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4 September 2022, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
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 Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg on Zoom

**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 4 September
Father's Day morning tea
Parish Hall after 10am mass

**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.



***I, Paul, an old man, and now
also a prisoner for Christ
Jesus, urge you on behalf of
my child Onesimus
(Second Reading)***

Dear Parishioners

‘ Who can know the intentions of God?’ (Wisdom 9:13). This question often arises when we cannot understand or have difficulty accepting our life experiences or situations.

Sometimes, the uncertainties we face here on earth strengthen our desire to be with God for ever. At other times they raise more questions about heaven’s reality. But we can take courage from God’s reassurance and our experience that God has been our refuge from generation to generation (Psalm 89). Saint Paul writes his letter to Philemon from prison, having lived through many challenges and hardships. He asks Philemon to accept back the slave, Onesimus, not as a slave but as a dear brother in Christ, and with him a part of Paul’s own self.

The attitude of welcoming is also fostered in the Gospel, despite the statement about hating ‘ mother and father’ which usually shocks us when we read it. Jesus is using a kind of reverse psychology. He is stressing that our primary commitment must be to him. This will ensure that we don’t have an undue attachment to others in order to meet our own needs, but that our relationship with others are welcoming, and our hearts open for everyone. Let us make this a priority in the upcoming week.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 2022/23

Corpus Christi Parish would like to invite you to this year's RCIA program. It is an opportunity for everyone, Catholic and Non-Catholic, to review the formation of the Catholic Faith in the 21st Century. Ever wondered what is the value in being a practising Catholic in today's Church?

In previous years, almost everyone who has attended the sessions has thoroughly enjoyed the interactive lecture experience and the discussion between members. The sessions, run for about 1 to 1.5 hours each week, finishing with tea or coffee and an open discussion. There are about 25 sessions in all and we are hoping to start in mid-September. We take breaks during Christmas and school holidays. The whole course is scheduled to be completed before Easter 2023.

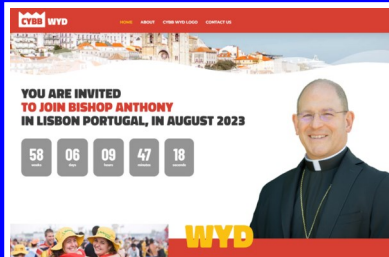
If you are interested, please contact the Halina Pazniewski by phone 0401 319 568. We will respond with dates, agenda and possible session times. **There are no costs involved.**

BEWARE OF SPAM EMAILS

One of our parishioners has received spam emails that appear to be signed off by Fr Greg Chee. If you receive an email that says:

Hello, I have a request for you to manage discretely. I will appreciate a swift correspondence via email. Blessings, Fr Greg Chee, OCD.

Please do not respond and delete.



World Youth Day 2023 is a global gathering of Catholic Youth – and it is just one year away!

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to Italy and onto Lisbon, Portugal where thousands of young people will gather for this amazing event.

Register at <https://bbwyd.org.au>



YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

We are hoping to build up community between the families of young children in our parish. Please join us at our next Pray and Play, on Sunday 18 September, after the 10am Mass. We will share an early lunch together while the children play and adults chat.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Edith Chan (underscribe@gmail.com) or Charmaine Lubbe (charmaine.lubbe1@gmail.com) for more details.

Corpus Christi
MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY 10TH SEPT

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4:30-6pm

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:
Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, 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 the office know.

Social Justice Corner

Season of Creation

The Catholic community was invited to participate in the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on the 1st of September. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2022, Pope Francis calls us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation". He warns that we are reaching "a breaking point" and must act decisively so that "we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope."

Praised Be
Living God, have mercy on us,
for the times we forget that we belong to each other.
You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind,
to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun,
and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.
Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth,
and nurture one another, so all may flourish.
Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD

FEAST DAYS— SEPTEMBER

Thursday 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 13th, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Thursday 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday 16th, Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Father's Day Morning Tea

Dads of all ages and their families are warmly invited to celebrate Father's Day 2022 with morning tea in the company of the parish community.

*Date: Sunday 4 September
Time: after 10am mass
Where: Church Hall*

Frs Greg, Sunny and Gerard and the Parish office staff wish all fathers, grandfathers and father figures a very happy Father's Day!

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Dear Parishioners

As with the previous year this year to June 2022 has been another challenging one for our priests, our parish and our 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.

