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29 June 2025, Solemnity of Peter and Paul

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

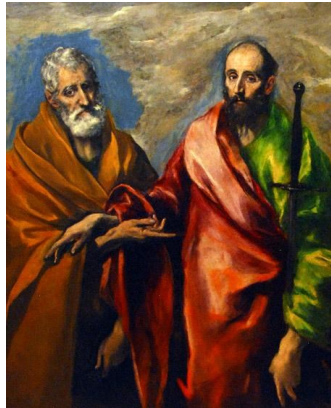
Friday 4 July
First Friday of the Month
7pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass

Wednesday 9 July
Parish Coffee Morning—10:30am
The Living Room, St Ives Village

Sunday 13th July
8am Morning Tea following mass

Sunday 3rd August
Movie Night

Sunday 30th August
Praise & Worship Afternoon



**When Jesus went into the region of
Caesarea Philippi he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say
that the Son of Man is?"
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Peter and Paul didn't always see eye to eye in this life. Paul tells us in Galatians how he stood up to Peter and even rebuked him for what he perceived as hypocrisy or double standards. Paul certainly fought many good fights during his years of mission and witnessing to the Good News of God's grace. We know a little about the later struggles of Peter but have hints through traditions about his martyrdom. Today we remember both for their unwavering devotion to their Lord and learn how each is an example to us of courage, conviction and absolute trust in the power of God to be with them in every circumstance. Jesus' question to his disciples, "*Who do you say I am?*" confronts us always. The clear answer Peter gives, together with the letters of Paul and other writings attributed to him or to Peter, are important starting points for our answer to this ever-relevant question. As members of the church of Jesus, founded on the inspired faith of Peter and Paul, we are invited to support each other in that quest.

Peter says "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.." For Peter the relationship was based on God's unconditional love to us and our loving response to that love.

God Bless, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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**You can now find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiChurchStIves and
Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**

Join us on Friday
the 4th of July
for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every
month

Eucharistic Adoration
at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7:30pm



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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday
at the 10am Mass

Come and bring your children to Children's Liturgy of the Word so they can find out more about Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Includes the Sunday scriptures, prayer and a fun activity. Children return to the church at Communion time.

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THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU



YOU'RE INVITED

At Alpha, you can ask anything! Alpha is a safe place where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning.

And, the great news is, Alpha runs here! Right now, a seat at the table has been prepared for you. All you have to do is come.

Begins Wednesday, 6 August 2025
at 7:00pm in the church hall



Watch Trailer



Register Here

Contact the office on (02) 9144 6998 for more information or scan the below QR codes to find out more and/or register. Registration necessary.



Social Justice Corner



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mass next Sunday 6th July at 10am

Next Sunday is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Sunday (and also the start of ATSIC week), and our Mass will carry this theme in celebration. The Corpus Christi Social Justice Group has, for many years, promoted the three themes of acknowledgement, awareness and education of our First Nations Brothers and Sisters and their contribution to our country.

Singing Up Country - A Celebration of Culture, Music, and Community

Time: 3:30pm – 8:30pm

Date: Sunday, 6 July 2025

Place: St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills

Now in its 11th year, **Singing Up Country**, created and hosted by proud Yaegl musician and Northern Beaches local Michael Birk, returns as a vibrant celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, identity, and connection to Country. This heart-warming, family-friendly event features some of Sydney's finest First Nations musical talent, wrapped in a spirit of deep community and cultural pride. Experience the powerful message that Australia always was and always will be Aboriginal land, and join others in a shared commitment to care for Country.

Enjoy a rich afternoon of culture beginning with a 3:30pm bush walk and Smoking Ceremony, followed by live music, storytelling, and performances from 4pm–8:30pm, with a warm soup supper at intermission, plus a raffle, cultural stalls, and activities for all ages.

Tickets: Concession: \$35 | General: \$55 via TryBooking \$60 at the door | Under 16s FREE Raffle: \$5

More Info: <https://michaelbirkmusic.my.canva.site/singing-up-country-2025>

[Book Now!](#)

Come for the culture, stay for the music, leave with a sense of connection.

One of the most memorable Gai-mariagal music events — don't miss it!

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; 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 Daniela or Davina know.

FEAST DAYS - JUNE/JULY

Sun 29th, St Peter and Paul apostles

Thurs 3rd, St Thomas, apostle

Fri 11th, St Benedict, abbot

Tues 15th, St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI—22 JUNE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our Feast of Corpus Christi celebration. Your dedication, effort, and generous support helped create a truly meaningful and uplifting experience for our community.

A huge thank you to the team who prepared the bbq and provided such delicious food for the occasion. Your contributions added a wonderful sense of fellowship to the day.

Each of you played an important role, and together we created a beautiful and spiritually enriching celebration.

May the blessings of the Holy Eucharist continue to inspire and guide us all.



You're invited to a Parish Coffee Morning

At

New Location

The Living Room Café

Outside Verandah

St Ives Shopping Village

On Wednesday 9 July, 2025

At 10:30am

For more information:

Andrena Brewer:

0438 698 993

RSVP: Just turn up

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord' says the celebrant at the end of Mass. This concluding rite is best understood as a commissioning. Renewed in our relationship as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we are sent forth to share Christ's love with others. In fact, the word *Mass* is derived from the Latin word *missa* which in turn is derived from *mittere*: to send. As you leave the church today, think of how you can reach out to one specific person. Find a practical way of sharing with that person the strength you have drawn from this eucharistic celebration.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: July 5 10am-4pm

The Our Father & The Saints

Presenter: Ms Barbara Stenning, OCDS

When: August 2 10am-4pm

The Beautiful Book

Presenter: Fr Bernard Hancock, OCD

When: September 6 10am—4pm

Called to Be

Presenter: Ms Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

Please join us for Morning Tea

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday, 13th July

Please bring a small plate to share (if you can)

Catch up with old friends, meet new friends.

