

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

26 November 2023, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

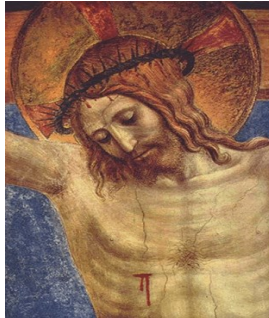
Sunday 26 November
Vine and Branches following
5pm mass

Wednesday 29 November
Christmas Choir rehearsals 7pm
in the Church

Wednesday 29 November
Rejoice! Advent Program 7pm in
the Hall

Sunday 3 December
Pray and Play after 10am mass

Monday 4 & Thursday 7 Dec
Parish Update Forum -Church 10am



“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne.”
(Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

I love the Feast of Christ the King. It reminds me of Jesus’ sovereignty in my life and over the world. This frees me from the worldly notion that I’m in charge of my life and answerable to nobody. And our reading today shows us what kind of sovereign Our Lord is. He’s not a remote king who enjoys ‘lording it over’ us. But rather, he is a king who came to serve, and we are able to follow his example.

At the end of our life we will be called to account on how well we have done. It can be easy to say we love and serve Jesus. But in today’s reading we learn that the real test is how we have loved and served others, for doing so, we have loved and served Jesus. Have we clothed the hungry and fed the poor or given a drink to the thirsty? Have we visited those in prison or even the lonely family member who is shut inside their home?

As we prepare to enter Advent, the Feast of Christ the King calls us to examine our lives, to take a spiritual audit and prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas to come.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Michelle Miles, Office Manager
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
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FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2023

EXPOSITION / ADORATION AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY MASS

AT 7:30PM



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

Thank you for your generosity

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Ephpheta Centre
Deaf community



All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish. Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus. Our two appeals each year, in May and November, help support two key Diocesan ministries, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.



Our Deepest Sympathy
Fr John Landy

It is with sadness that I inform you that our brother, John Landy passed away last Saturday. He resided at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Varroville. We commend John into the hands of the Lord whom he served well in his life.

Fr John's funeral will be held at the Varroville Chapel, on Wednesday the 6th of December at 10:30am.

CHRISTMAS IN OUR INTERCHURCH CONGREGATIONS

7 December at 8pm. Handel's Messiah by Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Ecumenical Choir at Hornsby Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara. Supporting women's shelter. Tickets at the door—\$30 adults / \$20 concession / \$10 children.

14 Dec at 11am St Swithuns Anglican Church at Pymble is holding a service for people seeking Solace and Consolation followed by light refreshments. Many people feel a loss and loneliness at this time of year. If interested please call 9488 7377 to RSVP.

Cheryl Doyle & Karin Hull
Corpus Christi representatives
Interchurch Group, St Ives, Pymble & Gordon



Social Justice Corner

Cana Stall: Sunday, 3 December 2023

Next Sunday, a stall will be held outside the church to support Cana Communities.

Cana Communities is a not-for-profit charity working with men and women, who have experienced homelessness, addiction, mental health issues, and other barriers that have prevented them from creating a positive life for themselves. At Cana Farm at Orchard Hills, locally grown and chemical-free produce is grown with the help of volunteers and community members, often people who have been homeless or are transitioning back into society following time in jail.

Cana is run by volunteers and regularly runs stalls in parishes in the Sydney area. Funds raised go towards providing employment, education, and sustainable opportunities for people transforming their lives.

Laudate Deum Webinar: Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will participate in the COP28 summit in early December. To mark the occasion, the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Earthcare Australia and North Sydney Catholics invite you to a webinar on his apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* and its call for urgent action on climate change.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 from 7pm-8pm. The panel will include a representative from the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and Alice Cawardine, Coordinator of Catholic Earthcare Australia.

Join the webinar at [https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/j/66437935672?](https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/j/66437935672?pwd=S1VRQWovMmEvYVJnZ3hDdzZzU3FMdzog)

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FEAST DAYS NOV/DEC

Sun 26th, Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Thurs 30th, St Andrew, apostle

Thurs 7th, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Fri 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 13th, St Lucy, virgin, martyr

Thurs 14th, St John of the Cross, priest, doctor

Mon 25th, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tues 26th, St Stephen, the first martyr

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Robert Meek

Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; 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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, 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.

