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19 September 2021 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth 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 Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10am Parish Hall

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

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm



**Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives not me but the One who sent me.”
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners,

Passing through Galilee, en route to Jerusalem with the Twelve, Jesus told them that an ignominious death at the hands of his enemies awaited him, after which he would

rise again. Not surprisingly, this provoked an animated discussion among these often uncomprehending disciples who seemed to be more concerned about their future prospects and their personal status within the group than about Jesus’ imminent demise.

When they reached Capernaum, where Peter’s mother-in-law lived, Jesus put them on the spot by asking what they had been arguing about. With good reason they were embarrassed and chose not to respond. At this point in their commitment to Jesus, lacking the simplicity and candour of a child, they had yet to understand, much less accept, the true nature of Jesus’ mission as God’s ‘Suffering Servant’. Unmindful of his predilection for the poor and the outcast, they also failed to comprehend that the glory of God could shine forth most brilliantly in the face of the crucified Christ. In our own day Pope Francis has frequently drawn attention to Jesus’ words, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all’ - words we must take to heart, clergy and laity alike.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Vietnam Emergency Appeal

Malnourished children in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam need your support.

\$20 will feed a young child for three months.

Please give a donation at:

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Vietnam is experiencing its fourth wave of the coronavirus pandemic. Since 23 August, Ho Chi Minh City has been in complete lockdown, where residents are forbidden from leaving their homes – even to shop for food, or exercise. Soldiers are enforcing stay at home orders and helping with limited food deliveries.

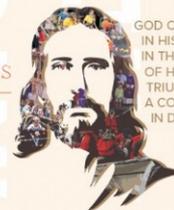
COVID-19 restrictions have forced millions of migrant workers into great hardship, destitution and hunger. Mothers are struggling to feed their babies because of poor diet, leaving thousands of children malnourished.

To support vulnerable families in Vietnam, please give a tax-deductible donation to Jesuit Mission's Vietnam Emergency Appeal today at jesuitmission.org.au/vietnam-relief

107th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY: 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

TOWARDS AN EVER
WIDER 'WE'



GOD CREATED US
IN HIS IMAGE,
IN THE IMAGE
OF HIS OWN
TRIUNE BEING,
A COMMUNION
IN DIVERSITY.



Sunday 26 September is World Day for Migrants and Refugees, where Pope Francis invites us to “journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’.”

As we reflect on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis encourages us to build on a shared understanding of our common humanity, “on the truth of ‘we’ that the pandemic has placed before us” which “stands in sharp contrast with the emphasis on the individual that has until now pervaded our times”.

This year, for World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us remember the vast numbers of people who are at any one time traversing our world as migrants and refugees and open our hearts towards an ever wider ‘we’ in our disposition to all people. Go to <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/> for more information and resources, including a Migrant and Refugee Kit.



Aid to the
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ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary:** ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign ‘One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



The horror in Afghanistan has thrown a spotlight on the ongoing refugee crisis. You are invited to the **Hope out of Horror-seeking Refuge in Australia webinar** hosted by SJAB, St Vincent de Paul and the Jesuit Refugee Service starting **7pm 23 September 2021**. Click [here](#) to register or for more info.



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50% Sale for Our Lady Undoer of Knots (ends Sept 30).

Code: **UndoerofKnots**.

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

The Diocese of Parramatta and partner organisations invite you to a Diocesan Conversation with Refugees and People Seeking Protection to be held on Sunday, 26th September from 3pm to 4.15pm via zoom.



You will hear personal stories from someone currently seeking asylum and someone who has lived experience as a refugee in our community. Learn about the challenges that refugees and people seeking asylum are facing in NSW, and find out more about the situation in Afghanistan first-hand.

Questions will be answered by an expert working in the field.

This event is being organised by the “Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection” Steering Group, which is made up of representatives from CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, House of Welcome, St Vincent de Paul Society, Jesuit Refugee Service Australia, Sydney Alliance, Community Migrant Resource Centre, Parishes and the Peace, Justice, Ecology Office of the Diocese of Parramatta. Please register at:

[Diocesan Conversation with Refugees and People Seeking Protection Tickets, Sun 26/09/2021 at 3:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Prayer Zone 

Anniversary: Bonnita Alphonso

Please pray for the ill:

Colleen Bosci; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O’Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, 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.

FEAST DAYS— SEPTEMBER

Monday 20th, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Tuesday 21st, St Matthew, apostle

Thursday 23rd, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Monday 27th, St Vincent de Paul, priest

Thursday 30th, St Jerome, priest, doctor

We often hear "Life is short...better enjoy it!"

