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27 April 2025, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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; Zoom 10am

Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick - 9am

Wednesday 30 April
Wild Goose - Parish Hall

Friday 2 May
Votive Mass for Pope Francis
9am and 7:30pm.
First Friday Adoration 7pm



*He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

On the first Easter night, Jesus appears to his disciples. He blesses them with his peace, and an authority to forgive sinfulness. But Thomas is not there. He has no reason or proof to convince him that the crucified one is alive. However, he grants that he will believe under certain conditions: touching a crucified body. He has moved from no faith (*his absence*) to a partial faith (*his conditions*). A week later Jesus enters the room, and challenges Thomas' conditions. The disciple falls to his knees and confesses his faith, "*My Lord and my God*". The narrative portrait of the experience of Thomas' journey from no faith to an unconditional faith in Jesus as his Lord and God is told so that Jesus can address all of us. The first disciples believed because they had physical proof of the resurrection. Those who have never had such proofs – down through the Christian centuries – are blessed in a way that exceeds the experience of the first disciples. John tells us why he wrote this Gospel for people who did not see and yet believe: that we might go on believing that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and believing, have life in his name

Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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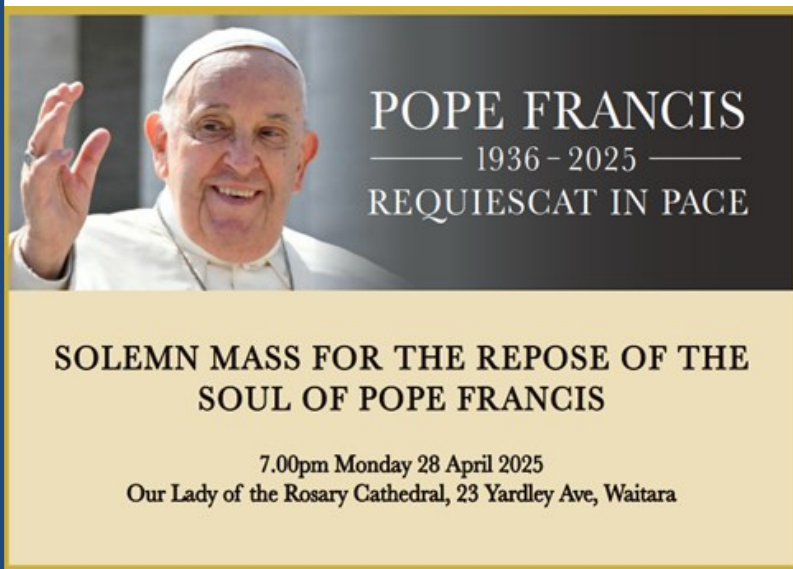
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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is with great sadness we mourn the passing of Pope Francis. The Holy Father passed away at Casa Santa Marta at 7:35am local Rome time.

A prophetic leader, Pope Francis served as the Bishop of Rome and shepherd of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics since 2013 following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1997 before Pope John Paul II made him cardinal in 2001.

During his years in Argentina, and later in Rome, his lifestyle was simple and humble, living in a small apartment, using public transport and working with the homeless and poor.

Even when elected Pope on 13 March 2013, he chose not to live in the official papal residence in the Apostolic Palace but instead in the Vatican guest house.

Pope Francis was the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas and the first from the Southern Hemisphere. His parents and grandparents were from northern Italy.

He convoked synods on the family (2014) and youth (2018), however the Synod on Synodality in 2023/2024 is seen by many as the culmination of his papacy, and one of the most important events in the Church since the Second Vatican Council.

As we grieve the passing of Pope Francis, let us remember in our prayers his commitment and unwavering dedication to justice, peace, and hope.

A courageous leader, his papacy will be remembered for its call to reform, to embrace mercy, and to build bridges of understanding.

May we find strength in his papal teaching as we continue the journey of faith in this Holy Year that Pope Francis dedicated to hope, asking us all to be Pilgrims of Hope.

Since we are in the Easter Octave, it is not permitted to offer Votive Masses for the Dead. However, from Tuesday 22 April, during the nine days of mourning known as Novendiales, I ask you to offer Mass for the repose of his soul, to mention him by name in the intercession for the dead during the Eucharistic Prayer, and to pray for Pope Francis in the Universal Prayers.

From Monday 28 April, I would ask all priests in Broken Bay to offer Votive Masses for a dead Pope, the texts for which can be found in the Roman Missal.

The Holy See is expected to announce details of the funeral to be held at St Peter's in the Vatican shortly, which we will also make available to you.

I will also preside at A Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara with the clergy and the faithful of Broken Bay, details of which will be conveyed to you and all the faithful once finalised.

Finally, a reminder that from now until the election of a new Pope, no name is mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer, except for that of the Bishop.

