

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

ANOIDTING 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

Anointing of the Sick
Second Thursday of
the Month 9:00am Mass
September 10

Divine Will Prayer Group
Mondays 10-11:30 am
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina
Every Friday at 10 am

Children's Liturgy
Every Sunday at 10am
Mass
Morning tea after Mass

Young Adults @StIves
Every Second Monday at 7pm
August 24

MenALIVE St Ives
First Tuesday at 7pm
September 1

Carmelite Conversations
Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am
August 20

Parish Social Craft Group
Fortnight on Thursdays 10am
August 27

**FROM OUR
PARISH PRIEST**



Dear Parishioners,

In the past week we have celebrated the Assumption and then the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The many titles and feast days in honour of Mary are drawn from Scripture and Church Tradition. The images of Mary in the New Testament are deeply rooted in ancient Judaism and the Old Testament.

The New Eve: Just as Jesus is the New Adam, Mary is presented as the New Eve. Her "yes" at the Annunciation reverses the disobedience of the first Eve. Eve disobeyed, while Mary obeyed and trusted, Eve listened to the voice of the enemy, while Mary responded to the voice of God; Eve brought death, while Mary gave life to the saviour who conquered sin and death.

The New Ark of the Covenant: St Luke uses the same Greek verb for the Holy Spirit "overshadowing" Mary that describes the glory cloud over the original Ark. Mary carried the living presence of God just as the wooden Ark carried the tablets of the Law.

In ancient Israel, the queen was not the king's wife, as is common in modern monarchies, but his mother. The Hebrew term for queen mother, gebirah (meaning "great lady"), signified her high status. This role is evident in the stories of Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, and other queen mothers in the Books of Kings and Chronicles. Mary emerges as the fulfilment of the queen mother tradition in the kingdom of God.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' genealogy parallels the Old Testament practice of naming the queen mother when introducing a new king.

Luke's Gospel provides further evidence of Mary's queenship. The angel Gabriel tells Mary that her son will sit on "the throne of his father David" and reign forever (Luke 1:32-33). When Elizabeth greets Mary as "the mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43), it echoes the title used for the Davidic king and points to Mary's royal status. In her song of praise, Mary declares that God has exalted the lowly, a reference to her own elevation as the mother of the Messiah (Luke 1:46-55). This royal language underscores her unique role in salvation history. Revelation (Chapter 12) depicts a woman clothed with the sun, wearing a crown of twelve stars, and giving birth to a child who will rule all nations. Her crown and the cosmic imagery highlight her role as the Queen of Heaven, where Jesus reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Mary's identity as the Queen invites Christians to see her not only as the mother of Jesus & mother of the Church but also as an essential figure in God's plan of salvation—a woman uniquely exalted yet always pointing to her Son, the King of the eternal kingdom.

We pray especially at this time for families where the children in our parish are preparing for Baptism and First Holy Communion.

Fr Paul

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHURCH WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We'd love your help! We're looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcoming Committee at the **Saturday Vigil Mass** and **Sunday 8am or 10am Mass**.

If you can spare a little time before Mass commences, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact our Parish
email: office@corpuschristi.com.au

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A warm smile and a welcoming hello goes a long way.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 27th August 10am in the Parish Hall

Contact: Angela—0405 507 982



Bus transport available. For more information please contact the parish office.



The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is pleased to invite you to a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 100 years of our international community

Sunday 13th September 2026

Main celebrant:
The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start
Celebration to conclude at approximately 3pm

The day will begin with Holy Mass followed by
light refreshments and a program

RSVP is required for catering purposes
by 1st September 2026



Parish bus groups are encouraged,
and registration is necessary for parking

General parking will be available onsite in the valley

An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary
will be available for viewing in the Family Hall
from 8:30am - 6:00pm

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



FEAST DAYS AUGUST

THU 27TH: **ST MONICA**, MEMORIAL

FRI 28TH: **ST AUGUSTINE**, BISHOP, DOCTOR, MEMORIAL

SAT 29TH: **THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**, MARTYR, MEMORIAL

PIETY STALL

Our piety stall is now fully restocked. we've got a full cabinet ready for you. Please stop in on your way out and have a look, especially if you're looking for meaningful gifts. Thank you!

COMMUNITY MEAL at St Agatha's Catholic Parish

Everyone is welcome, especially those who may be experiencing hardship, social isolation, or would simply appreciate a warm meal and friendly company.