Candles for the month of November



For a gold coin donation, candles will be available to light in the memory of your departed beloved.



Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee invite all parishioners to

attend a presentation at the Church to hear about the plans for the new presbytery. The Finance Committee assisted by parishioners who are skilled in the building trade have been working hard to finalise plans for the new presbytery. The presentations will be held on Monday 4 December at 10 am and again on Thursday 7 December at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Greg and the Finance Committee

Join Us for Our Advent Mission Night

with

Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture

This program includes an inspirational journal and an engaging 30-minute video featuring reflections by presenter **Fr. Mark Toups** and his friends **Sr. Josephine Garrett** and **Fr. Josh Johnson**. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day.



DATE | TIMES | LOCATION

Wednesday, 29 November 2023 7:30-9:00pm
Collection of journals and instruction for the journey

You may either attend on Zoom or face-to-face
Zoom: Mondays, 4th, 11th, 18th December 2023 8:00-9:00pm

Hall: Tuesdays, 5th (in church), Hall 12th, 19th December
7:30-9:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au or call the office on 9144 6998

Please check the bulletin and eNews for more information.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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.

This last year to 30 June 2023 has been a busy one for the Parish and the finance committee. Our income was slightly up compared to last year, but our expenses were also up, resulting in a deficit for the year. It would have been greater but for the generosity of our parishioners. The Diocese requires the Parish to meet a quota for the Pastoral Works (formerly the Charitable Works Fund). Unfortunately this year we had a shortfall of \$8,424 on the Parish contributions so had to make this up out of Parish funds.

The main focus of the finance committee last year was the plan to rehouse our Priests as the lease on Murphy House (currently paid by the Diocese) ends in the middle of December 2023. We will be briefing the Parishioners on the latest plans in this regard at the beginning of December. Due notice will be given in the bulletin as to when the briefings will be.

We are fortunate to have received further donations of \$31,600 from generous parishioners towards the cost of building a presbytery. The market day raised \$11,300 towards the building costs. Our thanks to all those who organised and assisted with the market day. We also thank Kit Ling Chow for arranging the sale of various second hand and used items donated by our generous parishioners and friends. If you have any usable but no longer required items please consider donating them to the parish who can then sell or give the items away to those who are needy.

We would greatly appreciate further donations. Please contact Fr Greg, Michelle Miles (in the parish office on 9144 6998) or Ed Wales (our finance officer on 0412 626 258) if you are able to assist with further contributions. The donations received specifically for the new presbytery are not shown on the income and expenditure statement as they are being kept separate and appear on the balance sheet.

During the year we welcomed Christina Surjan to our office staff as administrative assistant. Christina is doing a great job in assisting our office manager, Michelle Miles.

The banner on the Mona Vale Road side of the church advertising the hall for hire is being replaced. This banner continues to generate interest in the hiring of the hall and contributes to our finances.

In order to be able to better plan and budget our finances we would like to phase out our envelope collection and request parishioners to donate by way of a direct debit or by monthly or annual credit card donations. We understand that not all parishioners are comfortable with direct debit arrangements so we will not phase out envelopes completely, but we do ask that if you can and have not already, please consider a direct debit or credit card donation for the second collection. It is this second collection that we rely on for the maintenance of the parish and the growth of our pastoral activities. There is a form at the back of the church for this purpose that can be completed and handed to the parish office. Our first collection is for our priests, the running of their ministry and their stipend.

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.

