

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

Parish Calendar

Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of
the Month 9:00am Mass
November 12

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 10 am
(during school term)

**Children's Liturgy
& Morning tea after
Mass**

Every Sunday at 10am
Mass

Young Adults @StIves

Every Second Monday 7pm
October 12

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays
10am October 15

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays
10am
October 22 at 10am

Morning Tea

after the 8am mass
October 11

Parish Coffee Morning

The Living Room St Ives
October 14 at 10:30am

Please note that the parish
office will be open from
9am to 12 pm Tue-Fri
during the school holidays

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

I recently offered a blessing to Sherwell and Carmini Fernando for their 50th wedding anniversary. I was also recently the celebrant at the wedding of Gian Grana and Gloria Pui-Sum Yu.

Gian recalled how happy he had been as a schoolboy at Corpus Christi primary school, and how he loved coming to the church for Mass and various occasions. He always wanted to be married in our parish church of Corpus Christi. The Catholic Church deeply values and supports the sacrament of Marriage and Family life.

When asked about marriage, Jesus goes back to the great story of creation from The Book of Genesis. Jesus affirms that God's original plan for marriage is not about a man's rights over the woman, but that the true meaning and purpose of marriage is that a man and a woman be bound in a faithful committed lifelong relationship of love.

In many ways the relationship of marriage mirrors the relationship between God and his people. Over and over again throughout the Old Testament, God calls his people back to a living relationship or covenant of love.

In the New Testament, St Paul asks husbands to love their wives "as Christ loves the church"; and how does he love the church? He lays down his life for his church, his people.

In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, God our creator designed us to live in relationship. Man and woman are created in the image and likeness of God, to be a companion and helpmate one to another. We are at our best when we are in healthy loving relationships - whether they be in marriages, families, friendships, and communities.

In our extended families and in our parish community, I encourage us to support and celebrate Marriage and family life, and that includes celebrating church weddings.

Fr Paul



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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

COST
\$30 per person
\$80 family of 4 or 5 with teenage children
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WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do we have stations of the Cross?

Have you ever made a journey retracing the steps of an ancestor? In the early Church a tradition developed whereby Christians would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, retracing the journey that Jesus took to calvary. Visual representations depicting the Passion of Jesus were erected along the way. In memory of this path, the stations were popularised in art and as a devotional practice, encouraged especially by the Franciscans. There are fourteen stations in our modern day devotion whereby people move from station to station, reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - OCTOBER

For the For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



PRAYER ZONE

Anniversary: Joseph Teow Quee Yeo

Please pray for the ill: Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart, Carmel Hadley, Patricia Chaves, Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chauria; 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.



FEAST DAYS - OCTOBER

Oct 15th - St Teresa of Jesus - virgin, doctor - Memorial
Oct 17th - St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr - Memorial
Oct 28th - Sts Simon and Jude, apostles - Feast

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will be pre-ordering the [Daily Mass Book 2027](#). If you would like to order a copy, the cost is \$40. Please let the Parish Office know by Monday, 12 October. Thank you!



Our deepest Sympathy

Shirley Beng Poh Cheah

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

Shirley's requiem mass was held at Corpus Christi Church on Tuesday the 6th of October 2026.

— † —
May Shirley experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

SACRAMENT OF Confirmation 2026

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Is your child in Year 3 or above?

Families are invited to register for the 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation at Corpus Christi Parish. Confirmation is an important step in a child's journey of faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, they are strengthened to continue growing as followers of Jesus and living the faith into which they were baptised.

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

EPHESIANS 1:13

Receive Strengthen Live the Faith

KEY DATES

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday
15 October 2026
at 6:00 pm
*Attendance is compulsory.
Only one parent needs to attend.*

PRESENTATION MASS

17/18 October 2026
Families may attend any Mass over the weekend.