- **Date:** Sunday 30 August
 - **Time:** 11:45am – 2:15pm
 - **Venue:** Martin Hall (St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Hall), 20 Boundary Rd Pennant Hills
- RSVP** via QR code or email ppc@stagatha.org.au



St Agatha's SJM Community Meal

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Toi Sze Lee

Please pray for the ill:

Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; 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.

MOVIE NIGHT



DATE: SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ARRIVAL & LIGHT SUPPER: 6:30PM
MOVIE SCREENING: 7PM

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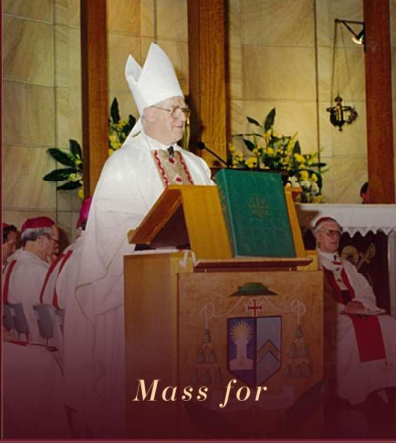


Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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—What's that little red light?

Christ is the light of the world! That little red light you see glowing on the sanctuary near the tabernacle indicates the presence of Christ in the form of eucharistic bread. We acknowledge this eucharistic presence when we genuflect (kneel on one knee). In our Christian tradition, genuflection is an act of adoration of Christ as Lord.



Mass for

BISHOP DAVID WALKER'S

30th Episcopal Anniversary

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS,
CHATSWOOD

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026
7.00PM

Hospitality following Mass. All Welcome.



Are You Interested in Finding Out More about the Catholic Faith?

Have you wondered at times why Catholics do what they do?

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or don't know how to go about becoming a Catholic?



Becoming a Catholic is a big step and is not a process you can accomplish on your own. It involves joining a parish community, as well as learning about the faith and becoming committed to it.

If you would like to explore further, you are invited to join the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

where you journey together with others also seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

To find out more, please contact the Parish Office on:
office@corpuschristi.com.au (02) 9144 6998

PROGRAMME STARTS MID SEPTEMBER

Fr Paul and Fr Tan on retreat

This coming week from Monday afternoon (24th August) to Friday morning (28th August) Fr Paul and Fr Tan will be making their annual retreat along with the other priests of Broken Bay.

We are fortunate that Fr Sunny Peackal, OCD will be available to celebrate the 9 am mass each morning Tuesday—Friday next week, and to attend to any other immediate matters.

We are thankful that Fr Sunny is available, and I know you will make him welcome.

Fr Paul

Young Adults @ St Ives



Hi lovely community ♥
Team Young Adults @ St Ives
are sleeping out at Australian
Catholic University on Aug 28
to shine a spotlight on
homelessness and raise much
needed funds for
Vinnies!!
Please help us
help those in need.



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PLAYGROUP HELP US BE THE FACE & HEART OF WELCOME FOR YOUNG FAMILIES



WHAT IF BAPTISM WAS JUST THE BEGINNING?

We had 25 Baptisms in 2025, and yet most families have little or no connection with the parish afterwards.

Let's change that.

Let's build relationships,
create trust and show families
that this is a place where
they can belong.

WHY THIS PLAYGROUP MATTERS

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Families get to
know us, and
we get to
know them.

CREATE TRUST

People need to
feel welcome,
accepted and
safe.

SPARK CURIOSITY

Why are we so
welcoming? Why
so joyful? Who is
Jesus?

OPEN DOORS TO FAITH

Conversations,
Bible stories, events
and invitations can
lead to seeking.

A PATHWAY FOR BAPTISM FAMILIES

From a single day
to a lifelong
connection.

This is evangelisation – simply being the smiling, welcoming face of Jesus.

WHAT IT INVOLVES

Put out tea & coffee and greet families
as they arrive.

Learn names, sit and chat,
build relationships.

Help with story time.

You don't need special skills –
just a welcoming heart!

WHAT'S ON OFFER

50-MINUTE SUZUKI MUSIC CLASS
at a specially reduced price for families

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with tea & coffee, story time,
and time to connect.

FAMILIES CAN
COME FOR THE
MUSIC CLASS
OR JUST THE
PLAYGROUP!