How about "Eternity is long...better prepare for it."



Save the date | Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil



The First Plenary Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm.

“Listen to what the spirit is saying” has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God’s relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering. More details to come soon.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Dear Parishioners

This last year to June 2021 has been another challenging one for our priests, our parish and our parishioners. We are grateful for the wonderful support of our parishioners, many of whom work behind the scenes to assist with the day to day running of the parish. We are also grateful to our office staff who work hard to provide the support services needed to keep the parish going.

In October last year the parish was advised that the diocese intended selling Murphy house, which is the priory occupied by our parish priests. Fr Greg advised all parishioners of this via a letter in the parish bulletin. Subsequently the diocese has advised that Murphy house will be put up for sale in October this year with a sale and leaseback arrangement. The leaseback arrangement will be for two years to allow the parish time to build a new presbytery. The diocese will fund the lease for the two years so there will not be a cost to the parish over that period. As a result, your finance committee together with the help of suitably qualified parishioners have been working on a plan to rehouse our parish priests in a suitable presbytery. We are currently investigating the most appropriate options for a new presbytery to be constructed next to or adjoining the parish office. As soon as we have some definite options and some idea of what the costs may be we will advise all parishioners. In the meantime we would welcome any assistance from parishioners who are or have contacts in the building and construction industry.

On the finance side we managed to achieve an operating surplus for the year thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. The installation of the tap & go machines has been successful in improving the amount we received from the “loose” second collection. Unfortunately, we had an overall deficit after some non-recurring expenses and the roof loan repayments. The non-recurring expenses included new carpets for the parish office and a shortfall in superannuation payments from previous years. The roof loan will be fully paid off by the end of November this year.

As with last year we applied for and received the Jobkeeper allowance. This has helped us maintain our staff levels and has also meant that we did not have to reduce our staff numbers or the hours that they worked. We also applied for and received the cash flow boost.

During the year we replaced all the heavy tables in the hall with new, easy to carry, tables. This will make it a lot easier for parishioners to set up and take down the tables for functions in the hall. We express our sincere gratitude to the parishioner who donated the funds for the purchase of the new tables. We are also grateful to the parishioner who managed to sell or give away all the old tables, saving us the job of having to take them away.

Our parish continues to follow its mission of seeking to “Evangelise, celebrate our faith, foster community and serve God and each other.” Our goal is Missionary Discipleship. We are moving from a maintenance church to a missionary one in keeping with Jesus’ great commission: “Go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all I have commanded you” (Mt 28).

The parish pastoral council has been engrossed with developing strategies and plans for the achievement of the parish vision. Initial consultative discussions were held with the parishioners and further interactions will commence once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Over the year, with the able assistance of Jen Perrott, we ran two Alpha programmes, the Big Picture programme as well as commenced the Wild Goose Holy Spirit series. The two Alpha programmes had a total of 29 guests and 17 team members, Big Picture had 6 guests and the Wild Goose Holy Spirit Series has 52 participants. Due to COVID all these programmes were run online. This has resulted in parishioners getting to know each other better and a significant number have been touched by the Spirit in relation to their faith.

Our mission depends on our parishioners' support, and we thank you for your contributions over the last twelve months.

Sacramental programme

The Children's Sacramental Programme is a three-stage process that is delivered over a twelve month period. The first sacrament in this programme is Confirmation, followed by Reconciliation and is completed with First Holy Communion, when the children become fully initiated into the Church.

Our thanks go to Gerri Hadwen, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, for the wonderful work she has done in working with the families to prepare the children for the sacraments.

Over the year we had 74 children through the programme, 46 for confirmation and 28 for first Eucharist. The children came from both our local Corpus Christi Parish School and the state schools in our area.

Catechists

Our catechists, led by Jennifer Perrot, put a lot of work into preparing lessons, activities of significance and attending professional development opportunities. Our catechists bring the Word of God to children in state schools in our area and assist in preparing those children to receive the Sacraments. Due to COVID we are struggling to get catechists and would welcome further volunteers for this very important ministry.

