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**13 March 2022 – Second Sunday of Lent**

**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:** 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 Friday (during term time)**  
Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg on Zoom

**Second Thursday of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**Every Friday during Lent**  
Exposition at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross

Just a reminder that we follow NSW Health advice to reduce the spread of Covid.

- sanitise your hands; &
- physical distance

**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.



***While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.” (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners,

The observation of the English mystic poet, William Blake, that ‘great things happen when men and mountains meet’ is true of such pivotal incidents in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as Moses’ reception of the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai (Exodus 19: 16-25; 20: 1-21) and the transfiguration of Jesus ‘on the mountain’ (often associated with Mount Tabor). Scripture scholars point to several parallels that may be drawn between these two events. In the latter instance, as recorded in all three Synoptic Gospels and now included in the luminous mysteries of the rosary by St John Paul II, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. Accompanied by representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), he is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John—the three apostles who later are witnesses to his agony in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46). Jesus’ human bodiliness becomes the vehicle through which his inner reality as God-Man shines forth. Surely this was a source of hope to his disciples after Jesus’ prediction of his death by crucifixion had become a reality. Alluding to this event Peter wrote: ‘ We had seen his majesty for ourselves.... When we were with him on the holy mountain’ (2 Peter 1:16-18)

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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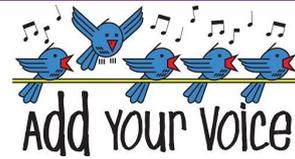
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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday during Lent. Liturgy at 7:00pm with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.



### EASTER CHOIR PRACTICES:

The Parish Choir will be practicing for the Easter masses and would like to invite anyone with a love of singing to join them. All voices and instruments are welcome! The practices will be held in the Church at 7:30pm on:

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm-9pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:30pm-9pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm-9pm

***Please come along and join the Parish Choir.***

*Sunday nights 7-8:30pm*

## YOUTH GROUP

For Corpus Christi students in Year 6-12  
Come along for some food, snacks and games!

Parents message Natalie at 0499 636 266 to RSVP



## Ca techist Corner



We have families seeking support in helping to “form” their children in the faith at school and some have asked why their children are not getting the SRE Education. Sadly, it is because we do not have enough volunteers and without our volunteers our young people are missing out on their faith formation.

Why not think about sharing your faith and helping parents by taking steps to become a Catechist? ***Now that many are working from home and there is that flexibility, would you?***

### Who Should Be Involved?

Anyone that loves to share their faith with others and/or feels a tugging in their heart to be involved. The Lord will stir in our hearts a desire to help, to share our faith with our young people. We are inviting you to respond to His call.

### What Do I Have To Do

- ◆ During the school term give **one hour per week** to prepare and teach the lesson. If being the teacher seems daunting, then start by becoming a class room assistant.
- ◆ A working with Children Check (WWCC) which we can help you apply for.
- ◆ Safeguarding training to help develop teaching skills (will require 45 minutes on line).

- ◆ Enrol in the CCD Ministry Induction within a year. This has been designed to be very simple and easy.

### What help will I get?

- ◆ A teacher’s manual containing easy to follow lesson plans.
- ◆ Lessons include PowerPoint presentations ready for use in class (so even less preparation time).
- ◆ Student activity books for each child.

### Why Should I Volunteer?

- ◆ ***Your faith will develop and grow even more***
- ◆ Make new friends, follow your interests
- ◆ Improve your self-esteem and wellbeing.

Our Parish serves students from St Ives North Public, St Ives Public, Turrumurra North & St Ives Park. For more information, please contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 or by email at [catechist@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechist@corpuschristi.com.au). I look forward to helping you. Jen

**DIOCESE OF LISMORE FLOOD APPEAL**

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account below:

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Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email [appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au).

The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW. To view this message please go to [www.lismorediocese.org](http://www.lismorediocese.org)



**FEAST DAYS— MARCH**

Thursday 17th, St Patricks, bishop  
 Saturday 19th, St Joseph



**PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:**

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. Next get together **Thursday 17 March 2022 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

**MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:**

**Day Retreats -Cost: \$30 per person (Please BYO lunch)**

**Jesus Encounters “The Adultrress” John 8:1-11**  
 April 2 10am to 4pm. Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD  
*May the Lord teach this recollection to those of you who don't know about it, for I confess that I never knew what it was to pray with satisfaction until the Lord taught me this method. W.29.7*

For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400 [www.mtcarmel.com.au](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au)