WE NEED YOU!

WE CAN'T START UNTIL WE HAVE A TEAM READY TO GO.
PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND HELP US MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

A cup of tea today could be the first step on a family's journey to faith.

Baptisms

We look forward to welcoming primary school children:

Maverick & Hudson Millar
Ethan & Jayden Zeng

Harrison & Anderson Nieland
Michael Giannattasio

to God's family and to our parish community as we
keep them in our prayers.



Social Justice Corner

World Humanitarian Day

On 19 August, we marked World Humanitarian Day, a time to honour the courage, compassion and sacrifice of humanitarian workers and to stand with people affected by crises around the world. When lives are at risk, the people who come to help should never be targets. Yet humanitarian workers continue to be killed, injured, abducted, detained and obstructed while carrying out their work.

Every humanitarian worker killed is more than a number. Each is a person who dedicated their lives to delivering life-saving food, water, medicine and shelter. They leave behind family members, friends, colleagues and communities whose lives are forever changed. This year's global campaign focuses on 'Families of Fallen Humanitarians', highlighting the personal stories of aid workers through the voices of families, loved ones, and the communities they left behind.

*Healing God,
Be near to humanitarian workers,
true messengers of your love.
Gather their thoughts and their actions,
keep them safe from all harm and
encourage the global community to work toward a society
of
peace, justice and the flourishing of all human life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.*

Prayer source: Catholic Health Association of the United States

Young Adults Events at Chatswood & Gosford

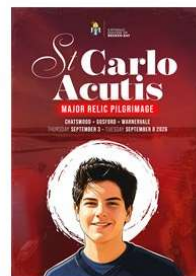
Join young adults (aged 18+) from around the Diocese for an evening of fellowship, prayer and formation at both Chatswood and Gosford, as we reflect on St Carlo Acutis' life and devotion to the Eucharist.

Both events will feature food, praise and worship music, an inspiring talk and the opportunity for veneration of the major relic of St Carlo.

Chatswood Night 4th Sept.

Gosford Night 6th Sept.

Please see the e-news for more information and to register.



The Word

Sunday 23 August 2026: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard
the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will
bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
(R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel
all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you
answered; you increased the strength of my soul.
(R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the
haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is
eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be
glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on Readings for Year A Week 21 prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23). Eliakim was among the leaders in Jerusalem during the critical Assyrian siege (2 Kings 18:26). Apart from that, little is known about him. Here he succeeds Shebna to the office of chief steward.

He will hold 'the key of the house of David' and will be a firm support to his descendants. In the New Testament the text is applied to Jesus (Revelations 3:7). In the Gospel we will read of the true Son of David bestowing 'keys' on Peter.

Second Reading (Romans 11:33- 36) *"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments..."* This is the text of an early hymn praising God's infinite wisdom, knowledge, and sovereignty, acknowledging that all things originate through Him. It praises a wisdom that is far too deep for us to fathom.

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20). Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' The various answers show that Jesus was seen as a prophetic figure. Still, those answers are only approximations to the mystery of Jesus. Jesus rejected these inadequate views of others and demanded that his disciples speak for themselves.

Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' In all probability what we have here is a solemn statement of the faith of the infant church. Then Jesus reciprocated. While Peter was simply acknowledging who Jesus always was, Jesus confers a new title on Peter. Peter will be the foundation stone, the rock of the new people of God, (the Church).



Fresco (c. 1481–1482) by Pietro Perugino depicting Jesus Christ handing the keys of heaven to Saint Peter

The story shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning - to the mind and will of Jesus himself. The failures of Popes throughout history do not contradict Jesus' promise that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church. The Church's true foundation is Christ himself.

Jesus forbade the disciples to speak openly of this confession, given that it would undoubtedly have been misinterpreted, and would have led to false hopes.

"Peter's inspired confession, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,' unveils the divine truth about Jesus' identity and mission. This revelation, granted not by human insight but by God the Father, forms the cornerstone upon which Christ builds His Church. Peter's unique role as the 'rock' and steward of the 'keys to the kingdom of heaven' establishes the foundation for the Church's authority and its enduring mission to guide souls to salvation. For believers today, this passage challenges us to reflect personally on Jesus' question and respond with the same conviction as Peter."

Source: *Bible Interpretation*, Fr. Abraham Mutholath, 2022



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