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7 September 2025, 23rd 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
10am in the Parish Hall

Every Thursday
Bible Study with Fr. Sunny—
7:30pm in Church

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

Sunday 7 September
Parish Conversation Circle
Parish Hall—3pm

Sunday 7 September
Morning Tea after 10 am mass

Wednesday 10 September
Parish Catch-up coffee
Living Room St. Ives—10.30am

Sunday 14 September
Morning Tea after the 8am mass
Please bring a plate



***I, Paul, an old man,
and now also a prisoner
for Christ Jesus, urge you
on behalf of my child
Onesimus.
(Second Reading)***

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The language in today's Gospel from Luke certainly packs a punch. It looks like we are being asked by Jesus to hate our family, take up our cross and to give up everything we own if we want to be his disciples. Jesus was using strong language to make a fundamental point about Christian

discipleship - that in our life we must put nothing before God - not even our family or the things we own. Everything and everybody we have in our life is a gift from God, to be stewarded well for the sake of the kingdom, not clung to for personal comfort. Most of us won't be asked to give up all our possessions (although some in religious life voluntarily make this vow of poverty), but rather we are asked to recognise them as God's gifts and not to place them on a pedestal above God, turning possessions or even family relationships into idols. When we prioritise God and follow Jesus, we are ordering our lives rightly. But there is a cost to discipleship, and that is the cross. The cross, at its heart, is a radical self-giving in love and at various points in our life that cross can feel heavy, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus and conform our life to his, then the cross will not only guide and sustain us in this life, but lead us to life everlasting.

Wishing all Fathers, Grandfathers and father figures a wonderful Father's Day. May God bless fathers with strength, wisdom, and boundless love as they guide their families in faith and grace.

May God bless you on this father's day,
Fr Greg, Fr Sunny and staff

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“This year on Social Justice Sunday (31 August), the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement: ***Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving homeless people with mental ill-health***, reminds us of the raw truth: homelessness and mental ill-health are deeply entwined crises. They leave thousands of Australians isolated, invisible, and suffering. Yet, at the heart of this year’s message is not despair, but **hope**. Hope that springs from encounter. Hope that is born when we choose to see, to notice, and to respond.

This statement could not have come at a more urgent time. Across Australia, the cost-of-living crisis has pushed countless families and individuals to the brink. Housing prices soar, rents escalate, and homelessness services are overwhelmed. Behind every statistic is a story: a family sleeping in their car, a young person turned away from crisis accommodation, an elderly

widow who has lost not only her home but her sense of belonging.

The Bishops use the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar on the edge of Jericho in the Gospel of Mark, to illuminate all people who sit on the margins today. These people not only long for shelter or medical care but for recognition, dignity, and friendship. The Bishops remind us that Christ’s gift of healing is mirrored in our willingness to stop, listen and walk alongside those the world so often ignores. Pope Francis, in declaring the Jubilee Year of 2025, urged us to be “pilgrims of hope”. The Bishops echo this call, reminding us that the Eucharist we celebrate compels us into the streets, to befriend the poor, the sick, and the forgotten. Social Justice Sunday is not merely a commemoration — it is a commissioning. We are called not to walk past, but to **walk with**. Not to avert our eyes, but to notice with love. Not to offer only charity, but to foster relationships of dignity and belonging. In a society that too often measures worth by productivity or wealth, the Social Justice Statement boldly proclaims the Gospel truth: ***every person has a name, a story, and an unshakeable dignity as a child of God.***

This year, let us take Social Justice Sunday as a turning point. Let us commit as individuals and communities to stand with people living in homelessness and mental ill-health. Let us advocate for structural change: affordable housing, integrated mental health care, stronger protections for the vulnerable. And let us, in our daily encounters, offer the radical hospitality of Christ.”

Source: Emilia Nicholas, Josephite Justice Network.

Do you have a heart for making people feel welcome and at home?

Join Our ALPHA HOSPITALITY Team

We're looking for 3 friendly, reliable volunteers to help create a warm, welcoming space, NOW, in the hall on Wednesday nights through November. You are paired with someone else. Just 1-2 sessions each, with the option to be a backup if needed.

If you enjoy greeting guests, setting up with a smile, or simply love being hospitable, we'd love to have you on the team!

Interested or want to learn more? Contact Jen Perrott in the office or on 0415 242 898 – she'd be happy to chat with you!

Let's help make Alpha a place where everyone feels like they belong.

Alpha

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

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

(Matilda) Daisy Peiris

Anniversary:

Eugenia Alba

Bonnita Alphonso

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran, Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauria; 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; 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.

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.

FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER

Wed 3rd, St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Mon 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 13th, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

Sun 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mon 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows

Tue 16th, Sts Cornelius, pope martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Sat 20th, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr and Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Sound system update

The Senior Leadership Team (Fr Greg, Chris Hannan, Jen Perrot) will provide an update in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENERAIOUS DONATIONS TO DATE.



The Jesuit Mission Bazaar



Saint Ignatius' College Riverview

13 September

All proceeds on the day will support vulnerable communities around the world



jesuitmission.org.au/bazaar



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

When: September 6th 10am-4pm

Called to Be

Presenter: Ms. Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

When: September 14th-21st 6pm-12:30pm

Guided Retreat: A week with Carmelite Saints

Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD

When: October 4th 10am-4pm

Canticle of the Creatures

Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

Calling all who have a love for young people!