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 124 children through the programme, 43 for Confirmation, 35 for first Reconciliation and 46 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	36
Weddings	0
Funerals	16

Parish Team and staff

Our thanks to Michelle Miles and Christina Surjan for their efficient running of the Parish Office. 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	9 (7 parishioners and 2 ex-officio representing the schools and the diocese)
Parish Finance Committee	6
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	41
Music ministry	35
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	15
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	27
Welcoming and hospitality	30
Morning tea	32
Liturgy Committee	4
Childrens' Liturgy	10
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	16
Floral arrangers	7
Social Justice Group	8
Piety stall	not active
Catechists	20
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 also have an organised roster for providing food to Youth off the Streets. 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 2022 to 30 June 2023

	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-23	ACTUAL\$ 30-Jun-22	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-21
INCOME			
Planned Giving Credit Cards, Envelopes & EFT's	113,837	142,766	149,386
Loose Second Collection	38,009	17,447	20,601
Tap & Go	28,220	21,690	30,120
Donations	430	3,942	5,033
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	23,094	18,845	22,811
Bulletin Advertising	1,482	2,652	7,013
Alpha	4,792	-	1,931
Discipleship	250	195	2,920
Formation	200	6,320	-
Interest Received	7,508	673	1,256
Building donations	995	100	100
Job Keeper Subsidy	-	-	54,000
Cash Boost Stimulus	-	-	10,000
Fund raising income -Mothers Day Raffle	-	3,660	3,709
Total Income	218,816	218,290	308,880
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	9,539	8,349	6,691
Employment Expenses including on-costs	124,963	127,963	125,137
Job Keeper Expense	-	-	32,377
Insurance	25,359	22,323	20,357
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	14,047	14,025	16,368
Office Expenses	16,018	6,655	11,880
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	3,926	4,180	8,545
Alpha Program	423	3,581	3,742
Discipleship Program	197	1,323	3,069
Formation	3,110	1,962	-
Repairs and maintenance	41,024	34,188	39,879
Clergy Car Expenses	8,827	8,959	8,566
Charitable Works Fund - CWF	8,424	-	-
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	-	133	1,271
Total Operating Expenses	255,856	233,642	277,882
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(37,040)	(15,351)	30,998
Non Operating Income			
Specific Sponsorship	-	-	1,910
NSW Business Grant	-	7,500	-
NSW Jobsaver Grant	-	18,000	-
Building Donations - Presbytery	-	2,120	-
Fundraising - New Presbytery	-	892	-
Total Non -Operating Income	0	28,512	1,910
Total Non -recurring expenses	0	(16,333)	(16,333)
Roof Repayments to 30 June 2022	0	(13,321)	(33,401)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(\$37,040)	(\$16,493)	(\$16,825)

The amount raised at the Mothers' Day raffle in 2023 was \$5,096.

This has been added to cash raised for the presbytery.

The total amount raised or donated for the presbytery in 2023 was \$47,996.

The Worsening Food Insecurity Situation that Corpus Christi's Sister Parish Holy Family Mt Druitt Faces

This week we interviewed Malia Lolesio, the Parish Secretary of Holy Family and the co-ordinator of this year's Christmas Hamper Appeal. Malia works with a small group of parishioners who plan, transport, organise and distribute the Hampers that are prepared by the parishioners of Corpus Christi parish. We were keen to understand Holy Family's needs for our Appeal.

Who receives the Hamper?

"Only those in genuine need. These include First Australians, New Australians, those who are unemployed or partially employed, pensioners and many individuals and families - Mt Druitt has a large number of large sole parent families. In many instances Holy Family Parish is at the centre of the impact of Food Insecurity, Employment Insecurity and Housing Insecurity - and in many instances where all three apply."

"The need for food has really intensified in 2023. Food insecurity is a major and growing issue. The Holy Family team works with the Parish, the local St Vincent de Paul team and the local Parish Primary School to identify families and individuals in need. In many instances Holy Family parishioners quietly let us know who is in need, or families approach the Parish directly. This year there has been a marked increase in families registering to receive the Hamper. In 2021, 280 families were helped, in 2022 this rose to nearly 400, in 2023 we already have over 500 families on our list. At all times Holy Family always ensure that everybody is treated with the greatest of dignity and respect."

After the Hampers are collected from Corpus Christi what happens next?

"The Hampers are driven to the Holy Family Parish School Hall where they are numbered and matched to the names on the Holy Family Parish hamper list. The Hampers ensure that families have a great Christmas meal and are used in the days that follow."

When do people receive their 2023 Christmas Hampers?

"On the Wednesday (20th) and Thursday (21st) December. Families and individuals who are registered come to the School Hall to receive their Hamper."

