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14 September 2025, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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)



***“God loved the world
so much that he gave
his only Son”
(Gospel)***

**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 14 September
(Today)**
Morning Tea after the 8am mass

**Sunday 14 September
(Today)**
Youth Summit at 3 pm in the hall

Thursday 18th September
Parish Craft Group—10am in the
Hall

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

What a juxtaposition we find in the title of today's feast. How can we exalt in the cross on which Jesus died such a torturous death? Well, when seen from the perspective of the resurrection, the picture starts to become clear. The cross was the means by which God, in the person of Jesus, would, in his endless love and compassion, bring a wayward world back home to him. Today's Gospel gives us perhaps the most well-known Bible verse of all, in John 3:16: “Yes, *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.*” God didn't send his Son to condemn us but to save us. Out of his great love for humanity, God reached down into a broken human world, and Jesus, by bearing our sins on the cross, redeemed us, and in the resurrection, showed us the way back to communion with God and to eternal life in God's presence. We exalt the cross because it restores to us all that was lost, and it stands forever as a reminder of God's endless outpouring of love for us.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg.

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FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all the children who have completed their First Eucharist! This is a significant milestone in their faith journey and it represents a deepening of their relationship with God and the Catholic Church. It's a moment to cherish and celebrate their faith, and we wish them all the best as they continue to grow in their spiritual lives.

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!



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.the.little.flower@gmail.com



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.

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



PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Thursday 18th September 2025

10am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



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

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Why do Catholics hold Our Lady in such high esteem?

Every community has its heroes and heroines; people whose lives embody an ideal and inspire us to greater heights.

The Church, too, looks up to men and women who are outstanding witnesses to the gospel.

Of all the saints, prophets and holy people who have gone before us in faith, Catholics honour Mary in a special way because of her unique role in the story of Christianity. As the mother of Jesus, she was the first to bear the Good News of salvation to the world. Mary's life is the most perfect example we have of a life lived under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Her feminine presence opens us to essential dimensions of the Gospel and draws us closer to the heart of Christ.



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

When: October 4th 10am-4pm

Canticle of the Creatures

Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

When: October 17th to 19th 6pm-12:30

Finding Inner Peace in a Chaotic World: The Timeless Wisdom of St. Teresa of Avila

Presenter: Ransom Rapirap, OCD

When: November 1st 10am-4pm

The Beatitudes

Presenter: George Morkel, OCDS

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 Chaurira; 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.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Daisy Peiris



The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Daisy Peiris. Daisy's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on **Thursday 18 September at 11am**. May Daisy experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER

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
Tue 23rd, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
Sat 27th, St Vincent de Paul, priest
Sat 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Tue 30th St Jerome, doctor

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POP-UP PLAYGROUPS

ALL PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME!

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WED 6 AUG 2025

THU 21 AUG 2025

TUE 2 SEP 2025

FRI 19 SEP 2025

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

SESSIONS FROM 9:15-10:45AM

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

HELD IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI A/P ROOM

REGISTER NOW

<https://bit.ly/popupplaygroups>

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.



Social Justice Corner

Social Justice Gathering

The 2025–2026 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement, *Signs of Hope on the Edge*, calls us to see, listen to, and walk alongside those on the margins. We are challenged to move beyond charity into action, recognising every person's name, dignity, and story, building relationships rooted in solidarity and turning reflection into response.

On Saturday, 27th September, you are invited to join a discussion and reflection on the statement organised by the Justice and Peace Office. The event will include:

- **First-hand voices** from people with lived experience of homelessness and experiences of poor mental health.
- **Scenario-based activities** inspired by the Statement's reflection questions which will invite participants into real-life situations and explore real-life solutions.
- **Table talks** to unpack the Bishops' call for encounter, identify gaps in current responses, and co-create solutions.
- **Action mapping** to guide parishes, schools, and communities in committing to tangible local advocacy and outcomes.
- **Take away resources** that prompt discussion, education, and guidance to move beyond the day.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Leichhardt Uniting Church. Register for the event at [Signs of Hope on the Edge: A reflection on the 2025-26 ACBC Social Justice Statement](#)





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.

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

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.

We are collecting donations of clothes, toys, games, and books for the family. Clothing sizes are as follows:

- **Children:** Boy (size 16), Girl (size 10), Boy (size 10), Girl (size 5)

Adults: Men's XXL, Women's size 10

Any contribution—whether clothing, toys, or other essentials—will be deeply appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri between **9am and 4pm**.

For more information, please contact **Halina Pazniewski** on **0401 319 569**.

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>



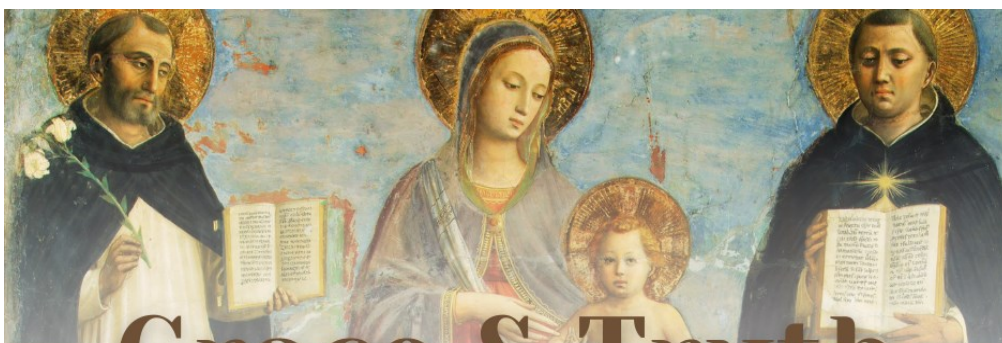
Schedule
of Event:



94 Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067

02 9410 9000

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>



Grace & Truth

An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship
open to men and women of all ages.

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-8:30PM

**Fr Paul Rowse, OP & Sr Anastasia, OP
and the Dominican Friars and Sisters**

Theme: Anchored in Hope

Registration:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>

Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

Registration closes 23 September

(Contact the Sisters at the above email with queries after this date)



Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday 30 September for the next **Grace and Truth** evening on the theme "Anchored in Hope". The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Fr Paul Rowse, OP and Sister Anastasia, OP.

The event will run from 5-8:30PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 23 September.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>.

For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.

PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items, including a wide selection for First Holy Communion. The stall will be open after all Masses – a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a gift.



Discover Palms Volunteering

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

A number of overseas communities in Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call we are offering an opportunity to live and use their professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community.

Palms is holding a webinar on **Thursday 30 October** 7pm – 8.30pm **AEDT** for all those interested to know more of the mission life.

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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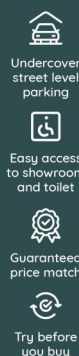
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The Word

Sunday 14th of September 2025: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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 Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) *Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their
rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal
life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be
lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Please note: The Second Reading will differ for the Vigil and 10am masses