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3 August 2025, 18th 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

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 3rd August
(TONIGHT)**
Movie Night

Wednesday 6th August
Alpha from 7-9pm in the Hall

Wednesday 13 August
Parish Coffee Morning
The Living Room 10:30am

Thursday 14th August
First Eucharist Parent
information night at 7:30pm in
the Hall

Friday 15 August
Solemnity of the Assumption
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 9am and 7:30pm
(Years 3-6 will attend the 9am
mass)



**God said to him, 'You fool, this night
your life will be demanded of you; and
the things you have prepared,
to whom will they belong?'
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The book of Ecclesiastes-Qoheleth in Hebrew, meaning, 'one who calls to assembly- surprises and upsets because the author (also called Qoheleth) questions the standard religious mentality of his time: that the good are rewarded and the evil punished. Qoheleth shocks by his pessimism: all is *hebel*, meaning, vain or empty. Human beings are no better than animals; one who is hardworking is no better than a sluggard; acquiring wisdom and knowledge is like chasing after the wind. Qoheleth's contribution to religious thought is his willingness to question ready-made ideas and complacent optimism which extol success as the fruit of a well-ordered world. Qoheleth's restlessness and pessimism are, in the final analysis, but the expression of his anguished cry for what lasts: the Absolute. He desires the Absolute: the One who is not 'vanity'. "Vanity" here refers to the transitory nature of the things of this world without Jesus.

Qoheleth's words prepare us for the Gospel teaching about the folly of wealth. 'A man's life is not made secure by what he owns', Jesus declares. To drive home that message, he tells the parable of a rich man who 'has it all' and looks forward to enjoying his wealth. But he dies the very night he makes his great plans. We are not saying that wealth is bad, but if we cling to it, wealth crowds out God.

The only solution to the inevitability of death is to be 'rich in the sight of God'. We should consider always what will remain after death. We will be stripped of all material goods, even those legitimately acquired. What remains will only be the quality of our life and how we have made use of our goods, be they much or little.

Paul understands Christ's teaching well and declares, 'Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things that are on earth' (Colossians 3:2). Life in Christ is the only wealth worth having, a wealth that endures forever.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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IGNITE CONFERENCE 25

2025
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Making new friends 🐱

Thank You

CORPUS CHRISTI !!

Clementina, year 6: ❄️

“ I had so much fun at the parish activities! I loved learning about Jesus through games, sports, and dancing. Going to church and getting prayers from the educators was really special. What meant the most to me was connecting with Jesus through prayer. My dream is for our parish to have more activities like IGNITE for younger kids so they can experience God's love in a fun way. I hope we can do more of these activities often!

The Catholic Ignite Conference 2025 was a powerful experience for our group of 31 parishioners, who joined hundreds of others from across the country to grow in faith and be inspired for mission. Through engaging talks, vibrant worship, and practical workshops, we were renewed in our call to live the Gospel boldly and strengthen our parish community.

We were blessed to have 7 primary students, 11 high schoolers, and 13 adults attend—returning home energised and on fire for Jesus. Thanks to your generosity, 23 attendees received subsidies through the \$2,490 raised at our food stall fundraiser. We also thank our priests for their generous donation to support our youth.

We came back with fresh ideas and a strong desire to build community. If you'd like to start a group or ministry, please contact the parish office.

Ignite returns to Waitara next year in July 2026—we encourage you to be part of it!

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves;
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 Daniela or Davina know.

Curious About the Catholic Faith?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic—or simply want to learn more?

We're a friendly mother-daughter team who lead RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) in our home, and we'd love to walk the journey with you.

There's no pressure, and all questions are welcome. Just come as you are!

We can't wait to meet you in September!

Interested? Get in touch:
Halina & Natalia

✉ 24.thelittleflower@gmail.com



FEAST DAYS - AUGUST

Mon 4th, St Vianney, priest
Wed 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri 8th, St Mary of the Cross, virgin
Mon 11th, St Clare, virgin
Thu 15th, St Maximilian, priest, martyr
Fri 15th, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 20th, St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Thu 21st, St Pius X, pope
Fri 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 27th, St Monica, saint
Thu 28th, St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Fri 29th, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr



Help Us Reopen the Church Piety Store

Many parishioners have asked why the Church Piety Store isn't open on a regular basis. I've spoken with Father Greg and offered to assist with restocking the store and coordinating a volunteer roster to help keep it open more often.

If you attend Mass regularly and could spare a short time afterwards—perhaps just 10 to 15 minutes—we'd love your help. A sign-up form is available at the back of the church. Please take a moment to add your name and preferred Mass time, and I'll be in touch to put together a roster. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for everyone.

I attend most weekday Masses and the 5pm Sunday Mass, and I'll happily share these times with those who are available. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact me directly on 0412 373 668. Thank you for considering this simple but valuable way to serve our parish.

Warm regards, **Karin Hull**



**Please join us for
Morning Tea
After the 8am Mass
Sunday, 10 August**

**Please bring a small plate to share if you can.
Catch up with old friends and meet new friends.
We look forward to seeing you!**

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.



Social Justice Corner

Prayer for Gaza

Caritas Australia has asked us to pray for the people of Gaza throughout August. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, water, and shelter. The Gaza Health Ministry has reported that the death toll from Israel's assault in the territory has now exceeded 60,000 people. The number of children who have died as a result of the conflict is over 16,000.

