

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

23 March 2025, 3rd 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)



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

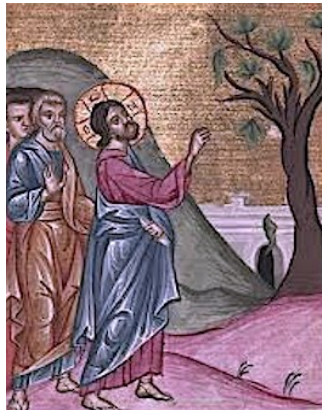
Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick - 9am

Wednesday 26 March
Wild Goose starts
Parish Hall—7pm

Friday 28 March
Stations of the Cross—7.30pm

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.



*“For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.”
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The readings for this midway point in Lent speak to us of the all-pervading presence of the divine. God’s name, revealed in the first reading from the book of Exodus, is totally identified with divine being. God’s existence is revealed in all that is. St Mary McKillip expressed this in her insightful words, ‘*wherever you are, God is*’. The psalmist describes the nature of such divine being as ‘*compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*’

The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us that God is patient and waiting for us to bear fruit from the divine giftedness planted within us. It is a parable which calls us to realise that God’s grace is faithfully nurtured in us by tilling the soil of our lives. We are called to respond to this divine care and generosity by going forth and bearing fruit through our love and generosity to all we encounter.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Social Justice Corner



Close The Gap Day (20 March 2025)

Close the Gap is a social justice "peoples" campaign that was launched in April 2007 following Professor Tom Calma's 2005 Social Justice report which emphasised health as a human right and challenged governments to bring about health equality within a generation.

The Close the Gap Campaign began National Close the Gap Day (NCTGD) to give opportunity to communities, businesses and schools around Australia the opportunity to stand with First Australians in demanding health equality for all.

National Close the Gap Day reminds us there is still a long way to go until we achieve equity in health and life expectancy for Aboriginal people. In Australia, Aboriginal infants continue to die more often than non-Indigenous infants and Aboriginal people's life expectancy is shorter, with more than double the rate of illness.

Closing the gap requires us to actively address the inequities that Aboriginal people and communities have experienced, and continue to experience, because of racism, government policy, and other acts of marginalisation. Australia must ensure genuine partnerships with Aboriginal people,



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

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!

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

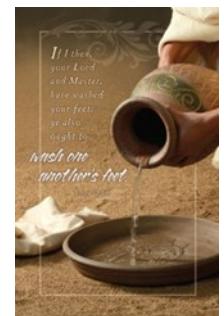


The Passion - Palm Sunday
13th April

Let's make our way to Jerusalem spreading our branches and garments on the road for the one who comes in the name of the Lord

We are looking for 2 readers for the Vigil, 8 & 10am mass to tell this story. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.

Holy Thursday - we are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed by the priest on Holy Thursday. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.



The Passion on Good Friday



If you would like to be involved in the Passion Reading on Good Friday, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Easter Vigil - Seeking volunteers to read at the Easter Vigil Mass! If you're interested, please sign up .





**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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



EASTER CHOIR

Come and be a part of something truly special this Easter Triduum! Our parish choir is seeking voices and musicians to help lead the congregation in song during these sacred celebrations. Whether you're an experienced singer or musician, or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, we welcome you to join us in creating beautiful music that will enhance our worship and deepen our experience of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. We'd love to have you with us! Rehearsals will be held in the Church on:

Wednesday 26 March 7:30pm-9pm

Tuesday 1 April 7:30pm-9pm

Wednesday 9 April 7:30pm-9pm

Tuesday 15 April 7:30pm-9pm

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:
Phil Davies

Please pray for the ill:

Marina Alburquerque; 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/APRIL

Tues 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord

Mon 8th, The Annunciation of the Lord

Thurs 11th, St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

Fri 26th, St Mark, evangelist

Mon 29th, St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

The Sunday readings

Does your family enjoy looking back over treasured photo albums and re-telling the stories behind the pictures? While every historic detail of your ancestry may not be recorded, the photos do capture the highlights and carry a 'sense' of your family's history, identity and values.

The scriptures are a bit like that. They are our faith family's 'photo album', the inspired recordings of our Christian ancestors, re-telling the stories of God's revelation in their midst. As you listen to the readings each Sunday at Mass, allow God to speak to you through the stories of your faith heritage.



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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.



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.

You're Invited!

EGG HUNT

EASTER EGG HUNT 2025

CAN YOU FIND THE EASTER TREASURE CHEST?

SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2025

EASTER DAY CELEBRATION

AFTER THE 10AM MASS
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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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!

Wild Goose, Holy Spirit Series with Fr Dave Pivonka

Join Fr Dave Pivonka, TOR, on this incredible 14 part video series which is awakening God's 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.

**HELD IN CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH HALL 6:45PM.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FOR MATERIALS.**

Please note there will be no session on Wednesday 16 April due to Holy Week. The sessions will resume on Wednesday 23 April.

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



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.



EASTER SERVICE/ MASS TIMES 2025

RECONCILIATION TUESDAY, 8TH APRIL
7:30pm

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)
12 April 6pm Vigil (Sat Night)
13 April 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
17th April Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
followed by prayer and adoration to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL
Stations of the Cross at 10am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

EASTER SATURDAY - 19TH APRIL
Solemn Vigil of Easter 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY - 20TH APRIL
Easter Mass at 8am & 10am.
No evening Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS
After 10am Mass on Easter Sunday





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 23 March 2025: Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

O'God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. *(R.)*
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."' The Gospel of the Lord.