

Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008

24 August 2025, 21st 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
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

Sunday 24th August
Family Rock Mass— 5 pm

Mon 25th and Tues 26th
Communion Services only

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

Sunday 31st August
Silver Jubilee of the Pilgrim
Mother Apostolate mass and
afternoon tea 2-4pm



***I do not know where you are from.
Depart from me, all you evildoers!***
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

One of the most important and deep-seated questions humans ask is, "Will I be saved!" This is expressed in other ways, like *'Is heaven real? How will I enter it?'* In fact, almost all religions speak of offering salvation.

Who will be saved? Through a parabolic teaching, Jesus, in today's Gospel, warns those who think that entry into the kingdom is through 'ascription', that is, the assignment of status through kinship ties. The Jews may be the chosen people, children of Abraham, but their salvation is far from assured. Jesus' parable of the Narrow Door emphasises that entry into the kingdom is based not on ascription but on performance. The authentic response to Jesus' teaching entails both hearing and doing. The true disciple is one who hears the word of God and puts it into practice, bearing the fruit of repentance and good deeds.

To the question of whether only a few will be saved, Jesus pictures a multitude *"from east and west, from the north and the south"* reclining at the banquet in God's kingdom. Luke refers to the ingathering of the Jews from the diaspora in the eschatological times (Isaiah 43:5; Zechariah 8:7) and adds the ingathering of the Gentiles to stress the theme of universalism. The coming of the Gentiles is not a rejection of the Jews. But Jesus disabuses the Jews, especially their religious leaders, of the idea that they can rely on their status as children of the kingdom. Salvation is God's gift freely given to the Israelites, and now to the Gentiles. The Jews should welcome the kingdom with gratitude and humility, and not as something due them because of their ties with Abraham.

This coming week, the Carmelite community will be attending a clergy retreat on the 25th and 26th of August. There will only be communion services on those days.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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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

Daniela Ross Molnar / Davina Seeto
9144 6998

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17 Link Road, St Ives NSW 2075
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Principal: Mrs Jayne Wheen
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Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**



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

Do you have a heart for making people feel welcome and at home?

Join Our ALPHA HOSPITALITY Team

We're looking for 3 friendly, reliable volunteers to help create a warm, welcoming space, NOW, in the hall on Wednesday nights through November. You are paired with someone else. Just 1-2 sessions each, with the option to be a backup if needed.

If you enjoy greeting guests, setting up with a smile, or simply love being hospitable, we'd love to have you on the team!

Interested or want to learn more? Contact Jen Perrott in the office or on 0415 242 898 – she'd be happy to chat with you!

Let's help make Alpha a place where everyone feels like they belong.

Alpha

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:



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.

FEAST DAYS - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Wed 27th, St Monica, saint

Thu 28th, St Augustine, bishop, doctor

Fri 29th, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

Wed 3rd, St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Mon 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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



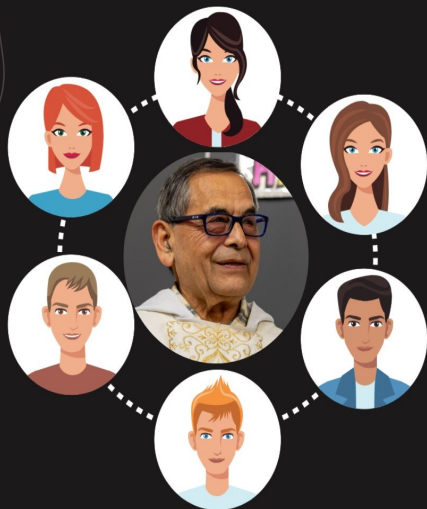
OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND GUEST SPEAKER AFTER DINNER WILL BE FATHER MICHAEL SULLIVAN OSA. HIS TOPIC WILL BE "SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS".

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 annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Conversation Circles



With Fr Greg

Come and chat with Fr Greg about how you think things are going in our Parish

Group 1
Sunday 7 Sep
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Group 2
Tuesday 9 Sep
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Corpus Christi church hall

OUR JOURNEY

Calling all who have a love for young people!

All ages welcome!

You are invited to the
**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
YOUTH SUMMIT**



When? Sunday 14 Sep, 2025
Time? 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Where? Corpus Christi church hall

Registrations requested for catering and planning

*We may try to arrange childcare - please request in registration form.