Caritas's request comes after an Israeli shell strike on the only Catholic church in the Gaza Strip, which left two people dead and several injured. The church compound has been providing shelter to hundreds of Christians and Muslims, including multiple children with disabilities, throughout the conflict.

Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,
You meet us in the darkest places.
Every year, when we light our Easter candle,
we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'
We pray today that all people may work with you
to dispel the darkness of violence and war.
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope
for the people of Gaza.
May they find healing and lasting peace.
Amen.



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Caritas Australia

What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you been given?

Did you know that every baptised person has been given special gifts by the Holy Spirit? These gifts, "charisms", are given to us to share with others, and help them experience God. You are invited to a discernment process to help discover what charisms God has gifted you.

The discernment will begin with an online workshop on Monday 8 Sep 7-8pm, and the last workshop is on Monday 24 Nov 7-8:30pm. Cost \$95. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process/>.

Corpus Christi parishioners O'Kelly Tam, Jen Perrott, Lawrence Chan, or Edith Chan have undergone this process, please do come and speak with us if you'd like to find out more!



EXPLORE LIFE FAITH MEANING

Begins this week!
Register in foyer
or below

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Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where you can explore life's big questions in a relaxed, open environment. Each session includes a meal, a short talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts and questions. Whether you have a deep faith, exploring faith, new to church, or just curious, Alpha is for everyone.

Why Attend?

Explore life's big questions.
Discover the basics of the Christian faith.
Engage in open and honest discussions.
Connect with a welcoming community.
No pressure, just curiosity

Alpha Schedule

When: Wednesday, 6 August 2025

Time: 7:00-9:15pm

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075

Cost: FREE

Register: bit.ly/4QJnIFP OR
In the foyer OR
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RSVP: Wednesday, 30 July 2025

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30 AUG 2025

2-4 PM

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NAGASAKI PEACE DAY in Sydney

Prayer and Mass for Peace



平和を実現する人々は幸いである、その人たちは神の子と呼ばれる (マタイ 5・9)
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (Mt. 5・9)

The Japanese Catholic Community of Sydney

invites you to join us in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and praying for world peace through the celebration of Mass.

Date: Saturday, 9th August 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Venue: Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall

Corner of Mary St & Gladesville Rd,
Hunters Hill, NSW 2110

Mass Celebrant – Fr Brian Vale SSC

Registration is required for event
preparation and catering purposes
Please RSVP by 2nd August 2025



Contact: Michi
Email: jpcathsyd@outlook.com

Support Nagasaki Bell Project:

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Introduction to Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The *Introduction to Pastoral Care Course* (IPCC) meets this requirement, is **FREE** and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

As well as being prepared by your Parish to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone who may be considering being part of this hospital ministry are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise.

The course runs for five consecutive **Mondays: September 1st and 8th at St Leonard's Catholic Church Hall, Naremburn and 15th, 22nd and 29th at Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, between 9:00am and 3:00 pm.**

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact:

Peter Brown, Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care,
CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on
0418 616 602.



*You're invited to a
Parish Coffee Morning*

RSVP: Just turn up

**At: The Living Room Café Outside Verandah
(please note the new location)**

St Ives Shopping Village

On: Wednesday 13 August, 2025

At 10:30am

For more information:

Andrena Brewer: 0438 698 993



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When: August 2 10am-4pm

The Beautiful Book

Presenter: Fr Bernard Hancock, OCD

When: August 22-24 6pm—12:30pm

Spirituality and the Life of Jesus

Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

When: September 6 10am—4pm

Called to Be

Presenter: Ms Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

What is The Culture Project?

The Culture Project is a movement of university students who volunteer their time to promote chastity and authentic love to high school and other university students.

You are invited to join us for a night of dinner, socializing, a keynote by renowned Catholic theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, auction and raffle draw prizes.

It will be a night to dress up in cocktail attire to celebrate the past decade of The Culture Project in Australia and to look forward with hope at the doors the Lord is opening for us to build a movement of young Australians on fire with the message of love and life through the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Come and join us at the Epping Club on Thursday 28th August for a 3 course meal and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks at \$99 per person or \$990 for a table of 10. Thousands of young hearts and lives are waiting for this message, and the families and parishes of the next generation depend upon them hearing it. Be part of the change and register now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1395700>



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR AUGUST**

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**WHY WE DO
The Things We Do**

Why do we have 'ordinary' Sundays?

In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call 'ordinary'. Filled with daily rituals—preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping the kids at footy practice—they are an essential dimension of family life. Our Church calendar, too, has periods called *Sundays in Ordinary Time* or *Sundays of the Year* which are numbered consecutively. In between all the 'special occasions' (the various Christian feasts and seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family.

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 Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

 12 August, 2025

 10:30AM-12:30 PM

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 Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

 Saturday, 16 August

 12.00 pm – 4.30 pm

 Led by The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes
Register at: **BruceDownes.org/aevents**



We are pleased to invite you to join us in celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th. This ***holy day of obligation*** commemorates the moment when the Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

Mass Times : Friday 15 August at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm

(Children from Year 3 to 6 will be attending the 9am mass)

We encourage all parishioners to participate in this special celebration as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and reflect on her important role in our faith. This day is not only a time for prayer and reflection but also an opportunity to come together as a community.

MOVIE NIGHT

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The Word

Sunday 3rd August 2025: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

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 Ecclesiastes Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is. Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between

Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:13-21
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.