatting a fly? Don't! This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected with the Trinity and with your baptism. Indeed, it can be viewed as a prayer in itself. By making this sign you are declaring: *I am completely under the power of the risen Christ, our Redeemer.*

You are identifying yourself with generations of Christians, for the common usage of the familiar formula – *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen* – can be traced by to the second century.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

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!



World Day of Prayer Friday, 7th March

At Corpus Christi, we are proud to be part of the Ecumenical Movement and support as the Interchurch Group of St Ives, Pymble, Gordon, and Turramurra. This one-hour service focuses on praying for a specific country,

chosen each year by the movement. This year, we will be praying for the Cook Islands.

Each year, different Christian churches take turns hosting this special prayer event, offering a beautiful opportunity to come together in shared Christian faith and love for all humanity. This years' service will be hosted by **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, located on Mona Vale Road near the intersection with Killeaton Street (on the left side if you're heading toward Terrey Hills).

Please join us for this meaningful occasion on **Friday, 7th March**, from **11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Corpus Christi will be represented by Cheryl Doyle and Karin Hull. We would greatly appreciate your support at this important event.



REFLECTION MORNINGS 2025 HUNTERS HILL

April 5—Sr Michele Connolly rsj

“2025 is a Year of Jubilee, focused on Christian hope. What does St Paul say about hope, as an ideal we can live in the real world?”

May 3—Fr David Ranson

“Synodality: A Parish Work in Progress”

Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall,
3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill
9:30am - 12:30pm

All Welcome

No booking required

Entry by donation - Tea & coffee



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

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 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.



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

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





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.

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The Word

Sunday 2 March 2025: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
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 Ecclesiasticus Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's
words betray what he feels. Do not praise a
man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R.
See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to
make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and
your truth in the watches of the night. *(R.)*
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and
grow like a Lebanon cedar. *(R.)*
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will
flourish in the courts of our God, still
bearing fruit when they are old, still full of
sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord
is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.
(R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature
has put on immortality, then the words of
scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up
in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death,
where is your sting? Now the sting of death is
sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let
us thank God for giving us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never
admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's
work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you
cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk
6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one
blind man guide another? Surely both will fall
into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his
teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be
like his teacher. Why do you observe the
splinter in your brother's eye and never notice
the plank in your own? How can you say to
your brother, "Brother, let me take out the
splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot
see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the
plank out of your own eye first, and then you
will see clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten
fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces
sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its
own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns,
nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man
draws what is good from the store of goodness
in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from
the store of badness. For a man's words flow
out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.