

PARISH MASS TIME:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

Public Holidays: 9:00am

Family Mass: Once a term

BAPTISM: Third Sunday of each month by appointment

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:30am to 10:30am

ANointing OF SICK: every 2nd Thursday of the month @9am or by request

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturdays 9:30-10:30 & 1st Friday of the Month @7pm

MORNING PRAYER: Monday - Friday: 8:30am

WEDDING: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of
the Month 9:00am Mass
September 10

Divine Will Prayer Group

Mondays 10-11:30 am
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 10 am

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at 10am
Mass
Morning tea after Mass

Young Adults @StIves

Every Second Monday at
7pm *September 7*

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays
10am *September 17*

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays 10am
September 10 at 10am

Morning Tea

after 8 am mass
September 13

Parish Coffee Morning

Living Room St Ives
September 9 at 10:30

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,



Happy Father's Day

Today we pray God's blessing on our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, together with those others who, in various ways, fulfil a father's role in our families. Pope Leo XIV recently reminded us: "The family is not an institution to be preserved: it is a vocation to be celebrated."

In that spirit, when I visited Year 3 this week, they enjoyed sharing with me and one another, what they loved about their dad, what they would write on their Father's Day card, what they would buy as a gift for dad, and how they would celebrate with him this weekend. Then on Friday morning, many of the fathers of Corpus Christi children gathered with staff and children for a Father's Day breakfast and prayer service – even ending with the school band performing and everyone joining in the chicken dance!!

We pray for all the fathers of the parish and wish you each a very special day, thanking you for your love and for the important role you play in our families, our church and our society. May God grant you all the graces and gifts that you need in this important vocation.

For those who find Father's Day difficult

We acknowledge that Father's Day can be a painful and difficult time for some: for those whose father has died, for those who have lost a child, for those who are estranged from their children or their father, for those who are experiencing great stress within family life. As a parish community, let us be mindful of those who experience this pain, and let us pray that this may be a time of healing.

20% of Australia's population is made up of dads. There are approximately 4.6 million dads in Australia, with an estimated 2.2 million dads currently with children aged under 18. So to all those fathers: Happy Father's Day!

In Australia in 1981, 15.5% of families with dependent children were single-parent homes. Today, it's 21.8%, with nearly 80% led by mothers.

Importance of family, parenthood – and fatherhood:

St Pope Paul II said: "As the family goes, so goes the nation and the whole world." Pope Leo XIV observes: "In the face of much negativity and pessimism, having a child is a vote of confidence and hope for the future." The Church continues to actively promote Christian marriage and family life.

Here are some simple, wonderful observations about fatherhood:

- "Any man can be a father, but it takes a special man to be a dad." — Anne Geddes
- "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: he believed in me." — Jim Valvano
- "Fathers are ordinary men, who through the love they have for their children, are turned into heroes, adventurers and story tellers." — Pam Brown

May God bless all our fathers and father figures. We pray peace and happiness in our homes. We pray eternal light on all our beloved fathers and grandfathers.

Fr Paul

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Please join us for Morning tea

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday 13 September, 2026

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.



Please bring a small plate to share if you can

Corpus Christi Parish

Coffee Morning

9th September, 2026
at 10:30 am

On the Verandah
at The Living Room
St Ives Shopping Centre

Everyone welcome.

*Come and catch up with old friends,
meet new friends.*

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

where you journey together with others also seeking to
become members of the Catholic Church.

To find out more, please contact the Parish Office on:
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PROGRAMME STARTS MID SEPTEMBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHURCH WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We'd love your help! We're looking for friendly volunteers to
join our Welcoming Committee at the **Saturday Vigil Mass** and
Sunday 8am or 10am Mass.

If you can spare a little time before Mass commences, we'd love
to hear from you.

Please contact our Parish
email: office@corpuschristi.com.au

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.

Our Deepest Sympathy



The Corpus Christi parish family extends its
prayerful sympathy to family, relatives and
friends of Margot Traill.

Margot's Requiem Mass was held at Corpus
Christi on Friday, the 4th of September
2026.

May Margot experience the fullness of
Christ's peace.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER

TSept 8th—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Feast

Sept 14th—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Feast

Sept 15th—Our Lady of Sorrows—Memorial

Sept 16th—Sts Cornelius and Cyprian—Memorial

Sept 21st—St Matthew—Feast

Sept 23rd—St Pius of Pietrelcina—Memorial

Sept 29th—Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael—Feast

Sept 30th—St Jerome—Memorial

PIETY STALL

Our piety stall is now fully restocked. we've got a full cabinet ready for you. Please stop in on your way out and have a look, especially if you're looking for meaningful gifts. Thank you!

