

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

**12 November 2023, 32nd 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - Hall

**Second Wednesday of Every Month**

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning  
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**Every Friday  
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**First Friday of Every Month**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Wednesday 15 November**

Christmas Choir rehearsals 7pm  
in the Church

**Thursday 16 November**

Carmelite Conversations  
10am in the Parish Hall

**Sat 11/Sun 12 November**

Pastoral Works Collection

**Sunday 19 November**

Corpus Christi School Family  
Rock Mass 5pm



***“The kingdom of heaven  
will be like ten virgins  
who took their lamps and  
went out to meet  
the bridegroom.”  
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Are you one of those people who over-prepare for a camping trip and take much more than you need, or do you under-prepare and find yourself lacking a can opener when you need it or a pump for the air mattress? I’m on over-preparer. I take everything we need are much more. I don’t ever want to be caught short. But is it the same when it comes to my faith life?

Today’s parable of the ten bridesmaids highlights the importance of being ready when God moves into our life. The foolish bridesmaids thought they knew exactly when the groom would show up. They weren’t prepared for his late arrival and didn’t have enough oil in their lamps. As a consequence, they missed the bridegroom when he did show up.

*Lord, help me to build up stores of spiritual oil, through prayer, sacraments and service. Help me to wait patiently on God’s timing in my life and be prepared to receive God’s movement and grace at exactly the time it appears. Amen.*

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest  
Ed Wales, Parish Finance  
Michelle Miles, Office Manager  
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

**HALL BOOKINGS**

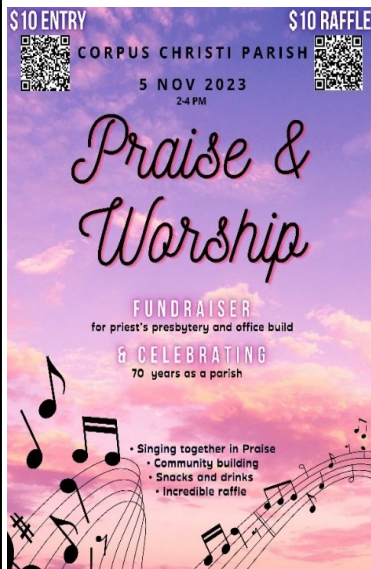
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What a wonderful community building afternoon, singing our hearts out, praising God, chatting to friends and winning prizes. Through your donations, attending the event and the raffle, we have raised \$10740 plus a \$10000 donation from a parishioner towards the presbytery and office remodelling. Thank you so much for all your support!!!!!! Our raffle winners were drawn electronically on the online system at the Praise and Worship Event. Congratulations to our winners!!!!

1st Prize - AirBnB weekend away: **Cathy Butler** (ticket 677)  
2nd Prize - Orotan Bag: **Taryn Leong** (ticket 265)  
3rd Prize - The Living Room Cafe voucher: **Corne Els** (ticket 70)  
4th Prize - Clarins Products hamper: **Christina Nguyen** (ticket 57)  
5th Prize - St Ives Mobile voucher: **Christina Nguyen** (ticket 642)  
6th Prize - Blooms The Chemist hamper: **Patricia Lai Kwon** (ticket 577)  
7th Prize - The Deli Hub hamper: **Le-Anne Pon** (ticket 103)  
8th Prize - AM Mart hamper: **Sherwell Fernando** (ticket 596)  
9th Prize - Stanley Street Butcher voucher: **Shirin Mordant** (ticket 385)  
10th Prize - Knife Sharpener voucher: **Shelagh Irving** (ticket 282)

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all the people who were involved in this fundraiser taking place: the leadership team, the tireless ticket sales people, Teresa for rallying everyone and everything to do with the raffle money, prizes and being my right hand and ideas person, all the choir members, choir leaders and musicians, the people who organised our fantastic tea at the event and every single person who attended our event and bought a raffle ticket. Thank you!!!!



Stay tuned for more information coming on the presbytery renovation and further fundraising.

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# Join Us for Our Advent Mission Night

with

*Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture*

This program includes an inspirational journal and an engaging 30-minute video featuring reflections by presenter **Fr. Mark Toups** and his friends **Sr. Josephine Garrett** and **Fr. Josh Johnson**. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day.

## DATE | TIMES | LOCATION

**Wednesday, 29 November 2023 7:30-9:00pm**

Collection of journals and instruction for the journey

*You may either attend on Zoom or face-to-face*

**Zoom:** Mondays, 4th, 11th, 18th December 2023 8:00-9:00pm

**Hall:** Tuesdays, 5th (in church), Hall 12th, 19th December  
7:30-9:00pm

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jen Perrott at [jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au) or call the office on 9144 6998

Please check the bulletin and eNews for more information.

