

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

25 August 2024, 21st 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

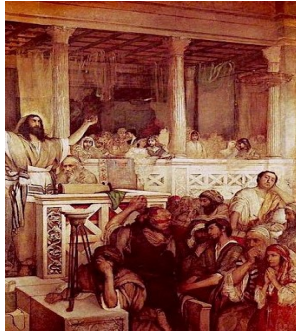
Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy

Every Friday
(during term time)
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

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

Sunday 25 August
First Eucharist sacramental class
at the Church 3:00– 5:00pm

Sunday 25 August
Corpus Christi School Family
Rock Mass—5pm



**Jesus said to the crowds:
"I am the living bread
that came down from
heaven". (Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

We come to the last part of John 6. Many cannot tolerate Jesus' words about eating flesh and drinking blood, so they turn away and go home, unable to continue to follow him. Only the Twelve remain. So, Jesus asked them if they will leave too. Simon Peter answers for all of them. But look carefully at how he says what he says. He calls him 'Lord'. At that time Jews only called God 'Lord'. Then Peter digs deeply saying that Jesus' message is eternal life. He understands that Jesus is the Word of God, come as a human person.

Going deeper again, Peter says 'we believe, we know'. Belief comes first, and then knowledge. It is through the encounter with Jesus that Simon and the other disciples have found faith and that faith is rewarded with the knowledge of who Jesus is – 'the Holy One of God'. Just as God is Holy so Jesus is God's Holy One. This is the depth of the mystery that has been revealed over these Sundays in August. Jesus is God in the flesh who has come to bring us back to God. We are truly his beloved children.

When discipleship becomes difficult, can I dig deep like Simon Peter and still call Jesus, Lord? How can I deepen my faith to make me stronger?

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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This year, we... **RISE UP!**

IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

26-29 September 2024



<https://bit.ly/CorpusChristi8832>

Visit link or scan QR code for more info about the event, and to leave your contact details to get discount codes*, find out about subsidies or childcare arrangements.

TICKET (late fees will apply after 9 Sep 2024)

Kids (primary school) \$125
Parents (of Kids tickets) \$175

Family (2x primary kids plus) discount is also available. Above tickets are only for programmes during below times (incl. lunch):
Sat 28 Sep. 9am - 3:30pm and Sun 29 Sep. 10:45am - 1:30pm

Individuals (high school & adults) \$147.50*
 (after special 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

Please continue to pray for more youths to encounter Christ through this event.

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 19:45am- 1:30pm
- Ignite High - high school
- Ignite Young Adults - 18-25 year olds
- Ignite Adults - 25+ year olds

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?

Half price tickets are available until 9 Sep. **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>

2024 Sydney Schedule

Thursday

26th September

- 4:00pm Registration
- 6:00pm Opening Party
- 7:00pm Opening Night Rally
- 9:15pm Close

Ignite Kids

- Saturday: 9:00am - 3:30pm
- Sunday: 10:45am - 1:30pm

Friday

27th September

- 8:00am Day Registration
- 9:00am Morning Rally
- 10:30am Morning Tea
- 11:00am Keynotes
- 12:30pm Mass
- 1:45pm Lunch
- 3:00pm Workshop Electives
- 4:00pm Break
- 4:15pm Workshop Electives
- 5:15pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Night Rally
- 9:15pm Close

Saturday

28th September

- 7:30am Mass available
- 8:00am Day Registration
- 9:00am Morning Rally
- 11:15am Morning Tea
- 11:45am Keynotes
- 1:15pm Lunch
- 2:30pm Workshop Electives
- 3:30pm Break
- 4:00pm Workshop Electives
- 5:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Night Rally
- 9:15pm Close

Sunday

29th September

- 8:00am Day Registration
- 9:00am Mass
- 10:15am Brunch
- 10:45am Keynotes
- 12:00pm Closing Rally
- 1:30pm Conference Close

Note: Arrive 30min prior to the start time each day.
 The Sunday program starts after Mass at 9:00am



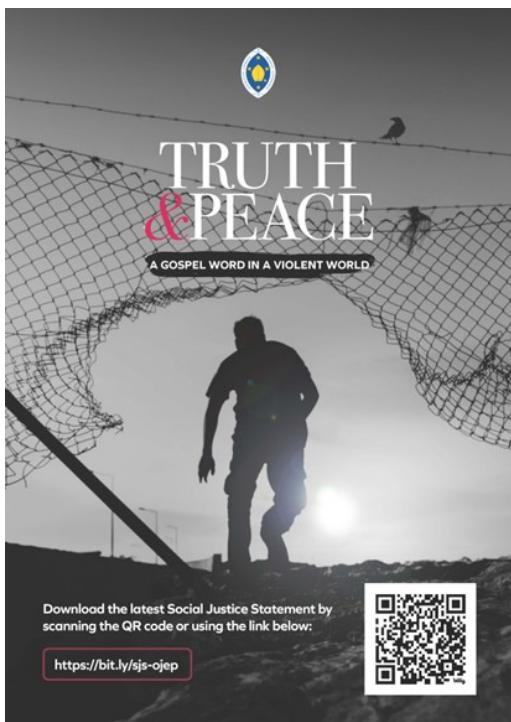
Social Justice Corner

Today, our parish is celebrating Social Justice Sunday. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our Bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement. It is hoped the statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the year.

In the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, “Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World”, Australia’s Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace.

Using scripture and the guidance of Pope St. John XXIII’s *Pacem in Terris* and Pope Francis’ *Fratelli Tutti*, we learn that peace is possible if we put our trust in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace and provide some suggested actions to help us to build on our commitment to be peacemakers locally and internationally. To read the statement go to:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>



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 AUGUST

Tues 27th, St Monica
Wed 28th, St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Thurs 29th, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

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.

Presbytery / Hall Update

The Presbytery is progressing well. The hall has been inspected by a hygienist and we will have more information to share once we receive his recommendations. The staff will continue to work from home in the interim. Fr Greg.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

SCHOOL FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST



Please note that the school will be hosting a Father’s Day breakfast on Friday 30 August 2024. Parking for our 9am mass may be limited on this day.

Youth News

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 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 AUGUST

For political leaders

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The Word

Sunday 25 August 2024: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Joshua Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God. Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.