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30 March 2025, 4th 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 2 April
Wild Goose
Parish Hall—7pm

Friday 4 April
Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm
Mass —7.30pm



***“Father, I have sinned
against heaven and
against you.
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

According to Matthew, “Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables” (Matthew 13:34). We listen today to one of the most memorable of them. Responding to the accusation of the Pharisees and Scribes that he welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus told a story that could be variously entitled ‘*The Parable of the Prodigal Son*’ or ‘*The Parable of the Forgiving Father*’. It is both challenging and reassuring to us – challenging if we have reason to see ourselves in the older brother and reassuring if, mindful of our sinfulness, we identify with his erstwhile wayward but repellent sibling. Their father receives his younger son with great love and compassion, rejoicing that he ‘*was lost and is found*’. With reference to this parable St John Paul II wrote: [God’s love] is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and “*restored to value*” (Dives in Misericordia #6). Is there anyone whom, like the older brother, I have yet to forgive – a good Lenten question?

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Social Justice Corner



Federal Budget Update

Caritas Australia has welcomed a commitment of \$5.1 billion in Official Development Assistance (ODA) - an increase of \$135.8 million from 2024-25 - while raising concerns about growing international instability and need.

Caritas Australia is part of The Safer World for All campaign, which calls for the restoration of ODA to 1% of the Federal Budget - as it was during both the Howard and Rudd administrations. However, ODA comprises just 0.65% of this budget.

Caritas Australia interim CEO, Kirsten Sayers, reported on Thursday, 27 March:

The Australian government has made clear its commitment to support a peaceful, stable, and prosperous world for all. In line with this, the budget includes some welcome investment into the futures of our brothers and sisters in need overseas – in the Pacific, in Myanmar, and further afield through the Humanitarian Emergency Fund.

Australia's increased aid budget comes amid broader global aid disruption, from USAID stop work orders, to the slashing of aid budgets across major European economies, underscoring the responsibilities of Australia within our region.

Global aid disruption threatens to leave millions of the world's most vulnerable without lifesaving assistance in the form of food, water, medicine, and shelter. At Caritas Australia we are putting our faith into action to support increased humanitarian need in our complex and conflicted world. Part of that includes advocating with all political parties for the restoration of the aid budget to 1%, ensuring we do our part to create better and safer futures for everyone.

Source: [Caritas Australia welcomes aid increase and Pacific investment in Federal Budget](#)

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 office@corpuschristi.com.au or calling 9144 6998. Your generosity will help make our worship space beautiful for this special celebration. Thank you for your support!

EASTER VOLUNTEERS

Holy Thursday – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to take part in the foot-



washing ritual during the Holy Thursday service. This is a meaningful tradition symbolizing humility and service.

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the form in the foyer. Your willingness to be part of this special moment is greatly appreciated!



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

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

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.

Join us on Friday the 5th April for
Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month

Stations of the Cross

at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7.30pm



Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Deidre Cuming

Please pray for the ill:

Marina Albuquerque; 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 - APRIL

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

Why do we recite the Profession of Faith?

Why do people pledge allegiance to their national flag? Why do married couples renew their wedding vows? They do so as a public declaration of their commitment to the particular relationship and to ideals which guide their lives. Similarly for Catholics, the profession of faith ('We believe in one God...') is a declaration of commitment. Having listened to God's Word through the readings, we stand and declare our assent to the message proclaimed. Yes! We believe in God. Yes! We belong to this community that professes to live by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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



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EVENT THIS FRIDAY
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6:00PM BBQ

7:00PM RALLY



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 Friday
 March 28

Friday, 4th April

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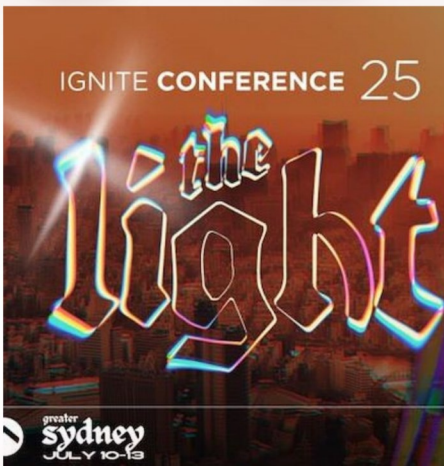
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U R G E N T



IGNITE BROKEN BAY SUBSIDISED TICKETS



In 2025, Mission Broken Bay will once again be subsidising tickets for the Ignite Conference. The Diocese will subsidise a total of 100 tickets across 26 parishes in the Diocese. These tickets will be \$162.50, which is 50% off the regular ticket price of \$325. To register for a subsidised ticket, please complete details via this link: <https://bit.ly/43W5iEf> or scan the QR code below. The Diocese will release the ticket access code to successful applicants via email.

This code is for the Ignite event in July **NOT** the rally that is next week. If you have been a previous registrant you will also receive an email from us regarding this discount. If you would like a ticket but can not afford one, please email us at ignite@corpuschristi.com.au to register your interest **urgently**. Last year there were more tickets available and the Diocese cut the subsidy early. There is no time to waste this year.



IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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 2 April 7:30pm-9pm
Wednesday 9 April 7:30pm-9pm
Tuesday 15 April 7:30pm-9pm

LITURGICAL FORMATION SERIES

Back to Basics: Serving at Mass is the second Formation event in an exciting series of upcoming Liturgical Formation Days in 2025. Facilitated by Chris Ohlsen, Executive to the Vicar General and hosted by Mission Broken Bay.

We warmly invite all **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Readers, Musicians, Servers** to join with us. **Back to Basics: Serving at Mass** is an opportunity to refresh skills and knowledge for assisting and serving at Mass. We warmly invite your questions to be submitted to our facilitator via the registration form for Chris to answer on the day.

9.30am-3pm Saturday 10 May in the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills.

Registrations close Friday 9 May.

All enquiries: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

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
CORPUS CHRISITI ST IVES
263 MONA VALE ROAD, ST IVES

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 30 March 2025: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collect

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful
way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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 5:9-12
The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. 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. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. *(R.)*
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 5:17-21
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 15:1-3. 11-32
Your brother here was dead and has come to life.
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'
The Gospel of the Lord.