Register with this QR code or signup in the foyer of the church



  
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### WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR OUR PRIESTS



Our priests have to move as the lease on Murphy House ends in early December.

We are looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom, two or three bathroom, house or apartment in the St Ives area, preferably with a double lock up garage to rent for at least 12 months at a reasonable rent of up to \$900 per week.

Could any parishioner who knows of any available properties please contact the Parish office on 9144 6998.

### Parish Choir Rehearsals for Christmas



We are very close to Christmas now and you are all invited to come to the parish choir rehearsals in the church so that we will be ready to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December. Even if you are not a regular attender of the choir we would love you to come along.

Our first rehearsal is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm and then every Wednesday at 7 pm until Christmas Eve.**

I know everyone is busy at this time of year and I am hoping you can stretch that little bit more to attend. Even if you cannot come to all the rehearsals you would be most welcome to attend when you can.

### LOST AND FOUND

A gold bracelet was found inside the church on Tuesday. Please contact Michelle or Christina in the office if it belongs to 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.

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:**  
Helen Ferguson

**Please pray for the ill:**  
Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; 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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, 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.***

### Candles for the month of November



For a gold coin donation, candles will be available to light in the memory of your departed beloved.

### FEAST DAYS NOVEMBER

- Fri 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
- Tues 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wed 22, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
- Fri 24th, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs
- Sun 26th, Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
- Thurs 30th, St Andrew, apostle

## 2023 Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our goal this year is to provide 100 hampers to any needy parishioners in the Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We would appreciate your support to make this happen.

**Suggested Hamper Contents**—please refer to the insert.

### Where and when do I deliver my Hamper?

Please deliver to our Corpus Christi Church at any time during the two week Appeal period. **This runs from the 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd December and ends at the special Hamper Mass at 10am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you require your hamper to be collected from your home please call Michelle at the Parish Office on 9144 6998 by Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December and we will organise a pickup from your home.

### Cash donation

If it is more convenient for you to make a cash donation in lieu of a Hamper you can bring this to the Parish Office or use the Parish's Electronic Funds Transfer account:

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 100001798

Reference: Parish Hamper

### Thank You!

For over 36 years our Parish has had a rich heritage of support to the parishioners of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We thank you for your Christmas spirit generosity.



## 2023 Christmas Hamper Mass

### Suggested hamper contents

- Canned Food (eg soups/seafood) Canned Fruits
- Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
- Long life custard / Jelly
- Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
- Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
- Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
- Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
- Cordial / Soft drink
- Juice
- Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
- Packets of Sugar
- Long Life Milk
- Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
- Tissues / Paper Towel
- Christmas Decorations
- Colouring Pencils
- Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable good you may wish to provide!

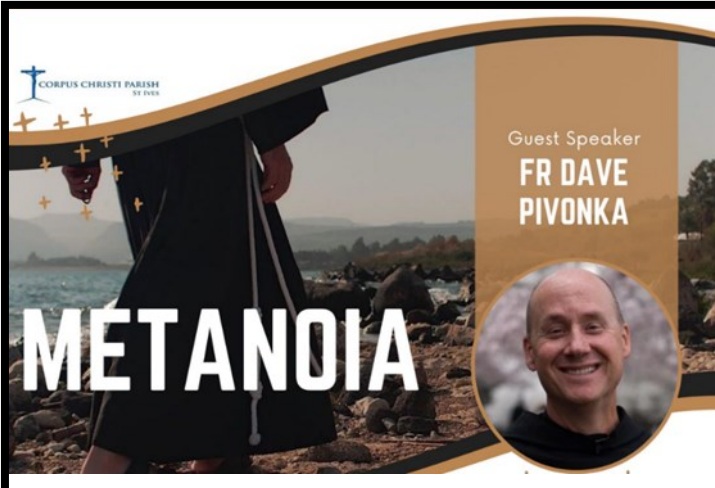
Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

Please place in a clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags—wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.



Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. The final date for 2023 is 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!



