

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
October 12

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,



On Thursday, we celebrated the **feast day of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux** (1873-1897), honouring the beloved Carmelite nun known as the "Little Flower" and Doctor of the Church. Many in our parish have a love and devotion for this great saint.

It is not an exaggeration to say St Thérèse has had an enormous, worldwide influence because she made holiness and spiritual perfection accessible to ordinary people through her famous teaching known as the 'Little Way.'

During her brief 24 years of life, she remained largely a hidden, cloistered Carmelite nun in Normandy, France.

Some key insights and features of St Thérèse's spirituality:

The "Little Way": Focus on doing ordinary things with extraordinary love, trusting completely in God like a little child.

Spiritual Childhood: Approach God with the simple, humble trust of a small child.

Small Things, Great Love: Perform everyday tasks with immense love, without complaint or grand gestures.

Trust in Mercy: Be honest about your weaknesses and shortcomings, relying on the mercy of God.

How can we live the spirituality of St Therese?

Morning Offering: Begin your day by offering every moment, task, and challenge to God with a specific, simple intention.

Scatter Flowers (Small Acts of Love): Look for simple unseen opportunities to show kindness, like 'holding your tongue' when annoyed, doing a chore your spouse usually handles, or welcoming a stranger.

Avoid Complaining: Bear the irritations and annoyances of everyday life in patient silence, offering them up as quiet sacrifices.

Embrace the Ordinary: Treat routine tasks like washing dishes, doing laundry, or answering emails as sacred duties done directly for Jesus.

Evening Reflection: Review your day briefly to notice where you loved well, acknowledge where you fell short, and offer your imperfect day back to God with complete trust.

Of course, beyond this, we can undertake retreats and read & study the works of St Thérèse.

May St Thérèse inspire each of us in our life of faith, and may she bless each family and our Corpus Christi community.

Fr Paul

PLEASE NOTE: The full text of Fr Paul's reflection is available in the parish eNews

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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
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WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do we pray the Rosary?

One might look upon the Rosary as a precious heirloom passed down through generations of our faith family. Essentially, it is a simple, repetitive prayer by which we reflect on the life, death and glorification of Christ through the eyes and heart of his mother. According to a tradition that dates back on to the 15th century, St Dominic founded the devotion of the Rosary. Other evidence, however, suggests that it developed gradually, especially under the influence of the Cistercian and Dominican religious orders. The Rosary is one way we can prayerfully contemplate the mysteries of our faith.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - OCTOBER



For the mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PRAYER ZONE



Recently Deceased: Shirley Beng Poh Cheah

Please pray for the ill: Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; 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 - OCTOBER

Oct 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary - 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!

Our Deepest Sympathy

Shirley Beng Poh Cheah



The Corpus Christi parish family extends its prayerful sympathy to family, relatives and friends of Shirley Beng Poh Cheah.

Shirley's Requiem Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday, the 6th of October. May Shirley experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

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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Morning tea**

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday 11th October, 2026

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.





Please bring a small plate to share if you can

Corpus Christi Parish

Coffee Morning

14th October, 2026
at 10:30 am
On the Verandah
at The Living Room
St Ives Shopping Centre

Everyone welcome.
*Come and catch up with old friends,
meet new friends.*

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SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 7PM
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Social Justice Corner



St. Francis of Assisi

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The feast day marks the day after his death, 800 years ago, on 3 October 1226.

St. Francis is often remembered as one of the mild-mannered saints, known and loved chiefly for his humility, love of animals and people, and simple lifestyle. Yet he was in many ways a radical advocate of social change. As Pope Francis writes in the Encyclical "Laudato Si," St. Francis was:

the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. . . . He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.

St. Francis' song "Canticle of the Creatures," praising God for the beauty of nature, provides the title of the Encyclical, meaning "praised be to you" in St. Francis' native Umbrian. Francis' life and teachings emphasise that every component of creation has intrinsic value and deserves care.

Reflecting on the Franciscan value of "care for creation" invites us to consider our actions and their impact on the world. It challenges us to move beyond a consumerist mindset and embrace a more sustainable and compassionate way of living. Whether through reducing waste, supporting eco-friendly initiatives, or advocating for environmental justice, we can all contribute to this enduring Franciscan legacy.

