Corpus Christi
CATHOLIC PARISH ST IVES

WEEKLY BULLETIN
15 November 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
EUCHARISTIC 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
December 10

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
November 24

Carmelite Conversations
Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am November 26

Parish Social Craft Group
Fortnight on Thursdays 10am November 19 at 10am

Volunteer Thanksgiving Celebration
November 27
Save the date

Hamper Mass & Canva Market Day
November 29

Suzuki Music Class (9:30am) & Playgroup (10:30am) Wednesdays (0to5 years old)

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



Dear Parishioners,

This week on the 11th of November, we celebrated an inspiring and particularly meaningful Mass to mark Remembrance Day, to honour and pray for all service personnel who have died in war or military conflict.

As followers of Christ, we must take seriously the call to be people of peace: to have peace in our own hearts, and to work for a peaceful world, which is the fruit of true justice.

Reluctantly, even the Church teaches that in certain conditions there is such a thing as a just war. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n2309)

In a perfect world, there would be no need for wars or aggression and no requirement to maintain defence forces. Until such a perfect world exists, democracy demands vigilance.

Jesus said at the last supper as he prepares to give his own life "greater love has noone than this" to lie down one's life for one's friend.

We honour the memory of those who gave their lifes as the ultimate expression of friendship and love for us, that we might live in true freedom and peace. May we cherish this in our own lifes and in our own parish community.

Fr Paul







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NOVEMBER MASSES

for the Holy Souls · the month of prayer for our beloved dead

Mass for the Holy Souls envelopes are at the church doors: write the names of the family, friends, relatives and benefactors you would like remembered, and Masses will be offered for them throughout November. Where there are many to remember, *"the members of the Smith family, and all our beloved dead"* gathers everyone in beautifully, so no one is left out. **Feel free to nominate a particular date** you would like the Mass offered — perhaps an anniversary. Then **place your envelope in the bowl in front of the altar**, where the names of our beloved dead will rest, close to the Eucharist, all through the month.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." — 2 Maccabees 12:46

PRAYER ZONE



Recently Deceased: Richard Howlin, Kathlean Drew

Anniversary: Emmanuel Wilbert Jambu, Donald Richard Jambu, Maria Wong, Jerome Christopher Jambu, Gary & Claire Yap, Chua Lau Huat, Jean Tan

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

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why confirm?

As the name implies, the Sacrament of Confirmation *confirms* or *strengthens* the new life received at Baptism. Symbolically, the bishop or priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead using an oil called *chrism*. As he does so he says, '(Name)' be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Although the Holy Spirit is received at baptism, confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. In the case of youth, confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been baptised as a baby and raised in the Christian life, the youth is now called upon to make a more mature commitment to the Gospel. In particular, confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostolic witnesses to the gospel.

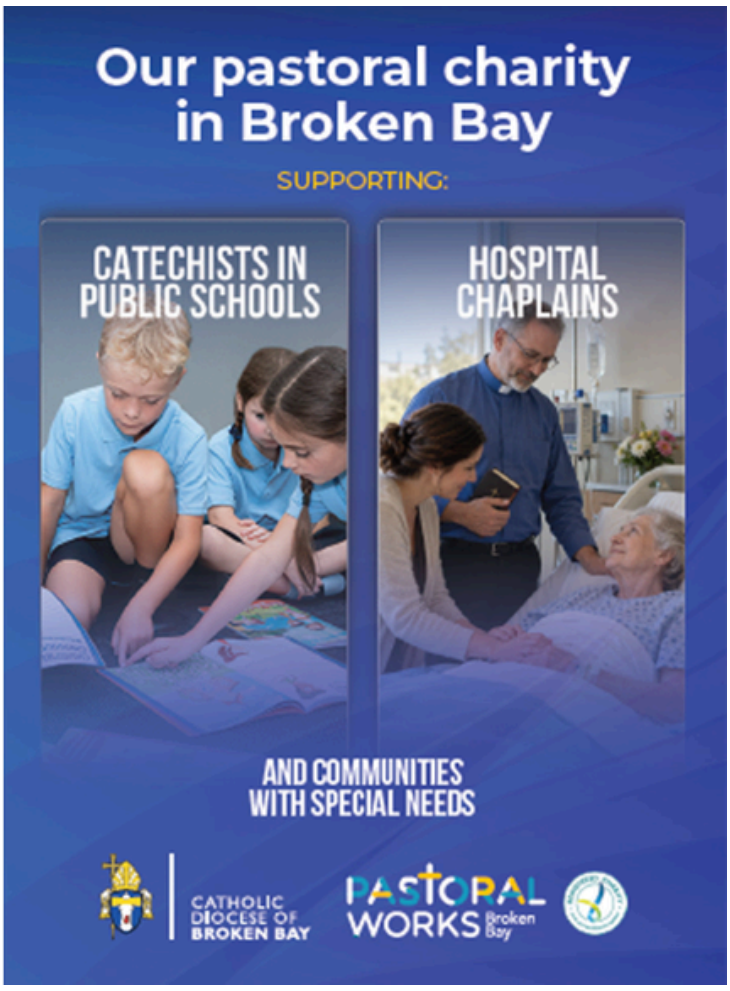
POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER



For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.







Celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
Catholics from across Greater Sydney will gather for the Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession, hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.
Date: Sunday, 22 November 2026
Time: 1:00pm Festival Martin Place
Time: 2.30pm Procession Corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street
If you would like to join Fr Tan and fellow parishioners in celebrating this Solemnity, please contact the Parish Office. We are hoping to travel together as a group, meeting in Gordon at 1pm before making our way to Martin Place.



Congratulations to Victoria Galcsik and Ruth Cassidy on reaching 15 years of dedicated service as catechists.
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Victoria and Ruth for their generosity, commitment and faithful service in sharing the love of Christ and passing on the gift of faith to our young people.
Thank you, Victoria and Ruth, for all that you do!
May God continue to bless them and all our catechists abundantly for their wonderful contribution to our parish community.
Fr. Paul, Jen Perrott and the parish community



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.

FEAST DAYS - NOVEMBER

Nov 17th - St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious - Memorial
Nov 21st - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial
Nov 22nd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Solemnity
Nov 24th - Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs - Memorial

Two Week To Go!

The 4 Ways You Can Contribute to our Special Christmas Hamper Mass

10am Sunday 29 November

1. Prepare a Hamper



Our goal this year is to provide over 100 hampers to any needy parishioners in the Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. Please deliver your hamper to Corpus Christi Church at any time until the Hamper Mass.

2. Make a 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 Giving Link on the parish website.

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish, BSB 062 784 Account Number: 100001798
Reference: Parish Hamper

3. Invite family members and friends

The Hamper Mass provides an opportunity for family members and friends to be part of the parish's major social justice project. The Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish, Father Nguyen Van Cao S.J., has kindly agreed to join our Mass.

4. Please join us for a Thank You Morning Tea after Mass.

Everybody is invited from our parish to join our visiting Holy Family colleagues for a Morning Tea after Mass. We will use this opportunity to thank all in the parish who have helped in any way through the year on different parish programs.



Come and join our Christmas Choir!

Rehearsals every Wednesday Night at 7 pm in the Church until Christmas Eve.

Arrangements for Christmas Eve:
arrive 7:15 at Church for last rehearsal.
8:30 to 9 carols before Mass.

Everyone is Welcome to join

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SUN 13 DEC.

HOSTED BY YOUNG ADULTS

Location: Parish Hall

6PM - 8.30PM



Potluck dinner



Carols

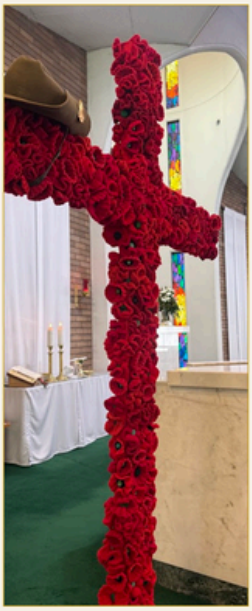


Trivia

RSVP using QR code or contact parish office

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Corpus Christi, St Ives · 9:00 am Mass, Wednesday 11 November 2026







"Greater love has no one than this — to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

LEST WE FORGET

THANK YOU

We extend our sincere thanks to Mary Stone and the parish craft group for creating this beautiful poppy-covered cross. Mary has created a beautiful piece of art that we will cherish and treasure at the parish for many years to come.

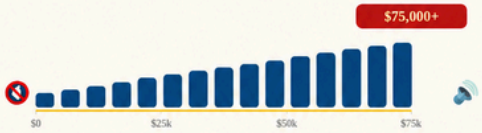
We deeply appreciate the time, care and skill devoted to this special creation. It is a wonderful addition to our church, and we are truly grateful for your dedication and generosity.

We also extend our thanks to Chris Hannan for organising such a wonderful Remembrance Mass and service, and to our veteran, Geoff Riley. It was a moving, dignified and beautifully presented service that brought our parish community together in remembrance and gratitude.

the Corpus Christi Community

Sound System Appeal

Target Reached - Thank You



"Every word, every pew!" — 100% of the way to being heard

My sincere thanks to the many parishioners who contributed to the Sound System Appeal through large gifts and small, the envelopes at the doors, bank transfers, sponsored items, and even emptying the money box.