OUR JOURNEY <https://tinyurl.com/CCYouthSummit>

The Jesuit Mission Bazaar

Saint Ignatius' College River, 13 September.

All proceeds on the day will support vulnerable communities around the world.

jesuitmission.org.au/bazaar



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 **Saturday, 30 August from 2:00-4:00pm** 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST IVES

POP-UP PLAYGROUPS

ALL PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN, PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME!

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WED 6 AUG 2025

THU 21 AUG 2025

TUE 2 SEP 2025

FRI 19 SEP 2025

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• Lego and building

SESSIONS FROM 9:15-10:45AM

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND LEARN WITH OUR CORPUS CHRISTI EARLY YEARS SPECIALISTS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

HELD IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI A/P ROOM

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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

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Why do we have sacraments?

Relationships grow through communication. We communicate in many ways beyond words: smiles, handshakes, gestures of affection, gifts, cards, flowers. In our relationship with God, too, we use signs to express the mystery of God's loving presence. There are many ways we do this, but some community rituals have developed in our Church which we hold to be particularly sacred and which mark the various stages of a person's life as a member of the Church. We call these sacraments: signs or symbols that 'make present' within us the reality of God's love that is signified.

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

Love God and Love People

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 PARISH
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

Dear 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. We also thank our parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially.

Our operating deficit for the year was similar to the previous year (\$59,900 compared to \$60,887). On the positive side, due to parishioner generosity we had no shortfall this year in meeting our Pastoral Works Fund quota. This compares to a \$16,115 shortfall the previous year. However, our income declined by about 6% to \$216,938 and we had higher than normal Office Expenses due to necessary computer and photocopier/printer replacements. Additionally, Employment Expenses increased by approximately \$9,000 due to extra hours worked by Admin staff during the movement of the Office function to its new location.

During the year works across several projects completed. These works included the refurbishment of the Parish Presbytery, refurbishment of the Parish hall to accommodate a temporary office set-up and mould remediation in the Parish hall.. This enabled the Carmelite priests to move out of their rental accommodation and back onto the parish grounds in December 2024. After a few months of minor completion works and settling in, the Presbytery and Office areas, as well as the remaining Parish Hall space is functioning well. We greatly appreciate the spirit of cooperation showed by the Admin staff in ensuring this transition went smoothly.

The total amount expended in completing this project work was \$620,583. Of this \$613,611 (almost 99%) was raised through the generosity of donations by parishioners and a co-contribution from the Broken Bay Diocese. This was a magnificent expression of parish community spirit and we are very grateful to parishioners. So for a total spend of \$620,583 (including rent of \$45,000), we now have a long-term presbytery, a functional office space with a board room and a satisfactory hall for which we may be proud. So, thank you. We are happy with the quality of the work completed by the builder Excelsis. Excelsis worked with Mr Greg Malouf, who headed the Building subcommittee. Greg put in countless hours in steering the project from the commencement stage, coordinating with the builder on project management aspects through to final satisfactory completion. We thank all involved over the months of planning and we are grateful to parishioners who provided valuable and meaningful feedback along the way.

Consideration of this feedback and further reflection meant that previous and significantly more expensive options were re-evaluated. We believe that the final building works completed provide suitable office amenity, parish hall facility and accommodation for the Parish Priests. Given the ongoing reporting deficit, we have suspended further fundraising activity associated with new building works at this time.

The project shortfall increased our annual deficit to \$66,871. The Finance Committee is investigating ways to address this ongoing deficit situation. Without a significant increase in revenue or reduction in expenses, all the parish cash funds will be exhausted within a few years.

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).

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

Children's 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 does in working with the families to prepare the children for the sacraments.

Over the year we had the following numbers of children through the programme: 41 for Confirmation, 38 for first Reconciliation and 39 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. We are still looking for catechists and would welcome further volunteers for this very important ministry. Please contact Jen Perrott at the parish office on 9144 6998 if you can assist.