We look forward to seeing you



Photo from the Morning Teas



What is The Culture Project?

The Culture Project is a movement of university students who volunteer their time to promote chastity and authentic love to high school and other university students.

You are invited to join us for a night of dinner, socialising, a keynote by renowned Catholic theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, auction and raffle draw prizes.

It will be a night to dress up in cocktail attire to celebrate the past decade of The Culture Project in Australia and to look forward with hope at the doors the Lord is opening for us to build a movement of young Australians on fire with the message of love and life through the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Come and join us at the Epping Club on Thursday 28th August for a 3 course meal and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks at \$99 per person or \$990 for a table of 10. Thousands of young hearts and lives are waiting for this message, and the families and parishes of the next generation depend upon them hearing it. Be part of the change and register now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1395700>



Thank You – Sacrament of Confirmation

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening such a joyful and faith-filled occasion for our candidates and their families.

A special thank you to Bishop Anthony for presiding over the ceremony with such warmth and wisdom. We are deeply grateful for your pastoral care and encouragement.

To our priests, sacramental team, musicians, acolytes, and all parish volunteers – thank you for the time, dedication, and prayer you brought to this important journey. Your support truly reflected the love and unity of our parish community.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire our newly confirmed as they grow in faith and discipleship.



Please have a look through the lost and found items in the foyer. Any items not claimed not claimed by Monday 14th July will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. Thank you!



HOPES AND DREAMS FOR ST IVES PARISH

'Forming a picture of the future that is in harmony with our values and produces passion'

Corpus Christi has the vision to be *"an invitational parish that leads people to experience and respond to God's love, continually growing in relationship with Jesus as missionary disciples who connect and serve, pray and worship, give and actively share our gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Parish Vision).

We have started to embark on the journey with you, our parishioners, and guided by the Holy Spirit, to try to discover what it means to be a Catholic parish in St Ives in 2025. In our journey together, we will:

- Develop or clarify our parish mission
- Agree new priorities for our parish
- Consider strengths and opportunities in the community that we operate in

The first step in our journey together was a call to share our dreams. The sharing of our dreams gave us the first hints of where, through each one of us, the Spirit may be leading us.

Thank you for those who responded to our request for hopes and dreams for our parish. Your input is vital because such information provides clear direction which leadership would want to respect before making any important decisions or plans for the future of the parish.

This is the very beginning stage and so I would like to give you further feedback on what you envisaged. The basic feedback for St Ives Parish, for the parish community and dreams for the church and school precinct falls into three main categories:

1. Dreams
2. Obstacles or challenges
3. First things to focus on

In terms of feedback from our survey on "Hopes and Dreams", we reported on the hopes and dreams part, but not the challenges and obstacles. Hence, I will give a summary of this in this report.

From the above information we will later invite you to a more general meeting with a specific key question, coupled most likely with some hospitality, followed by some prayer, listening to your feedback on the key question in small groups in a way that is sensitive to the Spirit in a synodal approach as Chatswood has done. They went forward slowly and gently, wanting to listen to everyone in a way that was sensitive to the Spirit, as did the Rome synodal approach, over a couple of years.

Concise Report: Dreams and Challenges for St Ives Church and Parish Community

Part 4: Obstacles or Challenges

Several key challenges were highlighted which may hinder progress towards the parish's vision:

- **Declining attendance** at Mass and a decrease in interest in the faith, especially among younger generations

- **Time pressures** on parishioners, as many are "time poor" and balancing family/work commitments
- **Volunteers** are in short supply and those involved may feel overburdened, making it difficult to keep parish activities running smoothly
- **Financial constraints** are an ongoing concern, as fundraising efforts are increasingly placed on the same group of parishioners
- **Resistance to change** in some parts of the leadership and congregation, with traditional ways of doing things being difficult to challenge
- **Cultural and societal shifts**—secularism, social media and a perceived decline in moral/spiritual values, pose challenges in engaging the community

Part 5: First things to focus on

To address these challenges and achieve the dreams, the following steps were identified as priorities:

- **Strengthening youth engagement** including alter serving programs, mass songs appealing to children and fun events for teenagers
- **Building a more vibrant, welcoming community** through social events like picnics, hikes and other informal gatherings to bring people together
- **Enhancing the worship experience** by improving the beauty of the mass and offering more spiritual opportunities such as adoration and confession
- **Engaging with the school community** ensuring better integration of school children in church life and fostering a stronger relationship between parish and school
- **Streamlining volunteer efforts** to reduce burnout and ensure greater participation across all age groups, particularly young adults
- **Incorporating more relevant and spiritually enriching sermons** and homilies that speak directly to the needs and lives of parishioners

Conclusion

The St Ives Church community seeks a vibrant, inclusive parish where young people, families and the wider community feel connected and supported. While facing challenges like declining attendance and volunteer shortages, there is a clear desire to revitalise the parish through stronger youth engagement, more community-driven events and a more spiritually enriching liturgy. By focusing on these key areas, the parish hopes to become a beacon of faith and hope in St Ives.



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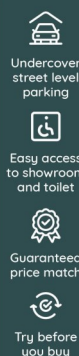
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The Word

Sunday 29 June 2025: Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

Collect

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. *(R.)*
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. *(R.)*

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Please note: the response for the 10am mass will be "The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him"