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17 August 2025, 20th 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)



**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
Zoom 10am

Every Thursday
Bible Study with Fr. Sunny–
7:30pm in Church

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

Thursday 21 August
Parish Craft Social Group
10:30am - Parish Hall

Sunday 24th August
Family Rock Mass– 5 pm

Saturday 30th August
Praise & Worship Afternoon–
2-4pm



***There is a baptism with
which I must be baptized, and
how great is my anguish until
it is accomplished!
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christ is not always a popular one.

Sometimes it is upon us to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message.

The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice.

It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat.

The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.

Jesus asks his disciples to pay the same price: their total dedication to him, even at the cost of possible division.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Social Justice Corner

Sydney's Peace Picnic

You are warmly invited to Sydney's Peace Picnic on Sunday, 31 August 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Wentworth Common, Sydney Olympic Park.

The picnic is an interfaith, cross-cultural, and intergenerational event celebrating solidarity and unity. It is intended to be more than one day in a park; it is about reconnecting Sydney's spirit and compassion through music, dialogue, breaking bread, and shared purpose. The event is being supported by The Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney, Caritas Australia, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Mission, United Nations Association of Australia and other agencies.

What do I bring?

Bring enough food for your party and to share, as well as water and sunscreen (there is tap water on the site). There is no place nearby to purchase food.



What's expected of me?

Nothing more than a willingness to meet new people! There will be a few activities to help break the ice; other than that, just sit back and enjoy some tunes, yarns, and the great outdoors. Participants are invited to come dressed in a way that speaks peace, whether it's your cultural dress, a tribute to your peace hero, or simply something blue!

How should I get there?

Parking at Sydney Olympic Park is scarce on weekends, and there are only a small number of spaces adjacent to Wentworth Common. It is recommended that you take public transport and walk from Olympic Park Station to Wentworth Common (a 17-minute walk).

If walking this distance is a challenge, your best option is to arrange to be dropped off while your vehicle driver goes to find parking elsewhere in the precinct.

What if it rains?

No one wants to picnic in heavy rain. If the event has to be cancelled, people who have registered will be notified. To register for the event, go to:

[Register & Get Involved | Picnic For Peace.](#)

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Brigidine College
St Ives

Brigidine College is seeking volunteers to assist as **Readers and Writers** for students who have been approved for examination provisions by NESA during the upcoming HSC examinations.

Please note if anyone has a child or grandchild currently completing Year 12 (2025) they unfortunately not qualify to volunteer due to strict NESA guidelines.

The HSC examination period runs from **Thursday 16 October to Friday 7 November**. Volunteers would need to consider their availability for **morning and/or afternoon sessions** during this period.

Full training will be provided and no prior experience is necessary.

Your support of our girls is greatly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference in their experience.

Please see eNews for a link to the HSC timetable and NESA Reader/Writer guidelines.

If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact **Judith Allan** and **Gabrielle Nicholson** at: jallan@brigidine.nsw.edu.au and gnicholson@brigidine.nsw.edu.au

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; 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

FEAST DAYS - AUGUST

Wed 20th, St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Thu 21st, St Pius X, pope
Fri 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 27th, St Monica, saint
Thu 28th, St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Fri 29th, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

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.thelittleflower@gmail.com



Enrolment for the sacrament of **First Eucharist 2025** is now open.

You can do this by using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/DDEUD> or via our website under Sacraments.

To be eligible to celebrate First Eucharist, a child must have celebrated baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation and in Year 4 or older.

First Eucharist Program dates:

Presentation Mass 16th/17th August

First Eucharist Sacrament 17th or 18th Sept at either Sat 6pm or Sun 10am Mass

Classes (4 weeks in duration) will commence beginning 16th August.

For any inquiries email sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 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 annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



EVER WANTED TO BRING YOUR LOVED
ONES TO KNOW GOD'S LOVE?

Alpha Invitation To You, Your Family and Friends

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where you can explore life's big questions in a relaxed, open environment. Each session includes a meal, a short talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts and questions. Whether you have a deep faith, exploring faith, new to church, or just curious, Alpha is for everyone.

Why Attend?

Explore life's big questions.
Discover the basics of the Christian faith.
Engage in open and honest discussions.
Connect with a welcoming community.
No pressure, just curiosity

Alpha Schedule

When: Wednesday, 6 August 2025

Time: 7:00-9:15pm

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075

Cost: FREE

Register: bit.ly/40JnIEP OR

In the foyer OR

Scan QR Code



Scan me

RSVP: Wednesday, 30 July 2025

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.



Help Us Reopen the Church Piety Store

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already signed up—we now have enough people to cover the **8 am Mass**.

We are still looking for volunteers for the **Saturday Vigil** and **Sunday 10 am Mass**.

If you attend Mass regularly and can spare just **10–15 minutes afterwards**, we'd love your help. A sign-up form is at the back of the church—please add your name and preferred Mass time, and I will be in touch to prepare a roster.

For any questions, feel free to contact me directly on **0412 373 668**.

Thank you for considering this valuable way to serve our parish.

Warm regards,
Karin Hull



FAMILY ROCK MASS

Please join us on Sunday 24th of August at the 5pm mass.

The family rock Mass will be led by the children from Years 1 and 2.



Sound System UPDATE

We have good news and bad news!

The Bad News: Unfortunately we were declined for the government grant we applied for as there were 3500 applications and there must have been more needy causes (many, many church grants don't get granted).

