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24 March 2024, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 - Hall

Second Wednesday of Every Month

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

Second Thursday of Every Month

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

Wednesday 27th March

Lenten Prayer Group – 6pm Hall

Easter Choir Rehearsal – 7.30 pm
in the Church

Thursday 28th March

No morning mass

Parish Craft Group – 10am in the Hall

Saturday 30th March

Morning prayer – 9am

Sunday 31st March

No evening mass

**EASTER MASS TIMES
LISTED IN BULLETIN**



**“... you will find a colt
tethered on which no one
has ever sat. Untie it and
bring it here.”
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Are you prepared to hear the Easter story this year? With your disciple's ear ready, shoulders back, and face set like flint, take a deep breath. As you exhale, let go of your own story, all selfishness and pride. Let yourself become little, humble before your God. It might take a few breaths to do this, to really let go of all your ideas, convictions, and plans, no matter how good they are.

Breathe...Breathe in the love born of covenant peace and breathe out anything hindering your deep listening to the story this year. Give yourself some time. This is an opportunity for you to let the seeds of your Lenten prayer bear fruit.

Now read the Passion Narrative slowly (Mark 14:1-15:47), and in the space that you have cleared in your heart, keep this word firmly, let it live and grow in your whole being as you journey through this Holy Week.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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HOLY LAND COLLECTION 2024

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

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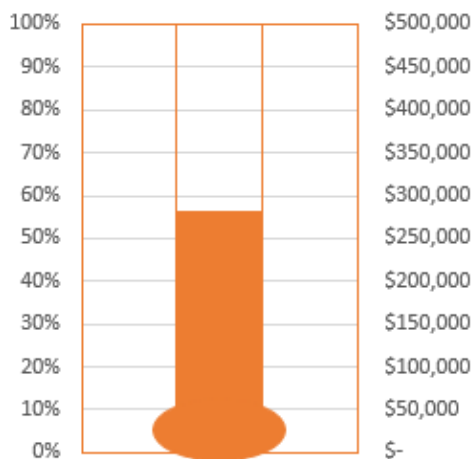


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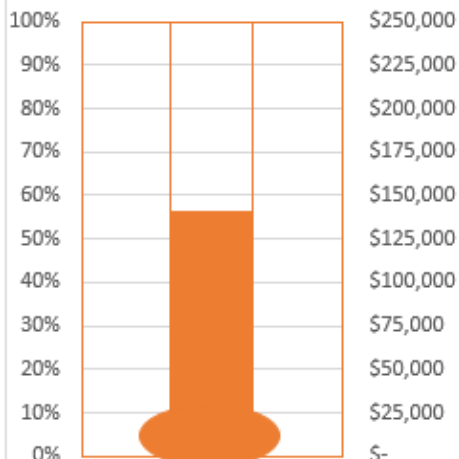
The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. We again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support.

PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING

PARISH FUNDRAISING



Diocese Co-Contribution



Thank you for your generosity! To date parishioner donations total just over **\$282 100** - we have passed the half way mark to our target of \$500,000! **For every \$100 donated the Diocese will give us another \$50.**

You can donate directly to our bank account as below:

Please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message. This will ensure that the entire amount will be used for the presbytery and the Parish won't be subject to Diocesan tax on these donations.

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001798

Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.

Regards the Parish Finance Committee

Social Justice Corner



Impact of Extreme Heat on Vulnerable Communities

A survey conducted by the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) in partnership with First Nations Clean Energy Network found that 80% of people surveyed were living in homes that are too hot in summer.

Concerningly, 61% of those receive income support, 78% are living in social housing, 66% in private rentals, and 72% of First Nations respondents struggled to cool their homes.

Eighty per cent said high temperatures in the home made them unwell, and 14% had sought medical attention for heat stress. That figure was 25% for First Nations respondents. Most affected were those with chronic illness and or living with disability.

"The ACOSS Heat Survey 2024 shows the devastating impact extreme heat in homes has on people's health and wellbeing and the urgent need for government action to address harm from extreme heat," reported John Ryks, Director of Jesuit Social Services' Centre for Just Places.

"It paints a stark picture of how the impacts of climate change are compounding. People who are marginalised are bearing a heavy burden of the impacts of climate change. Residents in social housing being unable to cool their sweltering homes is a stark sign something has gone wrong."

"Entrenched disadvantage harms individuals and communities. To meaningfully address the underlying factors driving disadvantage, decision-makers must design and resource policies based on the evidence." reported Mr Ryks

In its recent submission to the Federal Pre-Budget, Jesuit Social Services called on the Federal Government to resource long-term, place-based and systemic approaches that address the factors that lead to inequity and disadvantage.

Recommendations include increasing the stock of climate-safe and energy-efficient public housing, retrofitting existing social housing with energy-efficient upgrades, increasing access to energy-efficient housing, investing in energy efficiency improvements for low-income households, and raising the rate of JobSeeker and related payments to at least \$78 per day to enable people to meet rising energy costs.

"Supporting people to adapt to the worsening climate impacts is an urgent and important step – however, we must also address the factors driving disadvantage in order to end its harm," says Mr Ryks.

To review the ACOSS 2024 Heat Survey Report go to: [ACOSS Reports and Submissions - ACOSS](#).

EASTER SERVICES 2024

RECONCILIATION 19TH MARCH
7:30pm

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)
23rd March 6pm Vigil (Sat Night)
24th March 8am, 10am, 5pm (Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
28th March Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
followed by prayer and adoration to 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH
Stations of the Cross at 10am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY - 30TH MARCH
Solemn Vigil of Easter 7.00pm

HOLY SUNDAY - 31ST MARCH
Easter Mass at 8am & 10am.
No evening Mass

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE KIDS
After 10am Mass on Easter Sunday



263 Mona Vale Road, St Ives 2075

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

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

, 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; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; 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 Michelle or Christina know.