Pray for our dear Holy Father who has fallen asleep in the Lord. Pray that Jesus, the Good Shepherd may receive him into the green pastures in Paradise.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



Requiescat in pace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

Dear All in Christ, Bishop Anthony has requested that all priests in Broken Bay offer *votive masses for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis*. ***We will on the Friday of the second week of Easter 2nd May celebrate a mass at 9 am and one at 7.30 pm for the above intention. May Pope Francis rest in peace.*** It also happens to be the First Friday. So, we will have the normal adoration of the Blessed sacrament at 7 pm.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we reflect on God's Mercy, forgiveness, compassion and fidelity. Pope John Paul II in his Encyclical "Rich in Mercy" says: "*The Church lives an authentic life when it professes and proclaims mercy, the most stupendous attribute of the creator and redeemer and when she brings people close to the source of the Saviour's mercy of which she is trustee and dispenser.*" "The pope placed great emphasis upon the sacrament of Penance. He says: "*It is the sacrament of penance or reconciliation that prepares the way for each individual even those weighed down with great faults. In this great sacrament each person can experience mercy in a unique way, for love is greater than sin.*"

In today's Gospel Jesus says to the apostles: "*whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven.*" This is the scriptural basis for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Placing great trust in the mercy of God ourselves in the sacrament of reconciliation and by showing mercy to others through spiritual and corporal works of mercy we are invited in turn to be merciful and forgiving to others and so break the spiral of violence with the miracle of forgiveness making this world a better place and gaining eternal life. Forgiveness is the glue that holds the world together.



Everyone of us is entirely dependent on God's mercy for, "*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*" (Rom 3). In the Our Father we pray show me mercy Lord as I show mercy to others. So, it is imperative that we show mercy and forgiveness to others if we want to experience God's mercy in its fullness.

There are two main ways we may show mercy to others namely spiritual and corporal: -

Spiritual: Praying for the dead, counselling the doubtful, forgiving offences, offering prayers and sacrifices united to Christ's offering.

Corporal: Giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, blankets to the needy, practical help to refugees etc.

When we so act God considers these as done unto Him and we gain eternal life in these acts of love and mercy.

God Bless,
Fr Greg.

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When: May 3, 10am - 4pm

Hope: Present and Eternal

Presenter: Mr Matthew Delasey, OCDS

When: June 7, 10am - 4pm

The Roses of St Therese

Presenter: Ms Jill Ditton, OCDS

When: June 12-13 or 13 June

The Artistic and Spiritual Dimensions of the Christmas Story

Presenter: Mr John Charadia & Artist Tutors

When: June 20-22 6pm (Fri) to 12:30pm (Sun)

Let yourself Be Loved

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

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

Join us on Friday the 2nd May for
Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month

**Eucharistic
Adoration**

at 7pm

Followed by

**Votive Mass For The
Repose Of The Soul Of
Pope Francis**

at 7.30pm

**Please note: An additional Votive Mass for Pope
Francis will also be held at the 9am mass**



Social Justice Corner



Vale Pope Francis

As the world mourns the death of Pope Francis and celebrates his exceptional life, we also reflect on his humble and inclusive legacy. His papacy was marked by a deep-seated commitment to promoting peace, inclusion and social justice. His commitment to reaching out to the most marginalised and vulnerable in our community, including refugees, people experiencing poverty and the LGBTQI community, promoting gender equality and the landmark encyclical *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli tutti* was extraordinary.

Pope Francis's compassion and humility in washing female prisoners' feet and welcoming refugees into the Vatican reminded us of our shared humanity and inspired us to act for justice. While our parish mourns the loss of Pope Francis deeply, we can carry forward his remarkable legacy and commitment to a just and sustainable future. Let us pray that his request to "never tire of working for a more just world" guide our parish in the years to come.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving God, today, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis. We know you join us in our grief, that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus. Welcome our beloved Pope Francis into your waiting arms. Envelop him in your eternal love. And comfort us in our mourning as we strive to continue to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love.

Pope Francis, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, comfort us.

Amen.

Source: *The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States*

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Marina Alburquerque; Michelle Fisher;
Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell;
James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia
Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien;
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Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal;
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Hadley; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle
Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan
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**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.**

FEAST DAYS - APRIL

Fri 25th, St Mark, evangelist

Mon 28th, St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr

Tues 29th, St Catherine of Sienna, virgin, doctor



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

FOR APRIL

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new
technologies will not replace human
relationships, will respect the dignity of the person,
and will help us face the crises of our times.



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The Things We Do

*Why do we have so many
ceremonies at Easter?*

The Easter Triduum refers to three key days in the Church's calendar which together express the central mystery of our Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Christ. It begins on Holy Thursday as we focus of Jesus' farewell words and deeds at the Last Supper. It moves to Good Friday when we ponder the events of his suffering and death. It climaxes with the Easter Vigil when celebrate the liberation of human-kind through Christ's resurrection.

This three stage sequence of worship allows us to take in an enormous mystery in small, digestible chunks and to relate it to the various facets of our own lives—the sorrows, joys, successes and failures. Of all the Church's celebrations throughout the year, the Easter Triduum is considered the highpoint.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
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Dear Parishioners,

The parish pastoral council (PPC) invites our parishioners to embark on a journey with us. Over the next few weeks and guided by the Holy Spirit, we will begin to discover what it means to be a Catholic Parish in St Ives in 2025. To start with, we would love to hear your dreams for our church, community and precinct.

Feedback will begin from Easter Sunday at the 8am and 10am masses. Please share your dreams with us in any of the following ways.

Online QR code or https://dzz8.short.gy/CorpusChristi_e4w (QR code below)

Email: CorpusChristi.StIves@gmail.com

Writing - please fill in the questions in the booklets in the church and return it to the Box of Dreams at the back of the church.

Please come and chat to us if you have any questions or comments.

Your Parish Pastoral Council
Fr Greg, Jen Perrott, O'Kelly
Tam, Phil Liang, John Goh,
Sherwell Fernando, Edith Chan



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday
at the 10am Mass

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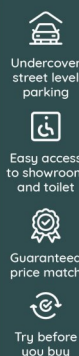
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The Word

Sunday 27 April 2025: Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your
own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v. 1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever. My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.

I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.