*The enjoyment experienced in this room is evidence the Holy Spirit was at work.*



*The depth of love that God and Jesus have for each of us is immeasurable and everyone needs to know this*



*My Faith is strong but there is always room for more. The videos are a powerful demonstration of faith and hope*



**If you missed Metanoia it will be available next year. The format is Video, quiet reflection followed by small group discussion. We all need to continue to grow in our relationship with God. Be inspired through listening to others and sharing our faith journey.**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, KILLARA



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday**  
**26 November**  
**2023**  
**JOIN US**

**killara**  
 church **60<sup>th</sup>**  
 ANNIVERSARY

For a Mass celebrated by **Bishop Anthony Randazzo** at 10.15am in Killara Church (No Mass at Lindfield)  
**Followed by festivities for the whole family**



For inquiries or to send in photos for the album please email us on [parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Join us for a Brigidine College Community Event

**Christmas on the Green**

Christmas Markets  
 4pm - 7pm  
 Carols at Twilight  
 7pm - 9pm

**Friday 24 November 2023**  
 Carols at Twilight & Christmas Markets

Brigidine College St Ives, 325 Mona Vale Road, St Ives NSW 2075



## Brigidine Carols on the Green

**Friday 24 November 2023**

**325 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives**

We invite your music vocalists to participate in a vocal workshop together with students from Brigidine and other local schools. This will culminate in a concert performance at 7.30pm. The workshop will be run and coordinated by Brigidine's Director Cocurricular Music, Charlie Lovelock. There are opportunities for school choirs to also sing their own songs as part of the afternoon concert.

**Workshop:** 10am – 12.00pm

**Brigidine Christmas Markets:** 4pm – 7pm

**Afternoon concert:** 4pm – 7pm

**Brigidine Carols on the Green:** 7.30pm – 9pm

The markets are a great opportunity for your families and staff to start their Christmas shopping and includes food stalls to purchase dinner.

If your parents would be interested in booking a stall at the markets please contact Pip: [pinman@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pinman@brigidine.nsw.edu.au)

For more information and to confirm your students' attendance at the Music workshop and performance please contact: Michelle: [mcasiglia@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mcasiglia@brigidine.nsw.edu.au)

For more information about your school performing in the afternoon concert please contact Charlie: [clovelock@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clovelock@brigidine.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to spreading some Christmas cheer with you!

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**



Father Aldrin Valdehueva our Chaplain and Assistant Priest at Epping/Carlingford Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

**Following the meeting Michelle Chahine, Board Director St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and Central Council President for Broken Bay will be speaking to us about the mission and activities of the Society in New South Wales.**

Everyone is welcome; however, a special invitation is extended to all members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please "come and see".

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

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Saturday 4th November, 2023 at 2:00pm & 8:00pm	<b>Concession</b> <b>\$30.00</b>
Saturday 11th November, 2023 at 2:00pm & 8:00pm	<b>Children</b> <b>(16 and under)</b> <b>\$20.00</b>
Friday 17th November, 2023 at 8:00pm	
Saturday 18th November, 2023 at 2:00pm & 8:00pm	







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Join our Facebook group

Come and join our Parish Facebook Group to share in the news and photos of all the wonderful things that are happening within our parish! Scan the QR code or join by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStIves>



**Position Vacant—Diocese of Broken Bay**

Administration Assistant - Hornsby Cathedral Parish working 5 days/35 hours per week in their Parish Office at Waitara. If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to Fr Brendan Lee via email: [Brendan.lee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Brendan.lee@bbcatholic.org.au) Applications close **Sunday 19 November 2023**.


**Safeguarding Training Coordinator**

Join the supportive team of the Safeguarding Office. To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).


**MAGI PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE**

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).






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# Footprints Mass



There is no foot too small that it will not leave an imprint in the world

Please join us for a special Mass for all our deceased children through pregnancy loss

**Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish**  
94 Archer Street Chatswood

**Wednesday 15 November 6pm**

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### For the Pope

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## The Word

Sunday 12 November 2023, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collect

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity  
So that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.  
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

A reading from the book of Wisdom Wis 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*  
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By  
those who love her she is readily seen, and found  
by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate  
those who desire her, she makes herself known to  
them. Watch for her early and you will have no  
trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully  
grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will  
quickly leave you. She herself walks about  
looking for those who are worthy of her and  
graciously shows herself to them as they go, in  
every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2  
(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my  
soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a  
dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your  
strength and your glory. For your love is better  
than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will  
lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with  
a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.  
(R.)
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse  
through the night for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians 1 Thes 4:13-18

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to  
life with Jesus.*  
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about  
those who have died, to make sure that you do  
not grieve about them, like the other people who

have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose  
again, and that it will be the same for those who have  
died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell  
you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us  
who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have  
any advantage over those who have died. At the  
trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out  
the command and the Lord himself will come down  
from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the  
first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will  
be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet  
the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for  
ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort  
one another.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 25:1-13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*  
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their  
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them  
were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish  
ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil,  
whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as  
their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all  
grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was  
a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."  
At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed  
their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible  
ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going  
out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us  
and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and  
buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it  
when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready  
went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was  
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord,  
Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied,  
"I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake,  
because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.