

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

9 March 2025, 1st 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

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

Wednesday 12 March

Wine and Cheese Night
Parish Hall 7-8.30pm

Friday 14 March

Stations of the Cross—7.30pm



***The devil said to him,
"If you are the Son of God,
command this stone to
become bread."
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent recounts Jesus alone in a stark desert landscape. He personifies the journey of his own people, the Israelites, who were tested in the desert yet, unlike Jesus, they often failed. The three temptations that Jesus received, while different in context, all relate to compromising his mission. There is an inherent subtlety at play as each lure has a certain attraction. Satan, the tempter, proposes seemingly good alternative choices to Jesus.

The desert encounter testifies to the humanity of Jesus. It is an inevitable part of being human to struggle with the spirits of both light and darkness. The human heart is not neutral territory but instead a space that is frequently contested with our choices between good and evil. St Ignatius of Loyola clearly identified this in his spiritual practice of discernment of spirits. He noted that the devil comes to us especially in our good deeds, cloaked as an angel of light. We enter these six weeks of Lent within the backdrop of this desert scene. It is in this context that we experience a heightened sensitivity in discerning the subtle ways in which spirits of light and darkness compete for the holy ground of our hearts. We ask that we may have the clarity and strength of Jesus to remain faithful to choosing all that is anchored in and springs forth from the source of the true light.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Parish Coffee morning

At Archies
St Ives Shopping Centre

ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH

Please RSVP to: Andrena Brewer 0438698993
Or just turn up.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Cake Stall fundraiser for the new sound system. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped us raise an incredible **\$2,033!**

Whether you baked, purchased, or helped in any way, your kindness and community spirit are truly appreciated. This contribution brings us one step closer to enhancing our parish's worship experience.

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



International Women's Day (IWD)

The Social Justice Group wishes women in our parish a Happy International Women's Day! This is an important time to reflect on women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements and the action still needed to accelerate gender parity.

UN Women Australia has unveiled 'March Forward' as the official theme for IWD 2025. Despite decades of effort, gender inequality remains deeply entrenched in many societies. Progress has been slow in areas like economic participation, political representation, and combating gender-based violence.

In Australia, as noted by Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher:

"We have made significant strides, but there is still much work ahead to close the gender pay gap, ensure women's safety, and fairly value both paid and unpaid care work.

The theme 'March Forward' reminds us that progress is not just about reflection but about taking decisive, bold steps to turn our commitments into action. This is our moment to drive change and ensure a truly equal future for all women and girls."



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

Mon 17th St Patrick, bishop

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

Tues 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord



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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 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.**





**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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

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Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

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WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

The Penitential Rite

'To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins,' says the celebrant at the penitential rite. Far from being a negative thing, the emphasis of this prayer is the infinite love of our compassionate God, personified in Jesus. In a healthy family, members are not afraid to recognise themselves to be always in need of forgiveness. Similarly, for our faith family, the penitential rite is one way of acknowledging that we always stand in need of reconciliation. This part of the Mass often includes the 'Kyrie eleison' ('Lord have mercy...') which is one of the most ancient of Christian responses.

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





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 9 March 2025: First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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 Deuteronomy Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' *(R.)*
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. *(R.)*
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. *(R.)*
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.