Do we have the right goods in each Hamper? Is being placed in a plastic laundry basket OK?

"The current list of ingredients is what is required. The laundry baskets are sturdy and with the handles make it is easy to carry for the organisers and the people who need them."

For busy people can we make cash contributions or provide retail gift cards?

"Yes, as long as the contributions are received directly to Corpus Christi Parish so that they can be on-forwarded to the Holy Family Hamper organising team and handed to those most in need."

The 2023 Corpus Christi Christmas Hamper Appeal is our largest social justice community project and has been in place for 36 years. This year the Appeal runs from the 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd December and ends at our special Christmas Hamper Mass at 10am on Sunday 17th December. A suggested hamper contents is available from special trays at each of the three Church entrances.

2023 Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our goal this year is to provide 100 hampers to any needy parishioners in the Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We would appreciate your support to make this happen.

Suggested Hamper Contents—please refer to the insert.

Where and when do I deliver my Hamper?

Please deliver to our Corpus Christi Church at any time during the two week Appeal period. **This runs from the 6pm Mass on Saturday 2nd December and ends at the special Hamper Mass at 10am on Sunday 17th December.**

If you require your hamper to be collected from your home please call Michelle at the Parish Office on 9144 6998 by Monday the 11th of December and we will organise a pickup from your home.

Cash donation

If it is more convenient for you to make a cash donation in lieu of a Hamper you can bring this to the Parish Office or use the Parish's Electronic Funds Transfer account:

Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish

BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 100001798

Reference: Parish Hamper

Thank You!

For over 36 years our Parish has had a rich heritage of support to the parishioners of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. We thank you for your Christmas spirit generosity.



2023 Christmas Hamper Mass

Suggested hamper contents

- Canned Food (eg soups/seafood) Canned Fruits
- Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
- Long life custard / Jelly
- Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
- Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
- Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
- Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
- Cordial / Soft drink
- Juice
- Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
- Packets of Sugar
- Long Life Milk
- Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
- Tissues / Paper Towel
- Christmas Decorations
- Colouring Pencils
- Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable good you may wish to provide!

Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

Please place in a clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags—wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.

CANA MARKET STALL



Next Sunday, there will be a stall outside church to support Cana Communities. Cana communities support the homeless and, at Cana Farm (near Penrith NSW), they produce foodstuffs with the help of labour from people living there, often people who have been homeless or are returning to the outside world from time in prison. Cana is run by volunteers, and regularly runs stalls in parishes in the Sydney area. Farm products, including preserves etc, are sold to raise money for Cana's ongoing activities.

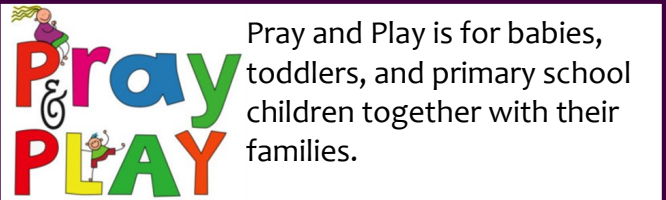


Come and join our Parish Facebook Group to share in the news and photos of all the wonderful things that are happening within our parish! Scan the QR code or join by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStIves>



PIANIST NEEDED

Can you play the piano? Are you available for one 10 am mass a month? The parish choir is looking for someone to play for us starting February 2024. We are a very friendly and welcoming group and we would love you to join us. You would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you can help



Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. The final date for 2023 is 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!

Parish Choir Rehearsals for Christmas



We are very close to Christmas now and you are all invited to come to the parish choir rehearsals in the church so that we will be ready to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve mass on Sunday 24th December. Even if you are not a regular attender of the choir we would love you to come along.

Our next rehearsal is on **Wednesday 29nd November at 7 pm and then every Wednesday at 7 pm until Christmas Eve.**

I know everyone is busy at this time of year and I am hoping you can stretch that little bit more to attend. Even if you cannot come to all the rehearsals you would be most welcome to attend when you can.

MAGI PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.



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.

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together, to enjoy each others'
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The Word

Sunday 26 November 2023, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. *(R.)*
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the

dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.