

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

ANointing 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

Parish Calendar

Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of
the Month 9:00am Mass
October 8

Divine Will Prayer Group

Mondays 10-11:30 am
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 10 am
(during school term)

**Children's Liturgy
& Morning tea after
Mass**

Every Sunday at 10am
Mass

Young Adults @StIves

Every Second Monday 7pm
September 28

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays
10am October 1

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays
10am
October 8 at 10am

Morning Tea

after the 8am mass
October 11

Parish Coffee Morning

The Living Room St Ives
October 14 at 10:30am

Please note that the parish
office will be open from
9am to 12 pm Tue-Fri
during the school holidays

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrated a special Mass last Sunday as 26 children, joined by parents, family and friends, received their First Holy Communion. These children from our parish community became fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Mrs Val Dias (Sacramental Coordinator), Fr Tan and I prepared the parent information night, followed by four sessions and a practice of the ceremony. The four sessions covered the topics:

(i) Jesus at Meals (ii) The Last Supper-This is my Body (iii) The Word of God (iv) Celebrating the Eucharist

Seeing the children approach the altar with such reverence and excitement serves as a powerful reminder of the great gift we receive at every Mass.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gathered with His disciples, took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you..." In the same way, he took the wine, saying, "This is my blood, which is poured out for you; do this in memory of me." From the time of the infant Church, the faithful have celebrated the 'Real Presence' of Jesus in the Eucharist.

By receiving the Eucharist for the first time, these 26 children have entered into that same intimate communion with Christ, making a lifelong connection to the sacrifice and love Jesus shared during that last sacred meal.

I extend my thanks to the parents, families, teachers, catechists and volunteers who guided and supported the children in preparing to receive this sacrament. I thank musicians Faith Sherwood and Maria Brown, acolytes David Full, Chris Hannan and Lawrence Chan and all who contributed to a beautiful liturgical celebration.

May this special day mark the beginning of a close, lifelong friendship with Jesus, nourished regularly by receiving holy communion at Mass. Please continue to pray for our young communicants and their families. As a Eucharistic community, let us welcome them as full members of the Catholic Church - and may it inspire each of us to love and appreciate this sacrament more deeply.

Fr Paul



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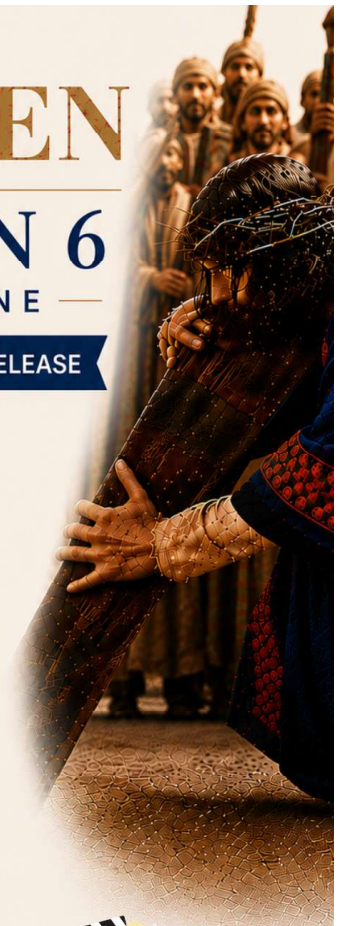
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EPISODE ONE

EXCLUSIVE PARISH PRE-RELEASE

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.



DINNER & A MOVIE

AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Join us for dinner before the screening and help raise funds towards our new church sound system.



DATE
FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

TIME
6:30PM FOR DINNER

COST
\$30 per person
\$80 family of 4 or 5 with teenage children
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WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

The Penitential Rite

'To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins,' says the celebrant at the penitential rite.

Far from being a negative thing, the emphasis of this prayer is the infinite love of our compassionate God, personified in Jesus.

In a healthy family, members are not afraid to recognise themselves to be always in need of forgiveness. Similarly, for our faith family, the penitential rite is one way of acknowledging that we always stand in need of reconciliation.

This part of the Mass often includes the 'Kyrie eleison' ('Lord have mercy...') which is one of the most ancient of Christian prayers.

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'We are still hoping for the volunteers to sign up to welcome new families in our Playgroup to our parish and come have a cup of tea with them. We hope to hear from you soon. Please help us be an invitational parish.'



EXTRAORDINARY FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR REPLACEMENT AUDIO-VISUAL & SOUND SYSTEM

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in the recent annual financial report to parishioners, our current audio-visual and sound system in the Church is in urgent need of replacement. It is at the end of its practical life and has malfunctioned on numerous occasions. In the coming weeks we will be launching a special fundraising appeal to raise the funds needed for this.

The current sound system was installed when the Church was built over 50 years ago. It is antique and obsolete technology that is no longer fit for purpose. Some of the issues exhibited are:

- Poor sound quality including humming and feedback
- The receiver won't communicate with the base station
- The mixer is at end of life
- Imbalanced sound
- One of our musicians has resorted to bringing his own equipment

A group of technical experts from the parish and members of the music ministry have engaged with a number of selected sound system providers who have assessed our requirements and provided quotations. The group also assessed what other parishes had recently installed when upgrading their sound systems and how satisfied they were with those upgrades. Several of the companies approached provided quotations in excess of \$100,000, which were deemed to be more than the parish could afford. A couple of mid-price range providers were selected and following a back and forth assessment process a preferred supplier has been selected. The cost of this replacement system is approximately \$75,000.

An initial fundraising appeal earlier in the year was held and this raised \$25,000. We are extremely grateful for those fundraising efforts and the generosity of those who contributed. However, we need to raise an additional \$50,000 to move forward with this replacement system.