**Prayer Zone**



**Please pray for the ill:**

Brendan O’Connell; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; 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, 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.***



**Project Compassion  
 12 & 13 March**

**Biru 30**, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India’s east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia’s partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations**.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## **FINANCE UPDATE – SIX MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Dear Parishioners

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

This last six months has been challenging for all of us. The on and off restrictions and the Omicron wave has been quite stressful and has had an effect on our church. Our attendances at Mass are understandably down with the consequent effect of lower collections. We are grateful to those parishioners who continue to support both the parish and our priests with their contributions. The assistance we received from the NSW government certainly helped to reduce our deficit. We are pleased to report that our roof loan is now fully paid off. Our expenses are under control and we continue to closely monitor them.

We encourage parishioners who haven't yet joined the planned giving to participate by way of a direct debit or credit card. If you haven't yet but would like to contribute by direct debit or credit card please either call the Parish Office (9144 6998) or complete the attached **form** and return it to the office or drop it in the second collection bag at the front of the church.

Parishioners will know that Murphy House is now sold and no longer owned by the Diocese. However, the Diocese has entered into a lease agreement with the new owners to allow our priests to remain there until October 2023. This gives us the chance to plan and build a new presbytery. To this end a subcommittee has been formed and has explored a number of options for a new presbytery. At this early stage some preliminary plans have been drawn for a new building alongside the parish office. The subcommittee has recommended that the parish office be renovated at the same time to cater for the longer term needs of the parish as outlined by the parish pastoral council. A full briefing will be given to parishioners to allow questions and comments. The date for the briefing has not yet been set but should be within the next month or so. Parishioners will be given adequate notice of when the briefing will be.

We thank all parishioners for their continued support as we all work together during these difficult times to enhance our Parish.

**Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee**

## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

## Income &amp; Expenditure

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$
	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
<b>INCOME</b>			
Planned Giving - Envelopes	15,710	45,155	45,595
Planned Giving - Credit Cards	35,374	37,059	36,220
Planned Giving - EFTs	22,050	-	-
<b>Total Planned Giving</b>	<b>73,134</b>	<b>82,214</b>	<b>81,815</b>
Loose Second Collection	4,341	10,184	24,296
Tap & Go - \$5	700	2,110	-
Tap & Go - \$10	1,820	6,750	-
Tap & Go -\$20	3,540	5,660	-
Tap & Go -\$50	490	-	-
Donations	3,250	3,568	-
Pastoral Activities, Piety store and other inc.	4,668	7,074	7,737
Bulletin Advertising	2,652	5,980	-
Alpha Program	-	1,254	11,715
Discipleship	-	2,860	600
Interest Received	338	836	2,591
Building Donations	100	100	900
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,035</b>	<b>128,589</b>	<b>129,653</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Church Requisites	5,596	3,732	3,716
Employment Expenses including on-costs	61,639	46,210	73,200
Jobkeeper Expense	-	32,377	-
Insurance	22,323	20,357	21,101
Office Expenses	2,404	5,758	9,081
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	9,456	12,307	23,981
Formation	1,600	-	-
Alpha Program	1,247	1,544	11,575
Discipleship	-	1,767	928
Repairs and maintenance	13,822	20,609	16,363
Clergy Car Expenses	5,193	4,488	4,135
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	133	816	1,905
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>123,413</b>	<b>149,965</b>	<b>165,986</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(28,378)</b>	<b>(21,376)</b>	<b>(36,332)</b>
<b>NON- OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Job Keeper Subsidy	-	54,000	-
Cah Boost Stimulus -ATO	-	10,000	-
NSW Business Grant	7,500	-	-
NSW Jobsaver Grant	18,000	-	-
<b>Total Non-Operating Income</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>64,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NON -OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Tap & Go units	-	(172)	-
New carpets in parish office	-	(6,818)	-
Short Fall Super Expenses prior years	-	(3,595)	-
Preliminary Expenses for new Presbytery	(6,200)	-	-
<b>Total Non-Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(6,200)</b>	<b>(10,585)</b>	<b>-</b>
Roof Repayments to 31 Dec 2021	(13,321)	(16,700)	(16,700)
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments</b>	<b>(22,399)</b>	<b>(15,339)</b>	<b>(53,032)</b>



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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

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prayer and action.

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## The Word

### Sunday 13 March 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent

#### First Reading

From the book of Genesis Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'  
The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
2. Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *(R.)*
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. *(R.)*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 3:17 – 4:1

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.