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16th November 2025, Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)



*“I knew you were a demanding person, so
out of fear I went off and buried your talent
in the ground ”
(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

Wednesday 19th November
Christmas Choir rehearsal 7pm in
the Church

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Our daily intake of local, national and world news, whether online or by radio or TV, is a harsh reminder that all is not well in our world.

Every day and across weeks and months there are wars, crimes of violence, words of anger and revenge, as well as natural disasters, earthquakes, famines and plagues.

Tragically this has been the pattern throughout human history. We seem unable to help ourselves, and despite our increasing awareness of these calamities and their causes, each century seems more devastating and destructive than those past.

As we near the end of the Church year (next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King), it is helpful to be alert to these signs of our times and to read them with careful comprehension.

We know that every human life has an earthly conclusion at death, and all the evidence is that our earth, despite our renewed commitment to care for the planet, will also come to an end. However, the one who is living in relationship with Jesus Christ has nothing to fear.

Despite natural disasters and even unwanted and unwarranted personal attacks, Jesus assures us that we have no need to fear. Our perseverance will win us our lives.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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The Worsening Food Insecurity Situation that Corpus Christi's Sister Parish Holy Family Mt Druitt Faces

We interviewed Malia Lolesio, the Parish Secretary of Holy Family and the co-ordinator of this year's Christmas Hamper Appeal. Malia works with a small group of parishioners who plan, transport, organise and distribute the Hampers that are prepared by the parishioners of Corpus Christi parish. We were keen to understand Holy Family's needs for our Appeal.

Who receives the Hamper?

"Only those in genuine need. These include First Australians, New Australians, those who are unemployed or partially employed, pensioners and many individuals and families - Mt Druitt has a large number of large sole parent families. In many instances Holy Family Parish is at the centre of the impact of Food Insecurity, Employment Insecurity and Housing Insecurity - and in many instances where all three apply."

"The need for food has really intensified. Food insecurity is a major and growing issue. The Holy Family team works with the Parish, the local St Vincent de Paul team and the local Parish Primary School to identify families and individuals in need. In many instances Holy Family parishioners quietly let us know who is in need so that we can discretely work with them to provide a Christmas Hamper. In other situations' members of the Parish Office are approached directly by families in genuine need. This year there has been a marked increase in both families registering to receive the Hamper and others approaching members of the Parish team. At all times Holy Family always ensure that everybody is treated with the greatest of dignity and respect."

After the Hampers are collected from Corpus Christi what happens next?

"The Hampers are driven to the Holy Family Parish School Hall where they are numbered and matched to the names on the Holy Family Parish hamper list. The Hampers ensure that families have a great Christmas meal and are used in the days that follow."

When do people receive their Christmas Hampers?

"On the Wednesday (20th) and Thursday (21st) December. Families and individuals who are registered come to the School Hall to receive their Hamper."

Do we have the right goods in each Hamper? Is being placed in a plastic laundry basket OK?

"The current list of ingredients is what is required. The laundry baskets are sturdy and with the handles make it is easy to carry for the organisers and the people who need them."

The 2025 Corpus Christi Christmas Hamper Appeal is our largest social justice community project and has been in place for 38 years. This year the Appeal runs from mid November and ends at our special Christmas Hamper Mass at 10am on Sunday 30th November. A suggested hamper contents is available from special trays at each of the three Church entrances.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

WHY DO WE BLESS THINGS?

Quite apart from the blessing of people and the blessing of the eucharistic bread and wine at Mass, Catholics are renown for blessing objects: houses, medals, statues, vestments, food... even computers! As found in scripture, a blessing is an authoritative pronouncement of God's favour. We bless as a way of placing our lives under the power of Christ. When we bless objects we acknowledge the goodness of God's creation and our desire to use these gifts for the service and glory of God.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR 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 OF THE COMMON GOOD AND
SOLIDARITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE LESS.**



Our Deepest Sympathy

Fay Abbott

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Fay Abbott. Fay's funeral was held at Corpus Christi on **Tuesday 11 November at 10.30am**. May Fay experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



*For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program,
please visit*

www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: December 6th 10am-4pm

***Darkness & Light: Embracing the mystery of
Advent in the teaching of St. John of the Cross***

Presenter: Fr. Ransom Rapirap

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Fay Abbot

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauria; 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.

***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.***

**QUENTIN STEWART EXTENDS HIS THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO HAS KEPT HIM IN THEIR
PRAYERS.**

**THE RESULTS FOLLOWING HIS RADIATION
THERAPY INDICATE THAT THE THERAPY WAS
SUCCESFULL.**

FEAST DAYS NOVEMBER

Mon 17th, St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious, Memorial
Fr 21st, The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
Sat 22nd, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr, Memorial
Sun 23rd, Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE, Solemnity
Mon 24th, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs, Memorial
Sun 30th, First Sunday of ADVENT

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 or ph: 91446998

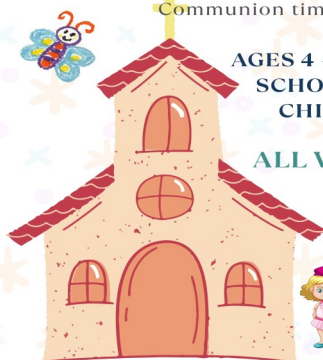
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Every Sunday
at the 10am Mass**

Come and bring your children to Children's Liturgy of the Word so they can find out more about Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Includes the Sunday scriptures, prayer and a fun activity. Children return to the church at Communion time.

**AGES 4 – PRIMARY
SCHOOL AGED
CHILDREN**

ALL WELCOME



Love God and Love People



FAMILY ROCK MASS

Please join us on Sunday 23rd of November at the 5pm mass.
The family rock Mass will be led by the children from Kindy and Year 5.

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.

PIETY STALL

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the Piety Stall. If you can stay behind after Mass for just ten minutes, please contact Karin on 0412 373 668.

Your help is a meaningful way to support the parish and is greatly appreciated.

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items! Keep an eye out in November for Christmas gifts and decorations. The stall will be open after all Masses — a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a thoughtful gift.

If you'd like to order something specific, please get in touch with Karin. She can arrange Christmas candles and other items and any other special orders for you.

We are now taking orders for the 2026 Daily Missals—if you would like to get your copy for \$35 please let Karin know by the end of November.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES CHRISTMAS

Hamper Mass
SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2025

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! WE'RE HONoured TO HAVE FR. CAO NGUYEN SJ, PARISH PRIEST OF HOLY FAMILY MT DRUITT, CONCELEBRATING MASS WITH US. WE'RE ALSO COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR HAMPERS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN HIS PARISH.



SUGGESTED HAMPER CONTENTS

- Canned Food (eg soups/seafood)
- Canned Fruits
- Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
- Long life custard / Jelly
- Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
- Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
- Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
- Non-alcoholic Sparkling WineCordial / Soft drink / Juice
- Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
- Packets of Sugar / Long Life Milk
- Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
- Tissues / Paper Towel
- Christmas Decorations / Colouring Pencils
- Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable goods you may wish to provide! Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper. **The hamper mass will be held on the 30th November at 10am.**

Please place in a sturdy clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags—wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.

TO DONATE CASH

PLEASE REFERENCE
HAMPER MASS

Account Name:
St Ives Catholic Parish
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Children's Nativity Mass

2 Practice Dates:

- Tues 23 Dec 6:30pm
- Wed 24 Dec 4:30pm
Mass at 6:00pm



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

**Everyone is
welcome!**

Parent helpers encouraged to
stay during practice times.

Please attend the Tuesday
practice for main role
allocation. If you can't come
on Tuesday, 23 Dec, please
still come to the Hall
before Mass on Christmas
Eve to join.

All are welcome to join in.

Contact the office for
more information.



263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

HELP A FELLOW PARISHIONER ATTEND MASS

A former parishioner, Kay Crawford, has recently returned to the area and would love to attend Mass again but needs transport — either on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. She lives in North Turramurra.