The Franciscan call to care for creation is as relevant today as it was 800 years ago, guiding us toward a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

Source:

<https://www.sfc.edu/blog/st-francis-of-assisi-a-reverence-for-nature>

<https://www.nrdc.org/bio/kit-kennedy/st-francis-assisi-inspiration-popes-encyclical-climate-change>



HEALING MASS

WITH FR. JUSTIN TORRES

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will celebrate Healing Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fr. Justin will lead prayers for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing, followed by individual anointing and the Laying of the Tilda of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Bring your family and friends and join us for this special evening of prayer and hope. All are welcome.

9 OCTOBER 2026, Friday at 7pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara



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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.

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.





Serra International Vocations Ministry

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

Guest Speaker
Fr Joey Frez

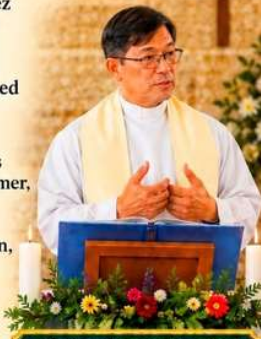
Looking for Catholic Vocations

 Born in the Philippines, Fr Joey Frez first sensed a call to the priesthood as a young boy. Although financial circumstances prevented him from entering the seminary, God continued to lead him on an extraordinary journey.

 After emigrating to the United States and working as a computer programmer, he entered Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, served as a deacon at St Cecilia Catholic Church, Beaverton, and was ordained to the priesthood on 29 May 2010 for the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

 In 2019, Fr Joey moved to Australia and joined the Diocese of Broken Bay, serving in Epping, Carlingford, Holy Name Parish Wahroonga, and Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

 In January 2025, he was appointed Diocesan Director for Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.



EVENT DETAILS

 Wednesday 21st October 2026

 6:30 p.m.

 Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

 RSVP: Terry Scanlan
 M: 0438 887 295
 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com

DISCUSSION POINT

A review of vocations in Broken Bay Diocese.

❧ **All Welcome** ❧

Join us for an evening of faith, vocation, and fellowship.



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Diocesan Administrator of Broken Bay

&

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Saturday 7 November 2026 at 11.30am

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EXTRAORDINARY FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CHURCH 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.

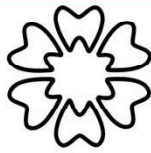
An initial fundraising appeal earlier in the year was held and this raised \$25,000. We are extremely grateful for those fundraising efforts and the generosity of those who contributed. However, we need to raise an additional \$50,000 to move forward with this replacement system.

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.

Fr Paul, the Parish Finance Committee & Soundsystem Working Group



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The Word

Sunday, 4 Oct 2026:
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 Isaiah Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and
planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug
a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it
gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I
ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the
nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great
River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all
who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by
the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven
and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand
has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may
call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 4:6-9
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and
that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus.

Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure,
everything that we love and honour, and everything that can
be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the
things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me
and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will
be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who
planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it
and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to
the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his
servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next
he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and
they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son
to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the
tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir.
Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they
seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches
to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who
will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus
said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:
It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord’s doing
and it is wonderful to see?
‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you
and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION ON READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Reflection on the Word for - prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7). This talks about the owner of a vineyard who did everything he possibly could for his vineyard, yet all it produced was sour grapes. The owner of the vineyard is God. The vineyard stands for the people of Israel. The care lavished on the vineyard by its owner represents God's care for his people. God expected justice from his people, but all he got was bloodshed.

Because the vineyard failed to respond to God's gracious care, it will become what it had been without his favour, namely, a wilderness. The Gospel echoes the First Reading.

Second Reading (Philippians 4:6-9). In this beautiful reading St Paul warns the converts at Philippi against worry and anxiety, and advises them as to how they should pray and live in order to enjoy the peace of God.

Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43). Here we have the second of St Matthew's three parables concerned with the judgement of Israel - the evil vinedressers.

The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God, who were so often rejected and killed. The 'son and heir' is Jesus himself whom they killed. Jesus tells them that the vineyard will be taken from the original tenants (the Jews), and let out to other tenants (the Gentiles).

The original parable was probably a much simpler and more straight-forward one, along the lines of Isaiah's parable.

By the time St Matthew was writing his Gospel, Jesus had been crucified, Jerusalem destroyed, and the Gentiles had become part of God's people. So St Matthew interprets the parable in the light of these events.

He is making clear that Jesus is 'the stone rejected by the builders', who has become the cornerstone of a new building - the new people of God that includes the Gentiles.



The Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen