

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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
October 8

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

Every Sunday at 10am
Mass
Morning tea after Mass

Young Adults @StIves

Every Second Monday 7pm
September 21

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays
10am October 1

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays
10am
September 24 at 10am

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,



The Parish has had a commitment to the Alpha program since about 2019. Last weekend I joined the Alpha weekend as a team leader & participant.

When I began as parish priest in April, I wanted to honour the commitment to have two Alpha programs this year.

Alpha is designed for anyone curious about the meaning of life, having faith in God and knowing the basics about belief in Jesus Christ. It is meant to be open to anyone, regardless of their background or beliefs.

The Alpha Course is an 11-week series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment - that also includes sharing a meal together and discussion groups.

Each week a carefully thought-out video presentation (around 30 minutes) explores big questions about faith and Christianity, such as "Who is Jesus?" "How do we make sense of suffering?" and "Why and how do I pray?"

The Alpha Course weekend is a specialised retreat held midway through the 11-week Alpha program to focus on the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

The core teaching centres on who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does, and how to receive His presence and spiritual gifts.

A key component is dedicated time for leaders and helpers to pray individually with participants who wish experience the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I am pleased to say two of this year's participants are going to move immediately into the RCIA program, with a much more thorough preparation for becoming a Catholic.

As a community of missionary disciples, may we always be open to inviting others to join us.



Fr Paul

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The parish community wishes Mrs Jayne Wheen every blessing for her future, as she completes her term as Principal.

I represented the parish at a very moving and inspiring assembly to honour and farewell Mrs Wheen on Friday morning.

We wish Mrs Anna Montgomery well as she begins as Principal of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School and look forward to getting to know her and working with her in the year ahead.

Fr Paul



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I appreciate the donation of a bookstand and books for the children's room in the church.

These are donated as part of the pathway after Baptism and as part of our initiatives for young families in the parish.

Let's do what we can to pray for, welcome and support young families.

Fr Paul



THE CHOSEN

SEASON 6

— EPISODE ONE —

EXCLUSIVE PARISH PRE-RELEASE

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

DINNER & A MOVIE

AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Join us for dinner before the screening and help raise funds towards our new church sound system.

DATE
FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

TIME
6:30PM FOR DINNER

COST
\$30 per person
\$80 family of 4 or 5 with teenage children
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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



PRAYER ZONE

Recently Deceased: we acknowledge the passing of Fr Harry Kennedy on Sept 16th. Ordained in 1963, Fr Harry was deeply committed to the life and people of Broken Bay. He was senior assistant priest to Fr Paul at St. Agatha's Pennant Hills. Funeral details yet to be announced. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the ill: Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; 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.

FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER

Sept 21st—St Matthew—Feast

Sept 23rd—St Pius of Pietrelcina—Memorial

Sept 29th—Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael—Feast

Sept 30th—St Jerome—Memorial

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will be pre-ordering the **Daily Mass Book 2027**.

If you would like to order a copy, the cost is \$40. Please let the Parish Office know by Monday, 12 October.

Thank you!

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.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

The Liturgy and the Eucharist

The word liturgy comes from two Greek words meaning the "work of the people". We are reminded that when we gather to worship it is the whole community that participates. It is not simply the work of the priest and altar servers, but of all who gather.

The term eucharist comes from the Greek word eucharistia ('thanksgiving'). It was used in the early Church to refer to the entire celebration as well as to the consecrated bread and wine, the body and blood of the Lord. The Mass is the greatest act of worship by which Catholics give thanks for the salvation God has offered us through Jesus Christ.

Dear Parishioners,

Our Finance Committee has issued the parish's annual financial report.

We invite you to read the report by following the link in our eNews. If you would prefer a copy, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to send one to you.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



We wish our 26 children receiving their 1st Holy Communion this weekend every blessing.

'We are still hoping for the volunteers to sign up to welcome new families in our Playgroup to our parish and come have a cup of tea with them. We hope to hear from you soon. Please help us be an invitational parish.'

Come and See



First lesson is free

Playgroup & Suzuki Early Childhood Music Class

**Starting: 14 October, 9.30am
on Wed mornings in Term 4**



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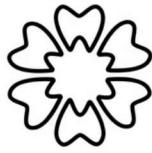
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Parent Chat Time - Free Play - Story Time
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The Word

Sunday, 20 Sep 2026:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law, upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Isaiah Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18.

R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose.

I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION ON READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9). Here the prophet insists that evildoers must abandon their evil ways, and seek the Lord with humility. If they do, then God, who is rich in forgiveness, will take pity on them. God's ways are as high above our ways as the heavens are above the earth. Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways is illustrated in the parable of the labourers in the vineyard.

Second Reading (Philippians 1:20-24, 27). For this and the next three Sundays the Second Reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. The present lines were written from prison where Paul faced an uncertain future.

Here he speaks of death. However, he doesn't regard death in a morbid way. Rather, he sees it as a way of achieving complete union with Christ, something he longs for. Still, he would be more than happy to continue living, as it would mean carrying on his work on behalf of the Philippians.

St Paul exhibits precisely the kind of attitude envisaged in Jesus' parable. Rewards are not denied, but they are not the reason why we work in the Lord's vineyard.

Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16). The Pharisees were very critical of Jesus because of the way he befriended sinners and outcasts. By means of this parable Jesus tells them that he is only imitating God, who is generous to, and full of compassion for, the poor and the outcast.

The owner of the vineyard is God. The Pharisees were meant to see themselves in the workers who came in early. The latecomers were sinners and outcasts. Just as the owner of the vineyard was generous towards the latecomers, so God is generous towards sinners with his forgiveness and mercy.

In this respect the parable is similar to that of the Prodigal Son. It illustrates that God's gracious giving is not determined by what is earned.