If you are able to assist, please contact Kay or the parish office as soon as possible.

Your kindness will not only make a real difference in Kay's life but is also a beautiful way to serve the Lord and support our parish family.

Thank you for your generosity of heart. office@corpuschristi.com.au - ph: 91446998 kaycrawford86@gmail.com - ph:0439 033 908

Listening to the **Holy Spirit**

Fr Greg Chee invites you to a series of
four Advent talks on how to better listen
to the Holy Spirit.

Talk 1 - Mon 24 Nov 6:30pm

Talk 2 - Mon 1 Dec 6:30pm

Talk 3 - Mon 8 Dec 6:30pm

Talk 4 - Mon 15 Dec 6:30pm

Corpus Christi Church Hall

**Drawing from the rich
traditions of
Ignatian & Carmelite
spirituality**

OUR JOURNEY

HOW TO KNOW WHAT GOD IS ASKING OF YOU

Together, we'll explore:

- What *discernment* really means and the difference between discernment of God's will and of other voices.
- What are the dispositions for openness to the Holy Spirit?
- How true *listening* lies at the heart of **synodality**: listening to one another and to the Spirit.



Social Justice Corner:

The Forgotten War in Sudan

The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) is calling on the Australian Government to urgently increase its response to the worsening situation

Sudan, which the United Nations has called the world's largest humanitarian crisis, with millions at risk of genocide and starvation. More than 14 million people have now been displaced, with tens of thousands fleeing El Fasher in recent days alone. Reports from the United Nations confirm ethnically targeted attacks on civilians and on health workers and alarming levels of gender-based violence. The Yale Humanitarian Research Lab has documented evidence of war crimes, including attacks on protected medical facilities and evidence of mass killings visible from space.

The RCOA is urging the government to ensure Australia's actions are coherent, consistent and equitable in comparison to similar responses to conflicts in Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Gaza. RCOA Deputy CEO Adama Kamara says the crisis is getting worse by the day, and Australia's humanitarian principles must be applied equally.

"Australia has shown it can act quickly and compassionately when crisis strikes: for Ukraine, Afghanistan and Gaza. People from Sudan deserve the same urgency, compassion and leadership."

Ms Kamara stated, "When the world's largest humanitarian crisis is unfolding before our eyes, silence is not an option. The time to act is now."

Source: [Australia must act with urgency as Sudan crisis worsens](#)

PASTORAL
WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works November 2025 Appeal



Confraternity
of Christian
Doctrine (CCD)



Hospital
Chaplaincy and
Pastoral Care

Christmas Mass Times

Corpus Christi Parish St Ives
263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives 2075

Christmas Week Services

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Thursday 18 December 2025 - 7:30-8:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Wednesday, 24 December 2025

6:00pm Family Mass/Nativity Pageant

8:30pm carols in preparation for 9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

Thursday, 25 December 2025 **

8:00am & 10:00am (no evening Mass)

** Christmas Obligation

After Christmas

MASSES TO NEW YEAR

Friday 26th - Saturday 27th December 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

Vigil Mass at 6:00pm on Sat 27th Dec.

Sunday, 28th December 2025

8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm Mass

Thursday, 1 January 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



AT CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2025

AFTER THE 5PM MASS

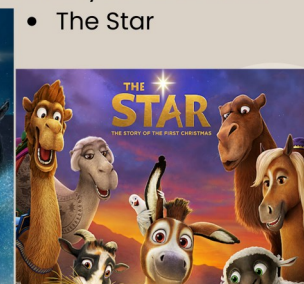
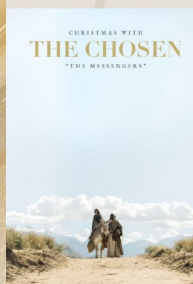
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The Word

Sunday 16th of November 2025: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading

From the prophet Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.
The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:38
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9
(R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.
You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.
When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'
'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.
'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.