The new system will employ modern bluetooth and wireless technology and be integrated into the existing TV system, with a tablet providing the system control interface.

In the coming weeks we will be having a special fundraising appeal to raise the funds required to move forward with this project. Parishioners will be able to donate to either sponsor a specific piece of hardware (e.g. a speaker or microphone) or make a general donation towards the overall goal. The aim would be to raise sufficient funds by the end of October for the purchase order to be placed and have the new system installed by early in the new year.

We encourage you to give generously to address this vital parish need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Frs Paul and Tan, the Parish Finance Committee & Sound System Working Group

Social Justice Corner



Migrant & Refugee Sunday - 27th of September

Each year, on the last Sunday of September, the global community observes Migrant and Refugee Sunday—also known as the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme, "Even just one of these children" (Matthew 18:10), draws attention to children and young people affected by migration and forced displacement, inviting us to recognise their dignity, hear their stories and respond with compassion and solidarity.

In his message for the World Day, Pope Leo XIV highlights the vulnerability of children on the move, noting that "minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration" and that they are "concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience".

"... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..."

Reflecting on the Pope's message, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry and Bishop Delegate for the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, reported that the theme challenges Australians to pay closer attention to a frequently overlooked dimension of migration.

"We frequently hear the voices and experiences of adult migrants and refugees, but we tend to forget the children involved," Archbishop Prowse said.

"The Holy Father is inviting us to reflect on the often unseen and unspoken experiences of children who journey alongside their families or who face displacement on their own."



Tibetan Refugee Community

The Social Justice Group continues to support newly arrived Tibetan refugees, including children and infants settling on the Northern Beaches. We will provide an update on recent activities at our fundraising weekend in October.



Join Fatima Procession in Manly

On Tuesday, October 13, 7-9pm, join us for Fatima Procession in Manly in honour of Our Lady. There is something powerful about taking our faith beyond the walls of the church and walking together in prayer. Our presence can also be a quiet witness to those we meet along the way - a reminder that faith is alive and that our world stillness prayer, hope and peace. Come and walk with Mary - to pray, to witness and to bring hope to others. Please note that this is a walking procession. To participate, you need to be able to walk up to 3 km and remain with the procession for the duration of the walk.



Fr Paul offered them a special blessing on behalf of the parish at last Friday morning mass.

We wish Sherwell and Carmini and their family every blessing for the years ahead.

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



PRAYER ZONE

Recently Deceased: Rojello Basquez

Anniversary: Molly Tang, Mary Tang

Please pray for the ill: Joseph Chan, 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.



FEAST DAYS - SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER

Sept 29th - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Feast

Sept 30th - St Jerome - Memorial

Oct 1st - St Therese of the Child of Jesus, virgin, doctor - Memorial

Oct 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial

Oct 7th - Our Lady of the Rosay - Memorial

Oct 15th - St Teresa of Jesus - virgin, doctor - Memorial

Oct 17th - St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr - Memorial

Oct 28th - Sts Simon and Jude, apostles - Feast

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will be pre-ordering the **Daily Mass Book 2027**.

If you would like to order a copy, the cost is \$40. Please let the Parish Office know by Monday, 12 October.

Thank you!

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.

SACRAMENT OF

Confirmation 2026

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Is your child in Year 3 or above?

Families are invited to register for the 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation at Corpus Christi Parish. Confirmation is an important step in a child's journey of faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, they are strengthened to continue growing as followers of Jesus and living the faith into which they were baptised.

*Be sealed
with the gift
of the
Holy Spirit.*

EPHESIANS 1:13

*Receive
Strengthen
Live the Faith*

KEY DATES

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday
15 October 2026
at 6:00 pm
*Attendance is compulsory.
Only one parent needs
to attend.*

PRESENTATION MASS

17/18 October 2026
Families may attend
any Mass over
the weekend.

FOUR PREPARATION SESSIONS

Choose one option:

THURSDAYS

22 & 29 October
5 & 12 November

SUNDAYS

OR 18 & 25 October
1 & 8 November

PRACTICE

Thursday
12 November 2026
at 6:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

**Saturday
14 November 2026
at 3:00 pm**

Corpus Christi Church

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Scan the QR code to register your child
and find out more.



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The Word

Sunday, 27 Sep 2026:
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezekiel Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live. The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus. If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he 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 washed himself, 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

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God. Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION ON READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Reflection on Readings - Year A Week 26 – prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28). Here the prophet is responding to an objection that God is unjust because he punishes or rewards the individual for his own actions, instead of allowing him to rely on the institution of Israel and the promises made to the nation. The prophet declares that each individual is responsible for his/her own actions, and will be judged accordingly. Ezekiel goes on to state that repentance will win the individual pardon and life. The issue of repentance is the connection with the Gospel.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-5). St Paul says that self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. We must imitate Christ who humbled himself to the point of accepting death, the most shameful kind of death - death on a cross (Deuteronomy 21:23).

God rewarded his obedience and humility by 'raising him on high and giving him a name which is above all other names.' The self-emptying and self-abasement of Christ should serve as a model for every Christian.

Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32). Matthew now has three parables that are concerned with the judgement of Israel: the two sons, the vinedressers, and the wedding feast. We have the first of these today.

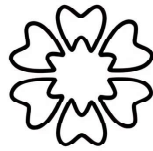
In today's Gospel the focus is on the refusal of the religious leaders to repent and believe in Jesus. Their unbelief is contrasted with the belief of tax collectors and prostitutes. This is pressed home in the parable of the two sons.

The religious leaders were meant to see themselves in the second son. They promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the kingdom.

The first son represents sinners. They originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the kingdom.

The parable was meant to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the Jewish religious establishment. It also illustrates the difference between saying and doing - a favourite theme of Matthew.





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