PRAYER ZONE



Recently Deceased: Margot Traill

Anniversary: Wilfredo M. Palmer

Please pray for the ill: Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell;

James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why Sunday?

On Sundays we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead.

According to the biblical story, on the seventh day God rested having completed the creation of the world. Appropriately, on the first day of the week Christians commemorate the 'new creation': the renewal of the world through Jesus Christ's loving sacrifice.

Traditionally Christians approach this day as a day of worship and celebration, resting from work and focusing on their faith community and their family.



Bus transport available. For more information please contact the parish office.



The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is pleased to invite you to a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 100 years of our international community

Sunday 13th September 2026

Main celebrant:
The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start
Celebration to conclude at approximately 3pm

The day will begin with Holy Mass followed by
light refreshments and a program

RSVP is required for catering purposes
by 1st September 2026



Parish bus groups are encouraged,
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from 8:30am - 6:00pm

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Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of every month · 9.00am

Corpus Christi Church, St Ives

I warmly invite you to join us for our monthly Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.

This sacrament is not only for the dying. It is for anyone facing serious or ongoing illness, preparing for surgery, or carrying the frailty that comes with age.

Perhaps you have wondered whether you are “unwell enough” to come forward. Please come anyway — there is nothing to arrange and nothing to explain.

And do bring a neighbour, a friend or a member of your family who would be helped by it.

Whatever we carry, we do not carry it alone.

Fr Paul
PARISH PRIEST

Prayer for Nepal and Tibet

Lord God, we pray for the people of Nepal and Tibet affected by the devastating floods.

Be close to those who have lost homes, loved ones and livelihoods. Give strength to those working to rescue and support others, and bring comfort, hope and healing to those who are suffering.

May communities come together with courage and compassion, and may they feel your presence in the midst of this tragedy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



We wish parishioner Jessica Bousimon all the best for her time overseas.

Jessica is the Broken Bay Vocations Project Officer, assisting Fr Joey Frez, Director of Vocations.

Fr Joey and Jessica will be attending a conference in the USA for Diocesan Vocation Directors.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 6 — EPISODE ONE —

EXCLUSIVE PARISH PRE-RELEASE

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

DINNER & A MOVIE AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Join us for dinner before the screening and help raise funds towards our new church sound system.



DATE
FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

TIME
6:30PM FOR DINNER

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for our Alpha Weekend next weekend
at Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, Kincumber.

May the Holy Spirit touch the hearts and
minds of our guests, drawing them into
a deeper encounter with the love of God.



Wedding Announcement



Congratulations to Gian Grana and Gloria Pui-Sum who were married at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday, 5th September, with Fr Paul as celebrant. Gian is a former student of the parish school and he and his family were very involved in parish life. We wish them God's blessing and a happy life together.

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Staff Farewells

Fr Paul Durkin | Vice Rector & Pastoral Coordinator

“Since arriving at Corpus Christi in April, many parishioners have asked “what has it been like to move from Seminary life to Parish life?” I thought some may like to read this one page reflection I wrote for the Seminary magazine, produced twice a year for benefactors, supporters, family and friends. We pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he raise up shepherds after his own heart.”

Fr Paul



In September 2022, Bishop Randazzo asked if I would come to see him, “Nothing to worry about”! He informed me that Archbishop Fisher had asked if I would be willing to take up the role of Vice Rector and Pastoral Coordinator at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. And so, in January 2023, I began a three year term in these two roles.

“Forming priests” is a great responsibility. No formator feels worthy of such a position. As formators, we join with the seminarians to pray, work, eat and live alongside them on a special journey of faith, accompaniment and discernment.

Some hours each day are spent in common at liturgical and personal prayer: Mass, the Divine Office and Holy Hour. A highlight of worship at the Seminary is an accent on sacred music and bringing order and beauty to the celebration of the liturgy.

As I said in my farewell speech, I have a genuine regard for each seminarian at Good Shepherd. Often, I have thought ‘they are each someone’s son’ and how proud their parents and families must be of them. There is a great spirit of fraternity, friendship, and respect for one another in the Seminary community. Visitors have several times said they are surprised at the laughter and humour among us.

The Faculty is genuinely committed to encouraging the development of future priests to grow spiritually,

humanly, intellectually and pastorally – the four dimensions of formation.

As Vice Rector, I have supported Fr Michael as Rector and worked closely with the Faculty to be united in our efforts. Fr Michael and I have regularly interviewed the seminarians from Year Two onwards, exploring their goals, achievements and challenges in all the areas of formation. I have also met regularly with 16 senior seminarians for regular catch-ups.

