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**21st September 2025, 25th 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: 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 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

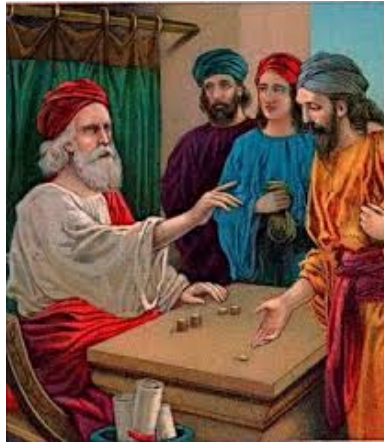
**Every Thursday**  
Bible Study with Fr. Sunny—  
7:30pm in Church

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

**Catechists Pilgrims of Hope**  
Sunday 26 Sept—10am mass

**School Holidays**  
Monday 29 Sept— Friday 10 Oct

**The Parish office will be**  
**closed on Monday the 29th**  
**Sept and 6th of Oct and open**  
**from 9-12nn on Tuesdays to**  
**the Fridays. Normal hours**  
**resume on 13th October.**



**'How much do you owe?'**  
**'One hundred kors of wheat.'**  
**'Here is your promissory note;**  
**write one for eighty.'**  
**(Gospel)**

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

*'You cannot be the slave both of God and money.'* To be a slave is to be owned by somebody or something.

As Christians we are owned by God in as much as we are made in God's image and at baptism we are claimed for Christ in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To be owned by God is to be secure in our deepest identity. But we only need look around us to see that we live in a world where many are a slave not to God, but to money - that is, rather than earn money as a means of paying for things they need, they are owned by money or the pursuit of it. This kind of disordered attachment can have serious consequences for our lives. It might mean we never see our spouse or children because of the long hours spent at the office. It might mean we start to look for morally or legally dubious shortcuts for making money and getting rich quick. When we live with God as our first priority, our life is ordered rightly and everything else flows in right order.

We are not saying that money in itself is an evil—what is important is that we do not want to cling to it. If there is a conflict between money and God, we want to choose God.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg.

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**PARISH OFFICE TEAM**

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest  
Ed Wales, Parish Finance  
Daniela Ross Molnar, Office Manager  
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator  
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
Davina Seeto, Administrative Assistant

**HALL BOOKINGS**

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9144 6998

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**Instagram [www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves](http://www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves)**

# 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



## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

The Parish Pastoral Council are compiling a **Parish Directory** of all the groups and ministries that exist in our parish. If you would like your group to be included, please let us know:

[office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au)

OUR JOURNEY



## Social Justice Corner

### Social Justice Gathering

The 2025–2026 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement, *Signs of Hope on the Edge*, calls us to see, listen to, and walk alongside those on the margins. We are challenged to move beyond charity into action, recognising every person's name, dignity, and story, building relationships rooted in solidarity and turning reflection into response.

On Saturday, 27th September, you are invited to join a discussion and reflection on the statement organised by the Justice and Peace Office. The event will include:

- **First-hand voices** from people with lived experience of homelessness and experiences of poor mental health.
- **Scenario-based activities** inspired by the Statement's reflection questions which will invite participants into real-life situations and explore real-life solutions.
- **Table talks** to unpack the Bishops' call for encounter, identify gaps in current responses, and co-create solutions.
- **Action mapping** to guide parishes, schools, and communities in committing to tangible local advocacy and outcomes.
- **Take away resources** that prompt discussion, education, and guidance to move beyond the day.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Leichhardt Uniting Church. Register for the event at [Signs of Hope on the Edge: A reflection on the 2025-26 ACBC Social Justice Statement](#)

### 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.



## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

*For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and

## WHY WE DO The Things We Do

### **Bells and Smells**

Why is the Catholic Church so full of 'things': bells, incense, candles, holy water...? Catholicism is a very 'earthy' religion.

In becoming human through the person of Jesus Christ, God has shown us that material realities are not to be scorned but embraced as part of our loving response to our Creator.

While we know that no image or 'thing' can capture the presence of God who is Mystery beyond all comprehension, we also recognize that human persons need to express themselves in a human way. When we portray the mysteries of our faith through human realities we are not 'confining' God but simply making a statement about the truths we hold dear.