Thank you also to those who have offered their expertise, their time, their advice and encouragement.

Every generation builds whatever carries the Word of God a little further, whether, in proclamation, preaching, sharing and singing.

As the Lord says: "So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I intend." (Isaiah 55:11)

The deposit for the new system has been paid and we await advice about installation shortly.

Again, my sincere thanks and wishing you God's blessing for the Advent season ahead.

Fr. Paul

Children's Nativity Play

Would your child like to be part of the 6pm Nativity Play at Christmas Eve Mass this year?



Be part of our Christmas Eve celebration and help bring the story of Jesus' birth to life!

Christmas Eve
Thursday, 24 December 2026
Vigil Mass & Nativity Play
at 6:00 pm

Rehearsals

Sun 6 Dec	After 10:00 am Mass (main role allocation)
Tue 8 Dec	5:45 pm
Tue 15 Dec	5:45 pm
Sun 20 Dec	After 10:00 am Mass
Thu 24 Dec	4:00 pm (final practice) then Vigil Mass & Nativity Play at 6:00 pm

- If your child would like a **main role**, they must attend the rehearsal on **Sun 6 Dec** (main role allocation).
- A child can also join at the 4:00 pm practice on Christmas Eve (Thu 24 Dec) and play a smaller role.
- Children need to attend the rehearsals on these dates.
- Parent helpers are encouraged to stay during practice times.

All are welcome to join in!

Please contact the office for more information on
(02) 9144 6998

The Word
Sunday, 15 Nov 2026: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Collect
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading
From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel
From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"
The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

Reflection on the Word for Nov 15th 2026 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A- prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31). This is a poem in praise of the ideal wife. In keeping with the times, it implies that a woman's place is in the home; nevertheless, it is a noble tribute to womanhood. She is held up as a model of someone who uses her talents to live an industrious, virtuous and generous life.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6). Paul had assured the Thessalonians of the certainty of Christ's coming.

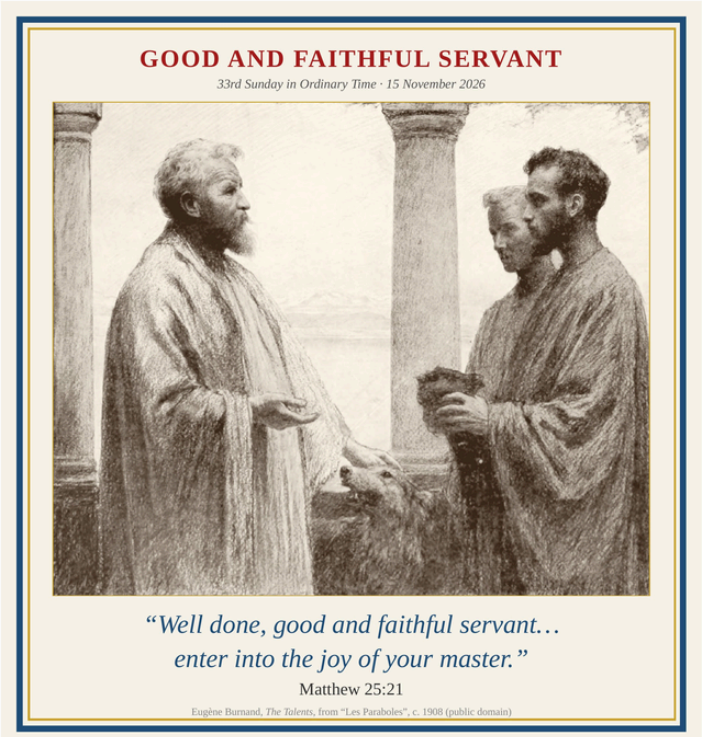
It seems that the community had speculated as to exactly when that would happen. Paul tells them that he himself doesn't know that. All he can tell them is that it will happen unexpectedly. He impresses on them the need to be always ready lest they be caught unawares.

Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30). The parable of the talents is another extract from Matthew's Eschatological Sermon (24:1-25:46) ie: about the end times.

Matthew has accepted that the Parousia (the end of the world) would be delayed. Since the day of the Lord's coming is unknown, he stresses the necessity of being watchful. In the parable of the talents he spells out what this watchfulness consists in: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to share generously our God-given gifts.

The first two servants are congratulated and rewarded for their enterprise and fidelity. Though their responsibility had been unequal, their reward is the same. What matters is not accomplishment, but wholehearted commitment. The third servant receives blame and condemnation - because he has done nothing. Instead of blaming himself, the servant blames his master, calling him 'a hard man'.

In the parable, we are dealing with our response to God's gift. Matthew seems to present God as a stern taskmaster. The parable is meant as a warning to the lazy and inactive disciple lest he or she loses everything. The warning is an expression of love and concern.



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