Thanks to the success of the Trivia Night and the sale of raffle tickets another \$19 300 was raised for the new PRESBYTERY BUILD.

The priests would like to thank Kit, Virginia, Harry and their helpers for their tireless efforts which resulted in a very successful night.

Congratulations to the following raffle prize winners:

1st prize: White Gold 10.08ct Amethyst Ring \$2500

Lorraine Callinan

2nd prize: Anytime Fitness Annual Pass \$800

Elizabeth Sim

3rd prize: Pamper Hamper \$300

Sue-Anne Sherwood

4th prize: JVC 32" Android 11 Smart Tv

Fr Greg

5th prize: Villeroy and Boch Vase

Martin Stebbings



Pray and Play is for families with children aged 0-12years. It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together once a month after

Sunday 10am Mass for some simple games for the children while parents mingle and chat.

Our next meetings will be on 7 April and 5 May.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Groups/CorpusChristiStIves>) for our latest news and photos.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP



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

Next get together **Thursday 28 March 2024 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

EASTER VIGIL SUPPER



Dear Parishioners,

We would like to extend a warm invitation to join us for tea and snacks following Holy Saturday Mass. This will be a wonderful

opportunity for all of us to come together, share fellowship, and extend a warm welcome to those joining our parish family.

To help make this gathering even more special, we kindly request that each parishioner bring along a plate of eats to share. Whether it's homemade goodies, finger sandwiches, or a favorite dessert, your contribution will be greatly appreciated and will help create a memorable experience for everyone.

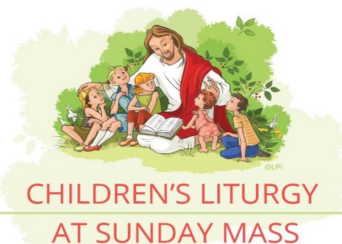
Date: Holy Saturday, 30th March.

Time: Following the 7pm Mass

Location: Parish Hall

Thank you in advance for your contributions and for being a cherished member of our parish family.

Blessings.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS

At every Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the Church Hall during Mass to participate in

Children's Liturgy.

There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

Morning tea is served afterwards for everyone!



Join our Facebook group

Keep updated with our latest news and photos on our Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStIves>

or scan the QR code to go directly to the Facebook group





This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



EASTER SUNDAY 10AM MASS

Due to the children's Easter Egg Hunt being held after the 10am mass on Easter Sunday, *part of the front car park will be roped off after mass.*

If you are parked in the front car park and need to leave before 11.30am, please leave as soon as possible after mass or stay and enjoy morning tea and be a part of this exciting event.



EASTER CHOIR

Easter is one week away and we have our final choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday 28th March

Good Friday 29th March

Easter Vigil 30th March

Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday 27th of March from 7.30-9pm in the Church.

There will also be a rehearsal **one hour prior to the Triduum masses.**

Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.

Chrism Mass 2024 | Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

EASTER Egg Hunt

Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Join us for some fun after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, as we search for Easter eggs hidden around our church.

Sunday, 31 March 2024
AFTER 10AM MASS

Corpus Christi Parish
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075

CAN YOU HELP?
We need some people on the day to help hide eggs and guide the children.
Contact the office on (02) 9144 6998

Please also bring a plate of treats to share with your Parish community at the morning tea following Easter Sunday mass.



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Carmel House Retreats 2024

MAR
1-3

Consecrated Life Weekend
Discernment Retreat

A time for single women aged 16-35 to listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern your vocation.
mglisters.sydney@gmail.com

MAR
28-31

Light To The Nations
Easter Pilgrimage

Young people come on pilgrimage from all around Australia camping under the open skies and joining in a awesome celebration of the Easter liturgies.
facebook.com/light-to-the-nations-pilgrimage

APR
1-5

Disciples School of Mission
Formation for Ministry

Be formed in mission through fellowship, powerful inputs, workshops and times of prayer, taking your new skills back to your local context or out on short-term mission.
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APR
19-21

Emmaus
Silent Retreat

Embark on the sacred journey to Emmaus, discovering God's victorious love through Jesus' abiding presence. Renew in solitude and let your heart ignite.
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MAY
17-22

Banquet
Pentecost Intensive

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JUN
15

Awake
Day Retreat

Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during this day retreat with the MGL Sisters.
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AUG
23-25

Wildfire
Holy Spirit Retreat

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OCT
11-13

Springtime
Creative Retreat

Experience the healing power of creativity. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God.
trybooking.com/CN2WN

NOV
2

Alight
Women's Day Retreat

Rekindle the flame of faith and prepare for Advent through a day of reflection, prayer and fellowship. This retreat is being supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney.
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Walk by FAITH not by SIGHT

2 Corinthians 5:6-8



Day Retreat with Mother Mary
13 April 2024 (Saturday)

Rev Fr Rey Sentillas, MI
Retreat Facilitator

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall,
Walz St, Rockdale NSW (Parking entry at Parker St)

Time: 9am - 5.30pm including MASS

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is FREE

Bookings essential for the purpose of catering

Enquiries: Helen on 0433 455 114 or Ida 0424 267 500

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

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The Word

Sunday 24 March 2024: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Procession of Palms Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark 11:1-10

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord".

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat;

untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you,

"Why are you doing this?" say,

"The Lord has need of it

and will send it back here immediately".

And they went away,

and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street;

and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them,

'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

And they told them what Jesus had said;

and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it;

and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road,

and others spread leafy branches

which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who

followed cried out,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9.17-20. 23-24.R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' *(R.)*

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. *(R.)*

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! *(R.)*

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God, the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!