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**16 April 2023, Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy)**

**Parish Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm  
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 Friday**  
**(during term time)**  
Lectio Divina

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

**Thursday evenings**  
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John  
Prayer Group  
7:30-9pm in the Church

**Tuesday 18th April**  
Parish Finance Council Meeting

**Sunday 23th April**  
Youth Group Meeting  
Parish Hall at 4-5.30pm

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Anzac Day Mass 9am

**Thursday 27th April**  
Parish Social Craft Group  
Parish Hall at 10.30am

**Mother's Day Cake Stall**  
Further information to come



***Then he said to Thomas, “do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners

On the occasion of the canonisation of St Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000, Pope John Paul II dedicated the Second Sunday of Easter to Divine Mercy. This feast reminds us that God's greatest act of mercy is finally available to us through his incarnate Son, Jesus.

Pope Francis recognises that reconciliation and forgiveness are ongoing tasks. In his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19, 2020, he answers the usual objections: “But I keep falling!” He says, “God never tires of reaching out to us to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet.”

We thank Jesus for giving the human race complete and unmerited reconciliation. By confessing our sins and failings to God, we also confess our complete love and trust in Jesus, Divine Mercy, as we acclaim with Thomas, “My Lord, and my God!”

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

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## Prayer Zone

**Anniversary:** Jim Cliff

**Please pray for the ill:**

Noel Carmody; 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; Victoria; 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 the office know.***

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023



The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2023 at Corpus Christi Parish on **23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and have been **Baptised.**

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so by using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/CGTSM>. The enrolment link is also available on our website <http://www.stives.dbb.org.au> in the Sacraments section under Confirmation.

There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evening** held in the Church at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** and **18<sup>th</sup> May**.

Confirmation **will be held on Friday 23rd June 2023 at 6pm**

*Attendance by at least one parent at the information evening is a requirement of the course.*

All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via [sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au)

### FEAST DAYS APRIL

Sunday April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday  
Wednesday April 26th, St Mark  
Friday April 28th, St Peter Chanel  
Saturday April 29th, St Catherine of Siena

### OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays the office will be open Tuesday– Friday from 9am— 1pm.

Please note the office will be unattended the following days

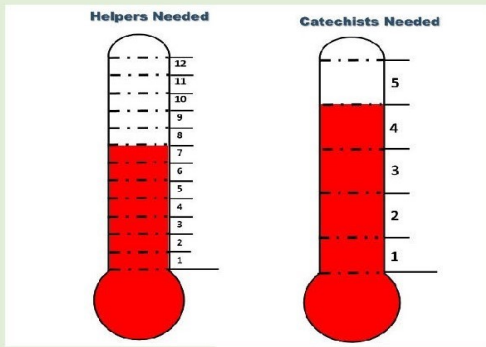
Monday 17th April  
Tuesday 25th April

### 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

# Catechists & Helpers Needed Still



## Almost There – Getting Hotter!!!

### Still thinking of joining our Team?

### We **STILL** need you!

Will YOU be the one to share your faith with the children and help raise our Thermometer Goal?



**The thermometer is filling. We are almost there!**

Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to become part of the catechist ministry. If you have been considering joining, the Holy Spirit maybe prompting you!



All resources and training are provided free. *You do not need to be a teacher to share your faith.* If you would like to become part of our team or would like more information, please scan this QR code to register your interest or contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 / 0415 242 898 or email [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) I would love to chat with you.

## PROPOSAL TO TRIAL AN EARLIER SUNDAY NIGHT MASS TIME

Dear Parishioners,

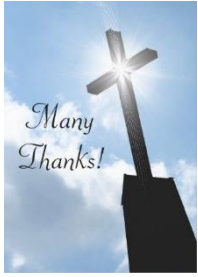
The Parish Council would like to propose a trial to change the time of Sunday night Mass from 6pm to 5pm. We understand that changing mass time will not suit everyone as it will disrupt certain habits. This is why we would like to get feedback from as many people as possible as we endeavour to listen to your needs and pray that the Holy Spirit may guide all of us to do what is best for the whole parish.

We propose this earlier time for a number of reasons. We hope that it will accommodate better the needs of different parishioners, including those with difficulties travelling in the cooler months. As well, we hope that this will enable the parish to plan various activities to take place after Sunday night Mass to continue to build a sense of community and belonging in the parish. For example this might include activities for the youth, parish celebrations, discussion of our spiritual journey and faith formation. Having the Mass starting earlier at 5pm should allow parishioners to get home earlier after any event.

**We suggest trialing this from Sunday 7th May 2023 until Sunday 24th September 2023**

We invite you to provide your feedback using the form available in the foyer or scan the QR code for an electronic form. **Please provide your feedback no later than 17th April.**





Many thanks to the Liturgy Committee who worked tirelessly over the Lenten Season and a big thank you to the readers, acolytes, choir members, flower arrangers, decorators, alter dressers, PowerPoint operators and those that helped with the Easter egg hunt who made the Easter Season particularly joyous.

If anyone has any Anzac Day memorabilia such as uniforms, hats or nurses capes and is willing to lend these items to be used during the Anzac Day service, please contact Michelle or Christina in the Parish Office on 9144 6998 or email [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)



# Youth News

Pray and Play is for families with children under 12 years old.

Plans are underway our next gathering, please keep checking the bulletin. If you'd like to receive updates, please contact Edith ([corpus.families@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.families@gmail.com)) or Michelle ([office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)).



## Youth Group

Our high school youth group will be meeting monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, after the Sunday night Youth Mass.

Here are the details for our next gathering, we'd love to see you there!

Date: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Time: 4:00 – 5:30pm

Activity: Baking!

Cost: Free, donations welcome



If you would like to participate or help out in future gatherings, please contact Edith ([corpus.families@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.families@gmail.com)) or Michelle ([office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)).

# Get connected and explore faith with others



Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to get connected, discover more about the Christian faith, and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.



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and get connected



Watch an episode  
on a topic of faith



Ask questions and  
share your thoughts

YOU'RE INVITED

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Corpus Christi Parish  
Hall - 7:00-9:00pm

Register with QR Code  
or

Contact Jen Perrott  
(02) 9144 6998  
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## The Word

Sunday 16 April 2023, Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy)

### First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

### Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will

have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.