FOUR PREPARATION SESSIONS

Choose one option:

THURSDAYS

22 & 29 October
5 & 12 November

SUNDAYS

OR 18 & 25 October
1 & 8 November

PRACTICE

Thursday
12 November 2026
at 6:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday
14 November 2026
at 3:00 pm
Corpus Christi Church

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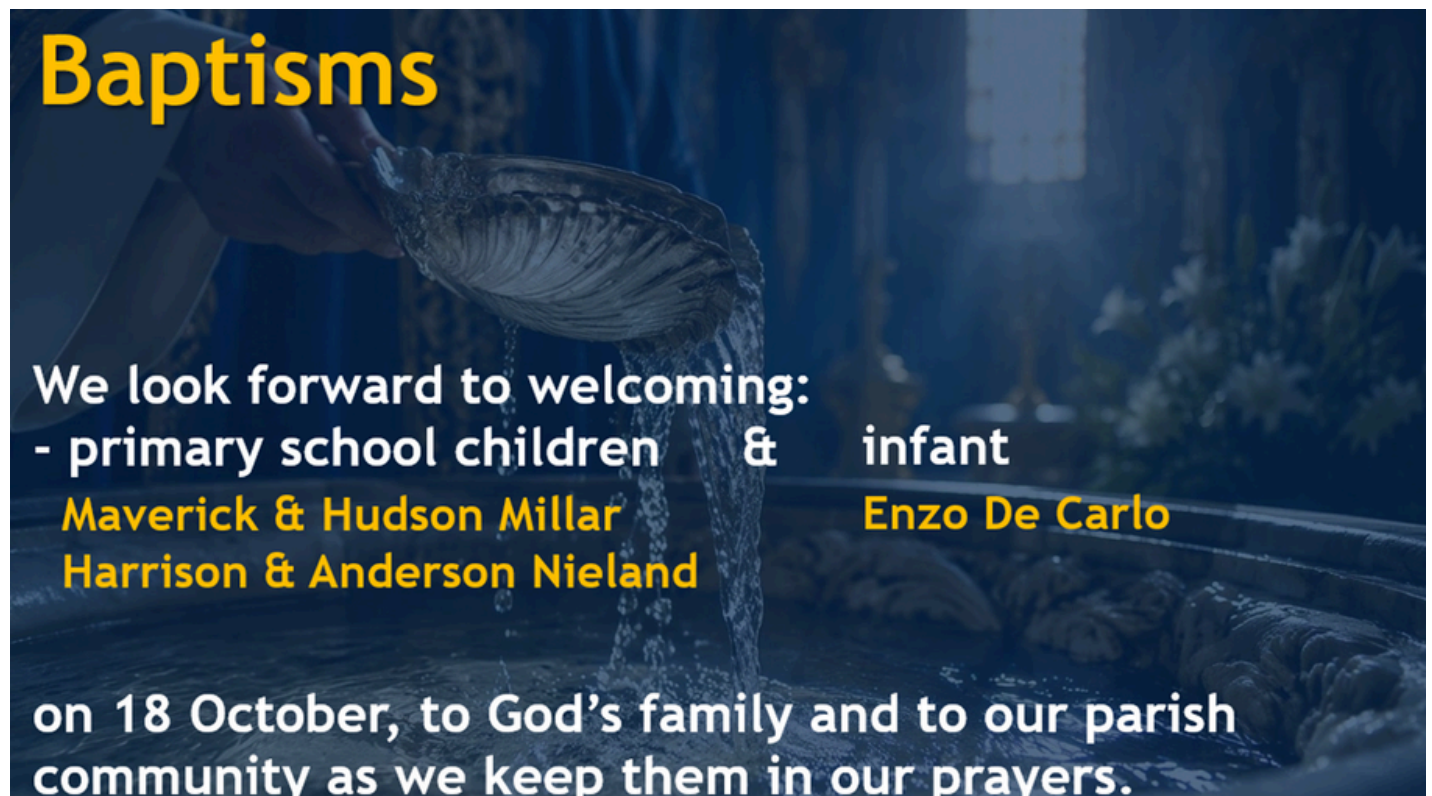


Corpus Christi Parish

Coffee Morning

14th October, 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.*



Baptisms

We look forward to welcoming:

- primary school children & infant

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on 18 October, to God's family and to our parish community as we keep them in our prayers.



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Join Fatima Procession in Manly

On Tuesday, October 13, 7-9pm, join us for Fatima Procession in Manly in honour of Our Lady. There is something powerful about taking our faith beyond the walls of the church and walking together in prayer. Our presence can also be a quiet witness to those we meet along the way - a reminder that faith is alive and that our world stillness prayer, hope and peace. Come and walk with Mary - to pray, to witness and to bring hope to others. Please note that this is a walking procession. To participate, you need to be able to walk up to 3 km and remain with the procession for the duration of the walk.

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.