All ages welcome!

You are invited to the
**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
YOUTH SUMMIT**



When? Sunday 14 Sep, 2025
Time? 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Where? Corpus Christi church hall

Registrations requested for catering and planning



*We may try to arrange childcare - please request in registration form.

OUR JOURNEY <https://tinyurl.com/CCYouthSummit>

PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES

If you would like something included in the weekly parish bulletin, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

The deadline for submissions is **Wednesday at midday** for the coming weekend.

Thank you,

office@corpuschristi.com.au

ph: 91446998



You're invited to a
Parish Coffee Morning

At

The Living Room Café

New Location

Outside Verandah

St Ives Shopping Village

Wednesday 10 September 2025

At 10:30am

For more information:

Andrena Brewer: 0438 698 993

RSVP: Just turn up

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POP-UP PLAYGROUPS

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WED 6 AUG 2025

THU 21 AUG 2025

TUE 2 SEP 2025

FRI 19 SEP 2025

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND LEARN WITH OUR CORPUS CHRISTI EARLY YEARS SPECIALISTS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

- Storytelling
- Art and craft
- Fun games
- Lego and building

SESSIONS FROM 9:15-10:45AM

HELD IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI A/P ROOM

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Why do Catholics 'pray' to Saints?

It is a common and beautiful practice for Christians to turn to one another for support and encouragement as they journey through life. The Catholic way of 'praying' to the Saints is simply an extension of this practice of drawing support from our faith family. Far from undermining adoration of God, devotion to the Saints strengthens our love of God. Awareness of the Saints raises our sights, empowers us to aspire to gospel qualities and helps us to see our earthly lives from the perspective of the promise of eternal life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 10am Mass

Come and bring your children to Children's Liturgy of the Word so they can find out more about Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Includes the Sunday scriptures, prayer and a fun activity. Children return to the church at Communion time.

AGES 4 - PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

ALL WELCOME

Love God and Love People






What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you been given?

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 and Edith Chan have undergone this process, please do come and speak with us if you'd like to find out more!





IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND GUEST SPEAKER AFTER DINNER WILL BE FATHER MICHAEL SULLIVAN OSA. HIS TOPIC WILL BE "SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS". EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre.

Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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.

Urgent Appeal – Support for the Matheson Family

We ask our parish community to please keep the Matheson family in your prayers. While in Western Australia, their car and caravan were tragically burnt beyond repair. They have lost everything—every belonging, except the clothes on their backs.

The Mathesons are parishioners of Corpus Christi, with three children attending Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School and one in preschool. They are now returning to Sydney with no house to come home to and are in urgent need of our help and support.

As a family of six, they are facing unimaginable hardship. We invite all who can to rally around them during this difficult time—with prayer, practical assistance, and generosity of spirit.

Together as a parish, may we extend Christ's love and compassion to the Matheson family.

The Matheson family thank you.



FESTIVAL OF *Beauty*

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church will host its inaugural Festival of Beauty in 2025.

Join us for a weekend of Keynote Speakers and round table conversation on aspects of Beauty in our life of faith, along with wonderful occasions of sacred music.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- John O'Brien (Architect)
- Linda Klarfeld (Sculptor)
- Dr David Larkin (Senior Lecturer in Musicology)
- Anthony Pitts (Artistic Director & Excelsia Ambassador)
- Fr Stephen Hackett (Chairman of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Broken Bay)

Date : 19th to 21st September 2025

Register by 12th September via
<https://www.trybooking.com/DEWMH>



Schedule
of Event:



94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067

02 9410 9000 <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives RAFFLE

PRAISE & WORSHIP FUNDRAISER

For the sound and audio visual system

Thank you to all who supported the Praise & Worship Raffle event. Your generosity is helping us move closer to our new sound system. We are grateful for your support and congratulate the raffle winners!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

- 1ST PRIZE: KIT LING CHOW
2ND PRIZE: SARAH WALCH
3RD PRIZE: JOY PITTS
4TH PRIZE: CRYSTAL D'SOUZA
5TH PRIZE: RON
6TH PRIZE: MALCOLM M'EWAN
7TH PRIZE: JOY PITTS
8TH PRIZE: MARIAN BODSWORTH
9TH PRIZE: ANTHONY JOHNSTON

Rose Petal afternoon prayer

with St Thérèse

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the Little Way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask for Saint Thérèse's intercession by individually addressing and writing letters of intercession to her.

TALK BY FR ALOYSIUS REGO, OCD
THEN MASS AT 5PM
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER

AN AFTERNOON OF
PRAISE & WORSHIP | REFLECTION
OPENING LAST YEAR'S LETTERS | ADORATION
WRITING NEW PRAYER LETTER | NOVENA

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
263 MONA VALE RD, ST IVES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
2:30-4:45 PM

FOR MORE INFO:

0414 317 431 ATAT

0494 176 992 O'KELLY

Please join us for Morning Tea

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday, 14th September 2025

Please bring a small plate to share (if you can)

Catch up with old friends, meet new friends.



We look forward to
seeing you.





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The Word

Sunday 7th of September 2025: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 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 Wisdom Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming
mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on
earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
you not granted Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

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 Philemon Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.