I have also worked with other staff members in the practical arrangements of running the Seminary, of which there are many: from overseeing cleaning and catering and organising events, to allocating accommodation and jobs for the Seminarians, giving permission for leave, arranging driving and swimming lessons, and so on.

As Pastoral Coordinator, the two major areas of coordination and supervision were the weekly pastoral placements (eg, to Catholic schools; state school catechesis; university chaplaincy; Marriage Tribunal; Prison Ministry; Court house support; Ephpheta Centre; Jesuit Refugee Centre; Aged Care) and overseeing those who were on year-long pastoral placements in a parish.

Undertaking supervised clinical pastoral education (CPE) at St Vincent’s Hospital has proved an invaluable opportunity for many seminarians to grow in their accompaniment and pastoral care of others - to have empathy and compassion in their suffering, to be present to them and to engage in reflective listening.

In the second half of each year, I coordinated a Sacraments Practicum for senior seminarians moving toward ordination as Deacon. This is an opportunity to focus on practical and pastoral aspects of preparing and celebrating baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

I have found the seminarians deeply committed to the Catholic faith and to the Church; they desire a Church which stands firmly by its Faith and Tradition, and they wish to be priests in that Church. The state of the contemporary Church and world is often discussed.

It is sometimes said “There are many eyes on the Seminary.” Within the Church, there is much thought and discussion regarding how best to prepare priests in the contemporary church and world. Archbishop Fisher, the Seminary Council and the Seminary community promote thoughtful consideration about this important question.

My bishop has now asked me to return to my home diocese. I thank God for the privilege of having spent this time on the faculty of the Seminary. May the Lord continue to call, and inspire young men to respond, to become shepherds after his own heart.

The Word

Sunday, 6 Sep 2026:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Collect

O'God by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1.Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2.Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3.O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

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

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you lose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION ON READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

This contains a message for the prophet himself, reminding him of his pastoral responsibilities. God has posted him as a sentinel on the city wall. It is his duty to bring back others from infidelity and iniquity. It is presumed that he speaks to those under his care with genuine humility and love for them.

The responsibility to point out to a wrongdoer the error of his ways and to try to get him to reform is the link with the Gospel.

Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10)

Seven of the Ten Commandments refer to relations with our neighbour. All seven are summed up in the one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself', because if we really loved our neighbour, we would not harm him in any way.

Gospel (Matthew 18: 15-20)

This talks about the duty a Christian has to correct a brother or sister who has gone astray. It is presumed that the fault in question is serious, but has not necessarily been committed against oneself.

Every effort must be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally the whole community. If he is still unrepentant, he must be excommunicated. The decision of the Church will be honoured by God, since God inspired them in making that decision.

This passage presents difficulties. The procedure Matthew outlines here implies a fully developed and organised Church with a system of ecclesiastical discipline. What is more, it speaks of tax collectors and Gentiles as irredeemable outsiders. The harsh assessments reflect a tradition cultivated by the stringent Jewish Christianity out of which Matthew's Church grew.

The biggest problem, however, is that it doesn't sound like Jesus. No doubt it went back to something Jesus did say.

The essence of Jesus' teaching was: if someone sins, no effort must be spared to get him to acknowledge his fault and reform.

While each member of the community has the responsibility to correct an erring brother or sister, special responsibility falls on the leaders. They are the 'sentries' posted by God to watch over the community.

Importance and Dignity of Fatherhood

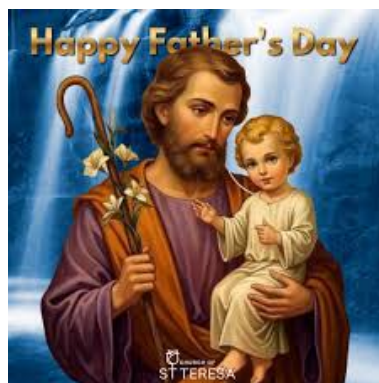
A **father** knows how to firmly correct children's mistakes without demeaning or demoralising them, as well as protect them at all costs.

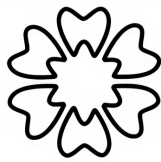
A **good father** also knows how to forgive sincerely from the heart and be patient and merciful, like the father in the Gospel account of the prodigal son.

A **wise** and **mature father** will be able to say to his children after they've grown: "I taught you things that you didn't know.

I corrected errors that you did not see. I let you feel an affection that was both deep and discreet that perhaps you did not fully recognise when you were young and unsure. I gave you witness of rigour and willpower that perhaps you did not understand when you just wanted complicity and protection."

Pope Francis, 4 February 2015





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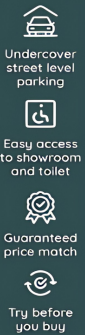
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