The Good News: However, we had started fundraising to upgrade the parish sound system before we found out about the grant opportunity and because of all the hard work from many volunteers and all your generosity, we are able to implement the first phase of the upgrade when we've reached our phase 1 target.

PHASE 1 OF THE UPGRADE: will include a new audio control, iPad, microphones and a permanent setup.

This will have the biggest impact on the improvement in the system and its effectiveness. It will also save the choirs and other stakeholders almost an hour of set up for each Mass.

To date, we have fundraised \$17,200 with the cake sale, movie night, raffle and Praise and Worship event.

Our events have been dual purpose to raise funds but also and very importantly - to create parish community. Come and join in and meet other parishioners as we grow closer to God and each other.

We're working toward our \$20,000 goal for Phase 1 of the upgrade, and need to raise at least \$2,800 through our raffle, Praise & Worship event, and donations. You can help by buying tickets and/or donating via TryBooking—every contribution counts and is truly appreciated!

Please come to the Praise and Worship on **Sunday, 30 August** to raise your voices in prayer or enjoy the voices if you just want to listen.

Please SEND THE RAFFLE LINK and Praise and Worship link to all your friends and family - great prizes!

What is still on our Wishlist for the audio visual upgrade far in the future, now that we didn't get the grant, is the speakers, adding streaming facilities and possibly enlarging the Tv's.



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

When: August 22nd-24th 6pm—12:30pm
Spirituality and the Life of Jesus
Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

When: September 6th 10am—4pm
Called to Be
Presenter: Ms. Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

When: September 14th-21st 6pm—12:30pm
Guided Retreat: A week with Carmelite Saints
Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD

When: October 4th 10am—4pm
Cantic of the Creatures
Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

What is The Culture Project?

The Culture Project is a movement of university students who volunteer their time to promote chastity and authentic love to high school and other university students.

You are invited to join us for a night of dinner, socializing, a keynote by renowned Catholic theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, auction and raffle draw prizes.

It will be a night to dress up in cocktail attire to celebrate the past decade of The Culture Project in Australia and to look forward with hope at the doors the Lord is opening for us to build a movement of young Australians on fire with the message of love and life through the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Come and join us at the Epping Club on Thursday 28th August for a 3 course meal and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks at \$99 per person or \$990 for a table of 10. Thousands of young hearts and lives are waiting for this message, and the families and parishes of the next generation depend upon them hearing it. Be part of the change and register now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1395700>



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Why do we celebrate the Eucharist?

For Catholics, the sacrament of the Eucharist, the sacred meal whereby we break bread and share the one cup, is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the source and summit of the Church's life. When we receive the Eucharist we believe that we receive Jesus in an extraordinarily intimate way: we take him into our very beings in the form of food and drink. In doing so, we remember the way he died for us and rose again to lead us into eternal life. The Eucharist not only commemorates past events, it draws us into the mystery of Christ in the here and now and ultimately towards our eternal life with God.

Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate



Corpus Christi parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate. There will be a mass followed by afternoon tea.

Date: Sunday 31 August 2025

Venue: Corpus Christi Church, 263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives, 2075

Time: 2.00 – 4.30pm

Corpus Christi HOPES & DREAMS

from our parish survey

44
surveys
completed

out of **406** people
who attend our Masses
on the weekends *



* based on Mass attendance count, May 2025.

Top 5 Dreams Shared



464
dreams shared



65
challenges with
respect to our
dreams

109
areas we
should
prioritise now

Dreams

challenges

Focuses

Top 5 Challenges Identified



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Top 5 Priorities Suggested



Want to help, or read more?
YOUR HOPES & DREAMS

email: CorpusChristi.StIves@gmail.com

NEXT STEPS:

- (1) Conversation Circles with Fr Greg — meet with him and share with him what's on your mind.
- (2) Youth Summit — register using email or QR code and come to tell us more about your ideas for increasing youth in our parish.

Conversation Circles

- Tue 9 Sep at 8:30pm, **or**
- Sun 14 Sep at 3pm

Youth Summit

- Sun 7 Sep 3pm-5pm

\$10 ENTRY



Spot
Prizes at
the event

\$10 RAFFLE



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

30 AUG 2025

2-4 PM

Praise & Worship

FUNDRAISER

for the sound and audio visual system

- Singing together in Praise
- Community building
- Snacks and drinks
- Incredible raffle

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What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you been given?

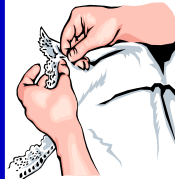
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PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Next get together:

Thursday 21 August 2025 @ 10.30am
in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

Praise and Worship Raffle Prizes – 1st prize

5 day long
weekend out
of season

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3. Marquis Waterford Photo Frame



4. Pamper Pack



5. Pamper Pack



6. Swarovski Vase and red roses



7. Pamper Pack

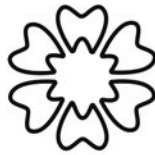


8. Kitchenware including Royal Dalton cake stand



9. Jewellery box and pair of earrings





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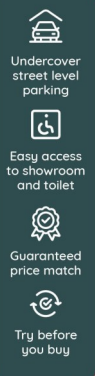
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together, to enjoy each others'
company and to support their
Clergy and Parishes.

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Secretary - David Conoulty 0412 267 538

The Word

Sunday 17th August 2025: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

OH God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

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 prophet Jeremiah Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
3. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started.

Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.

Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:49-53

See that you are prepared.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.