Serra International Vocations Ministry

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

Guest Speaker
Fr Joey Frez

Looking for Catholic Vocations



Born in the Philippines, Fr Joey Frez first sensed a call to the priesthood as a young boy. Although financial circumstances prevented him from entering the seminary, God continued to lead him on an extraordinary journey.



After emigrating to the United States and working as a computer programmer, he entered Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, served as a deacon at St Cecilia Catholic Church, Beaverton, and was ordained to the priesthood on 29 May 2010 for the Diocese of Salt Lake City.



In 2019, Fr Joey moved to Australia and joined the Diocese of Broken Bay, serving in Epping, Carlingford, Holy Name Parish Wahroonga, and Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.



In January 2025, he was appointed Diocesan Director for Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

DISCUSSION POINT

A review of vocations
in Broken Bay Diocese.

EVENT DETAILS



Wednesday 21st October
2026



6:30 p.m.



Sacred Heart Catholic
Church, Pymble



RSVP: Terry Scanlan
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All Welcome

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Saturday 7 November 2026 at 11.30am

Please arrive by 11.15am

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Jn 16:33



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The Appeal for the Sound System will run from the 18th till the 25th of October

EXTRAORDINARY FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CHURCH AUDIO-VISUAL & SOUND SYSTEM

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in the recent annual financial report to parishioners, our current audio-visual and sound system in the Church is in urgent need of replacement. It is at the end of its practical life and has malfunctioned on numerous occasions. In the coming weeks we will be launching a special fundraising appeal to raise the funds needed for this. The current sound system was installed when the Church was built over 50 years ago. It is antique and obsolete technology that is no longer fit for purpose. Some of the issues exhibited are:

- Poor sound quality including humming and feedback
- The receiver won't communicate with the base station
- The mixer is at end of life
- Imbalanced sound
- One of our musicians has resorted to bringing his own equipment

A group of technical experts from the parish and members of the music ministry have engaged with a number of selected sound system providers who have assessed our requirements and provided quotations. The group also assessed what other parishes had recently installed when upgrading their sound systems and how satisfied they were with those upgrades. Several of the companies approached provided quotations in excess of \$100,000, which were deemed to be more than the parish could afford. A couple of mid-price range providers were selected and following a back and forth assessment process a preferred supplier has been selected. The cost of this replacement system is approximately \$75,000.

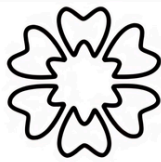
An initial fundraising appeal earlier in the year was held and this raised \$25,000. We are extremely grateful for those fundraising efforts and the generosity of those who contributed. However, we need to raise an additional \$50,000 to move forward with this replacement system.

The new system will employ modern bluetooth and wireless technology and be integrated into the existing TV system, with a tablet providing the system control interface.

In the coming weeks we will be having a special fundraising appeal to raise the funds required to move forward with this project. Parishioners will be able to donate to either sponsor a specific piece of hardware (e.g. a speaker or microphone) or make a general donation towards the overall goal. The aim would be to raise sufficient funds by the end of October for the purchase order to be placed and have the new system installed by early in the new year.

We encourage you to give generously to address this vital parish need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr Paul, the Parish Finance Committee & Soundsystem Working Group



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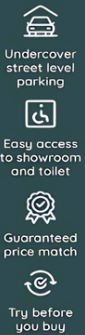
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The Word

Sunday, 11 Oct 2026:
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek. On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14.19-20

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION ON READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Reflection on the Word for - prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10). This image of a banquet describes the blessings God wishes to bestow, not only on Israel, but on all nations.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20). St Paul thanks the Philippians for their support but says that his real strength comes from the Lord.

Gospel (Matthew 21:1-14). Isaiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus: through him all God's people are invited to the banquet feast of the Kingdom.

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the sending of troops and the burning of the city, were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

Courtesy demanded that any guest at a wedding should have the proper wedding garment. One man came without it, symbolising a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance. The new guests (followers of Jesus Christ) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they don't produce the fruits of good works.

A key learning from the parable is that enjoyment of the blessings of God is always a matter of free choice. God invites all but forces no one. We must respond to love, and if we choose not to, we cannot enjoy communion with God.



The wedding feast. Many are invited, but few are chosen. Mt 22:1-14
Netherlandish sacred art, Parable of the Great Banquet, 16th century. Public domain.