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13 June 2021 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth 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 Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10am Parish Hall

**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

Sunday 13 June
Parish Choir –9am-11am

Sunday 20 June
Youth Choir –9am-11am

Sunday 27 June
Parish Choir –9am-11am



*“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow.”
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Growing up on a farm with a large garden, my parents always cursed the couch grass. It was a weed that spread like bushfire, with tough networking roots. However, this non-native species has become a go-to lawn variety throughout mainland Australia because of its resilience and drought-resistance. It has gone from a curse to a plant of value.

So it is with the Kingdom, or Reign, of God. We might not appreciate it as it starts to grow, but eventually we discover its extent and true value. The mustard plants in Jesus’ time were considered weeds, and the birds they shelter were a problem for the farmers. Yet Jesus considers the birds and their needs as well. The Reign is valued by those who are the least in our world; the lowly are raised and the mighty brought down. Like the couch grass, what reminds you of God’s Reign today?

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Rwanda Raffle and Handicrafts

Please support our fundraising on June 19-20 for the Franciscan Sisters in Rwanda.

COVID-19 has severely limited the activities of the Franciscan Sisters at their project for youth with disability in Muganza, but the work of the Sisters has been integral in educating and protecting their local community. Contact tracing, random testing, lockdowns and restrictions in Rwanda have successfully limited transmission and deaths in this vulnerable but highly resilient nation. The Sisters can therefore plan with hope for their future activities.



Corpus Christi Social Justice Group and parishioners have supported the Rwandan Sisters since the first fundraising concert held in 2012 which led to the opening of a new Centre for youth with disability in 2014. Since then, raffles, donations and handicraft sales have helped to develop farming and other activities contributing to the Centre's self-sustainability. One ongoing issue, however, has been the lack of appropriate kitchen facilities at the Centre, which would enable the Sisters to sustainably expand their activities, provide training, receive volunteers, and raise further funds. The raffle to be held after Masses on the weekend of June 19-20 aims to raise the last few thousand dollars needed to build a new kitchen outbuilding at their Centre in Muganza, Southern Province, Rwanda.

Raffle tickets will be \$5 each, handicrafts are great value for a gift with extra special significance. Please remember to bring a little cash with you on the day.

For more information, contact SJ member, Margaret Salem on 0403 826 173, margaretsalem@hotmail.com or visit the link below to make a secure tax-deductible donation to J688N Friends of St Francis Youth Life Skills Project visit: <https://globaldevelopmentgroup.org.au/projects/j688n-friends-of-st-francis-youth-life-skills-project/>

Our Deepest Sympathy - Patricia Conroy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Patricia Conroy. Patricia's funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 11 June 2021. May Patricia experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

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.



WANTED

Do you have some expertise in graphic design. We need your help.

Please contact Father Greg to discuss further.



Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One
October 2021

*'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many'
Mark 14:12-16,22-26*

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ...we will make that culture of encounter.

(Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING 23RD JUNE 2021

Father Anselam Lakra, Assistant Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE 2021**. Kindly note the change of day to Wednesday for this meeting.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting we will be showing a YouTube video entitled "Church of the Holy Sepulchre". A complete History: Golgotha, Calvary, Crucifixion, Jesus, Tomb, Cross, Tour" The video brings the bible to life by seeing where the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus took place and it will enrich your understanding of the excitement surrounding recent discoveries relating to the Edicule which is a structure raised over the place of Christ's tomb.

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

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com by the 21st June 2021 if you would like to attend.

Prayer Zone

Anniversary: Josphine Chan

Recently Deceased: Patricia Conroy

Please pray for the ill:

Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, 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 the office know.

FEAST DAYS— JUNE

Monday 21st, St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
Tuesday 22nd, Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs
Thursday 24th, The Nativity of St John the Baptist

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

Our Year 4 SRE Teacher at St Ives North Public School has had to leave suddenly

Can you help on Tuesdays from 2:20-2:50pm. Minimal preparation required.

I am happy to partner someone who would like to be guided initially.

All lessons on PowerPoint are provided along with training and resources

Please contact Jen Perrott in the office or 0415 242 898. Email catechists at catechists@corpuschristi.com.au

**!!! URGENT !!!
CAN YOU HELP?**





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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The Word

Sunday 13 June 2021: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First Reading

From the prophet Ezekiel Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,

from the highest branch I will take a shoot

and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,

every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. *(R.)*
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *(R.)*
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
2 Cor 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.