**For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit [www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program)**

When: October 4th 10am-4pm

***Canticle of the Creatures***

Presenter: Dr. Robert Gascoigne

When: October 17th to 19th 6pm-12:30

***Finding Inner Peace in a Chaotic World: The Timeless Wisdom of St. Teresa of Avila***

Presenter: Ransom Rapirap, OCD

When: November 1st 10am-4pm

***The Beatitudes***

Presenter: George Morkel, OCDS

## Prayer Zone

**Anniversary:**  
Denise Carmody



**Please pray for the ill:**

Margot Hallaran, Carmel Hadley; Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; 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 Davina know.***

## 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](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au) ph: 91446998

## **FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER**

Tue 23rd, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest  
Sat 27th, St Vincent de Paul, priest  
Sat 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels  
Tue 30th St Jerome, doctor

## **FEAST DAYS - OCTOBER**

Wed 1st, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor  
Thu 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels  
Sat 4th, St Francis of Assisi  
Tue 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary  
Wed 15th, St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor  
Fri 17th, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr



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*An Invitation*

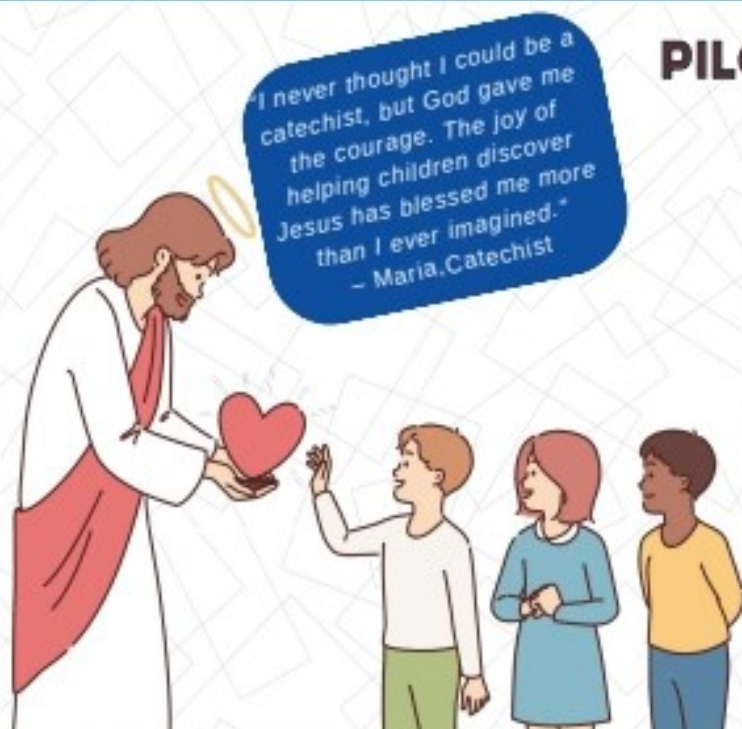
Pope Francis has called the whole Church to be "Pilgrims of Hope"—people who walk with faith, bringing light and encouragement to a world in need of Christ's love. Here in the Diocese of Broken Bay, our volunteer catechists live out this call in a special way. Each week, over 1,000 catechists bring the Good News to children in state schools, many of whom may have little or no contact with the Church otherwise.

Catechists are not only teachers of the faith; they are companions on the journey, offering hope, love, and the witness of Jesus to the next generation. Their ministry is a living response to Pope Francis' invitation to be a Church that goes out, walking alongside others as fellow pilgrims.

Yet the need is still great. Could you be called to join them? With training, resources, and parish support, catechists simply give one hour a week during school terms—an hour that can change a child's life forever.

Please prayerfully consider this invitation to become a pilgrim of hope for the young. To learn more, or to express your interest, contact Jen Perrott in the parish office, or fill in the form in the foyer to become a helper, catechist or request more information.

# CATECHISTS PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



**PILGRIMS OF HOPE SUNDAY  
26 SEPTEMBER 2025  
10AM MASS**

*Pope Francis has encouraged us to journey together in pilgrimage during this year, and as a parish, we will honour our catechists with a very short pilgrimage after the 10am Mass. Together, we will walk past the Stations of the Cross to the statue of Mary in the garden, where we will pray a decade of the Rosary.*

***All parishioners are warmly invited to join this meaningful celebration, which will be followed by morning tea.***

**"Answer Pope Francis' call: Walk with children as a Pilgrim of Hope."**



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

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING  
THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 [annaytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

## Urgent Appeal – Support for the Matheson Family

We ask our parish community to please keep the Matheson family in your prayers. While in Western Australia, their car and caravan were tragically burnt beyond repair. They have lost everything—every belonging, except the clothes on their backs. The Mathesons are parishioners of Corpus Christi, with three children attending Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School and one in preschool. They are now returning to Sydney with no house to come home to and are in urgent need of our help and support. As a family of six, they are facing unimaginable hardship. We invite all who can to rally around them during this difficult time—with prayer, practical assistance, and generosity of spirit. Together as a parish, may we extend Christ's love and compassion to the Matheson family.