Significant Parish Statistics

Sacraments and services:

Baptisms	20
Weddings	0
Funerals	23

Parish Team and staff

Our thanks to Belinda Camilleri and Michelle Miles for their efficient running of the Parish Office. Our thanks to our Carmelite priests who do a significant amount of pastoral work, including home visits and anointing of the sick.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDE VITAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

Parish Pastoral Council	12 (8 parishioners and 4 ex-officio representing the schools and the diocese)
Parish Finance Committee	6
Hall booking co-ordinator	1
Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	27
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	19
Altar Society	3
Altar linen	8
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	51
Music ministry	30
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	63
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	18
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	28
Welcoming and hospitality	38
Morning tea groups	8 family and friends
Liturgy Committee	4
Childrens' Liturgy	0
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	16
Floral arrangers	11
Social Justice Group	9
Piety stall	14
Catechists	20
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	3
All our volunteers who contribute without acknowledgement.	Numerous

In addition to the above we have an active St Vincent de Paul team who provide vital services in our parish. We also have an organised roster for providing food to Youth off the Streets. Our priests are very active serving our spiritual needs and those of patients at the San and Hornsby hospitals and Neringah Hospice. They conduct spiritual services to residents at BUPA and Fernbank. In addition, they run study groups examining the gospels.

As you can see there are many ways to become involved in the work of the Parish. If you are not yet a part of one or more of the Ministries and are able to help, please contact the Parish Office as it would help share the load with those already involved. Once the current lockdown restrictions are over, we particularly need volunteers for the catechist and children's liturgy ministries. As mentioned before we depend on our parishioners for their various contributions. Without your help we would not be able to function.

As baptised disciples of Christ we have the privilege and responsibility of being Christ's presence and action in the world both within and outside the church structure. To live this discipleship out of love for Christ in a way that cares for others, facilitates the effective running of this parish and influences, for the better, the world around us. Let us help each other to grow in this discipleship together

Thank you for helping our community.

Fr Greg Chee and the Parish Finance Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, ST IVES

Income & Expenditure

For the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
INCOME			
Planned Giving Credit Cards and Envelopes	149,386	151,683	157,369
Loose Second Collection	20,601	42,251	61,234
Tap & Go	30,120	2,390	-
Donations	5,033	1,860	215
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	22,811	10,579	27,527
Bulletin Advertising	7,013	1,560	-
Alpha & Discipleship	1,931	12,236	-
Discipleship	2,920	620	-
Interest Received	1,256	4,042	6,933
Building donations	100	4,348	-
Job Keeper Subsidy	54,000	24,000	-
Cash Boost Stimulus	10,000	10,000	-
Fund raising income -Mothers Day Raffle	3,709	-	2,568
Total Income	308,880	265,568	255,847
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	6,691	8,354	9,022
Employment Expenses including on-costs	125,137	111,366	130,514
Job Keeper Expense	32,377	32,736	-
Insurance	20,357	21,101	19,649
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	16,368	17,335	-
Office Expenses	11,880	16,268	13,786
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	8,545	15,538	32,358
Alpha Program	3,742	12,658	-
Discipleship Program	3,069	1,944	-
Repairs and maintenance	39,879	30,959	80,179
Clergy Car Expenses	8,566	7,992	8,739
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	1,271	3,249	7,952
Total Operating Expenses	277,882	279,499	302,200
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	30,998	(13,931)	(46,353)
Total Specific Sponsorship	1,910	-	-
Total Non -recurring expenses	(16,333)	(9,393)	-
Roof Repayments to 30 June 2021	(33,401)	(33,401)	(33,401)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(16,825)	(56,725)	(79,754)



Safeguarding Month September 2021

Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities

Dear Clergy and Parishioners of Broken Bay,
You are invited to join the following initiatives

WEEK 1: 1-4 September

- Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities

WEEK 2: 5-11 September

- Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - www.napcan.org.au/ and learn about the theme: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**
- Wednesday 8 September** – Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay – *Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.* Access the e-resource here - www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021 Printed copies are available from the **Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) P 8379 1605** or **E safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au**
- Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm – 1.30pm** – Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18. **To register click here: register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752**
- Thursday 9 September @ 7pm, Liturgy of Lament** – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. **Click here to view: www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021**

WEEK 3: 12-18 September

- Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday** - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at **9.30am** via livestream from OLOR, Cathedral. **Click here to view: www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ**
- Prayers** – Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. **Prayer resources are available from our webpage: www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021**

WEEK 4: 19-25 September

- Wednesday 22 September @11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom** – *Ministering to a Church in Trauma* presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. **To register and receive your zoom link click here: bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWVhIVTlq22Px**

WEEK 5: 26-30 September

- The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated **Tuesday 28 September**. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. **A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here: www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena**

Thank you for your participation



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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The Word

Sunday 19 September 2021: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Wisdom Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.
The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St James Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.