Significant Parish Statistics

Sacraments and services:

Baptisms 24

Weddings nil

Funerals 20

Parish Team and staff

Our thanks to Michelle Miles and Christina Surjan for their efficient running of the Parish Office during the year and for their efforts in managing the Office move so well. As you know, both have recently left us and we wish them well in the future. However, they will both be around for a few months helping out with the transition of the new staff. We welcome Daniela Molner and Davina Seeto to the Parish staff and look forward to working with them in the future. 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	10 (PP, 6 parishioners and 3 ex-officio representing the schools and the diocese)
Parish Finance Committee	PP, 5 parishioners
Hall booking co-ordinator	1
Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	not active
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	3
Altar Society	3
Altar linen	6
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	38
Music ministry	32
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	14
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	30
Welcoming and hospitality	28
Morning tea	32
Liturgy Committee	4
Childrens' Liturgy	10
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	16
Floral arrangers	Seeking volunteers
Social Justice Group	9
Piety stall	being reactivated
Catechists	24
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	2
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 had an organised roster for providing food to Youth off the Streets through the year, although the need for this service has recently been terminated. 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 assist, please contact the Parish Office as it would help share the load with those already involved. 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 2024 to 30 June 2025					
	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$			
	#####	30-Jun-24			
INCOME					
Planned Giving Credit Cards, Envelopes & EFT's	111,204	123,766			
Loose Second Collection	37,273	34,600			
Tap & Go	28,906	27,371			
Donations	4,186	305			
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	24,228	24,713			
Bulletin Advertising	2,964	2,051			
Alpha	0	415			
Discipleship	30	504			
Formation	240	48			
Interest Received- Church and Term Deposits	7,907	16,326			
Total Income	216,938	230,638			
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Church Requisites	10,860	9,792			
Employment Expenses including on-costs	140,630	131,234			
Insurance	24,935	26,372			
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	11,357	13,658			
Office Expenses	31,680	18,533			
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	5,161	5,226			
Alpha Program	0	256			
Discipleship Program	577	1,334			
Formation	1,922	3,938			
Repairs and maintenance	41,669	56,588			
Clergy Car Expenses	8,045	8,353			
Pastoral Works Fund - P/WF	0	16,115			
Total Operating Expenses	276,838	291,584			
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(59,900)	(60,887)			
Non Operating Income					
Rental Income specifically received for Priests	0	19,800			
New Presbytery Donations	592,361	0			
New Presbytery Donations received for PC	21,250	0			
Total Non -Operating Income	613,611	19,800			
Non Operating Expense					
Rental Expense for Priests accomodation	0	19,800			
Refurbishment costs for New Presbytery	620,583	0			
Total Non -Operating Expense	620,583	19,800			
Surplus / (Deficit)	#####	(160,887)			
Notes to some expenses					
Employment expenses: extra hours by Admin staff during the refurbishment of New Presbytery.					
Office Expenses: Costs increases to laptop replacement for Church Computer (\$1,350) , 2 Admin computers \$3,596)					
Office Expenses: Costs increases purchase of new photocopier/printer (\$8,763)					

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.



464
dreams shared

65
challenges with
respect to our
dreams

Dreams

Challenges

Focuses

Top 5 Dreams Shared



109
areas we
should
prioritise now

Top 5 Priorities Suggested



Top 5 Challenges Identified



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the
QR
code or

Want to help, or read more?
YOUR HOPES & DREAMS
email: CorpusChristi.Stlves@gmail.com

NEXT STEPS:

- Conversation Circles** with Fr Greg — tell him how you think things are going in our Parish.
- 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**

- Sun 7 Sep at 3-4:30pm,
or
- Tue 9 Sep at 7-8:30pm

Youth Summit

- Sun 14 Sep 3-5pm

DATES UPDATED!

\$10 ENTRY



Spot
Prizes at
the event

\$10 RAFFLE



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

30 AUG 2025

2-4 PM

Praise & Worship

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What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you been given?

What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you been given?

Did you know that every baptised person has been given special gifts by the Holy Spirit? These gifts, "charisms", are given to us to share with others, and help them experience God. You are invited to a discernment process to help discover what charisms God has gifted you.

The discernment will begin with an online workshop on **Monday 8 Sep** 7-8pm, and the last workshop is on **Monday 24 Nov** 7-8:30pm. Cost \$95. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process/>

Corpus Christi parishioners O'Kelly Tam, Jen Perrott, Lawrence Chan and Edith Chan have undergone this process, please do come and speak with us if you'd like to find out more!



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.

Praise and Worship Raffle Prizes – 1st prize

5 day long
weekend out
of season

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4. Pamper Pack



5. Pamper Pack



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7. Pamper Pack



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The Catenians

*Strengthening family life through
friendship and faith*

Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes.

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The Word

Sunday 24th August 2025: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15
(R.) *Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training;

God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.