We are collecting donations of clothes, toys, games, and books for the family. Clothing sizes are as follows:

- **Children:** Boy (size 16), Girl (size 10), Boy (size 10), Girl (size 5)

**Adults:** Men's XXL, Women's size 10

Any contribution—whether clothing, toys, or other essentials—will be deeply appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri between **9am and 4pm**.

For more information, please contact **Halina Pazniewski** on **0401 319 569**.

## Rose Petal afternoon prayer

*with St Thérèse*

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the Little Way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask for Saint Thérèse's intercession by individually addressing and writing letters of intercession to her.

**TALK BY FR ALOYSIUS REGO, OCD  
THEN MASS AT 5PM  
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER**

AN AFTERNOON OF  
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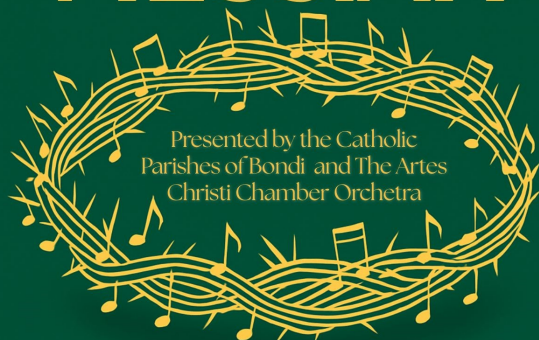
**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH  
263 MONA VALE RD, ST IVES**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
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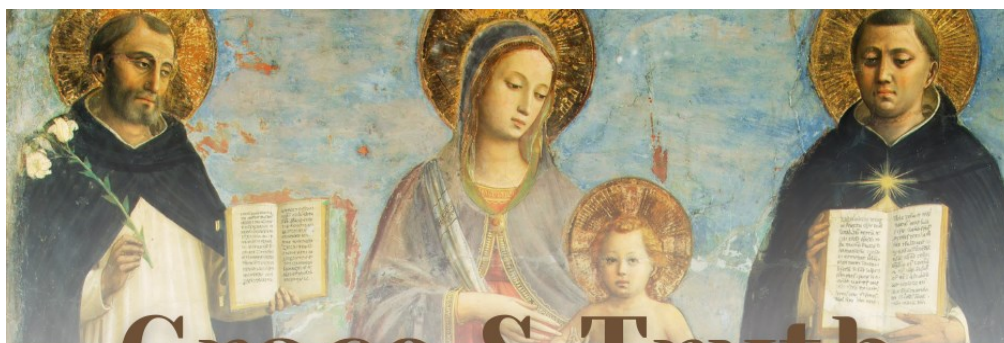
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**10 OCTOBER 2025**

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Adult - \$45  
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# Grace & Truth

An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship  
open to men and women of all ages.

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-8:30PM

**Fr Paul Rowse, OP & Sr Anastasia, OP  
and the Dominican Friars and Sisters**

Theme: Anchored in Hope

Registration:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>

Questions: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

Registration closes 23 September

(Contact the Sisters at the above email with queries after this date)



Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday 30 September for the next **Grace and Truth** evening on the theme "Anchored in Hope". The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Fr Paul Rowse, OP and Sister Anastasia, OP.

The event will run from 5-8:30PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 23 September.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>.

For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).

## PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall has been restocked with many lovely new items, including a wide selection for First Holy Communion so if you did not get the chance to purchase last weekend, there are still many items available. Look out in November for Christmas items! The stall will be open after all Masses – a wonderful opportunity to find something special for your family or as a gift.



## Discover Palms Volunteering

**Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!**

A number of overseas communities in Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call we are offering an opportunity to live and use their professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community.

Palms is holding a webinar on **Thursday 30 October** 7pm – 8.30pm **AEDT** for all those interested to know more of the mission life.

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

**Venue:** Online- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 30 October 2025

**Time:** 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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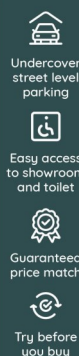
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## The Word

Sunday 21st of September 2025: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 book of the prophet Amos Am 8:4-7  
*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. cf. vv.1,7

(R.) *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to Timothy 1 Tim 2:1-8  
*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one

mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 16:1-13  
*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity.

The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.