Parishioners were advised last year that the diocese intended selling Murphy house, which is the priory occupied by our parish priests. The sale was completed on 10 December 2021, subject to a lease back arrangement until December 2023. This lease back allows the parish time to build a new presbytery and allows our Carmelite priests to remain in residence. The full amount of the lease is being paid for by the diocese. We are grateful to the diocese for this arrangement. As a result, your finance committee together with the help of suitably qualified parishioners formed a sub-committee to work on a plan to rehouse our parish priests in a suitable presbytery. The first meeting of this sub-committee took place in July 2021. A land survey was carried out and plans were drawn up. A full briefing was presented to parishioners on 25 and 28 August.

We were very fortunate to have received two substantial donations towards the building of the new presbytery. One was an amount of \$10,000 from the estate of the late Robert Simpson who was the lead architect on the project. We received another donation of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor and we are most grateful for both those donations. ***If you would like to donate to the building project please contact Fr Greg, Michelle Miles (in the parish office on 9144 6998) or Ed Wales (our finance officer on 0412 626 258).***

On the finance side we suffered a slight deficit that would have been greater but for the generosity of our parishioners. We are pleased to report that the loan taken out for the roof repair and the hall renovations is now paid off, so we have no outstanding liabilities at present. We received two grants from the NSW Government because of the decline in our revenue. This helped reduce our deficit for the year. Our Mothers' Day cake stall raised \$3,660 and we are grateful to Kit Ling Chow and her helpers for organising this. We also thank Kit 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.

During the year we said goodbye to Belinda, our office manager, and thank her very much for the contribution she has made to the parish. Michelle has taken over the role and we thank her for taking on this responsibility.

Parishioners will have noticed that a new banner has been put up on the Mona Vale Road side of the church advertising the hall for hire. This has led to several bookings being taken for various events, such as children's birthday parties and other family events. The pandemic has unfortunately severely curtailed our ability to hold social and fund-raising events. Now with very few restrictions in place we are looking forward to holding parish events over the coming year. Parishioners will be advised of all upcoming events as they are organised.

In order to be able to better plan and budget our finances we are slowly phasing out our envelope collection and requesting 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 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). In February we were pleased to appoint a parish youth minister, Natalie Yeung, to assist in revitalising our youth. We wish her well in this role. 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 has done in working with the families to prepare the children for the sacraments. Over the year we had 83 children through the programme, 42 for confirmation and 41 for first Reconciliation. 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. Due to COVID we are struggling to get 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	22
Weddings	0
Funerals	18

Parish Team and staff - Our thanks to Belinda Camilleri and Michelle Miles 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	11
<i>(8 parishioners and 3 ex-officio representing the schools and the diocese)</i>	
Parish Finance Committee	6
Hall booking co-ordinator	1
Weekly counters of Parish and Charities Collections	not active due to Covid
Wardens who organise the collection and support parishioners	3
Altar Society	3
Altar linen	6
Lectors at weekly and Sunday masses	50
Music ministry	35
Acolytes, senior and junior servers	15
Communion to the sick, elderly and housebound	20
Welcoming and hospitality	not active due to Covid
Morning tea	not active due to Covid
Liturgy Committee	4
Childrens' Liturgy	0
Adult and young adult Lectio groups	16
Floral arrangers	9
Social Justice Group	8
Piety stall	not active due to Covid
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 help please contact the Parish Office as it would help share the load with those already involved. As the current lockdown restrictions are over we particularly need volunteers for the catechist and children's liturgy ministries. 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 2021 to 30 June 2022

	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-22	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-21	ACTUAL \$ 30-Jun-20
INCOME			
Planned Giving Credit Cards and Envelopes	142,766	149,386	151,683
Loose Second Collection	17,447	20,601	42,251
Tap & Go	21,690	30,120	2,390
Donations	3,942	5,033	1,860
Pastoral Activities, Piety store & other income	18,845	22,811	10,579
Bulletin Advertising	2,652	7,013	1,560
Alpha	-	1,931	12,236
Discipleship	195	2,920	620
Formation	6,320	-	-
Interest Received	673	1,256	4,042
Building donations	100	100	4,348
Job Keeper Subsidy	-	54,000	24,000
Cash Boost Stimulus	-	10,000	10,000
Fund raising income -Mothers Day Raffle	3,660	3,709	-
Total Income	218,290	308,880	265,568
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Church Requisites	8,349	6,691	8,354
Employment Expenses including on-costs	127,963	125,137	111,366
Job Keeper Expense	-	32,377	32,736
Insurance	22,323	20,357	21,101
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	14,025	16,368	17,335
Office Expenses	6,655	11,880	16,268
Pastoral programmes, Admin. & other exp.	4,180	8,545	15,538
Alpha Program	3,581	3,742	12,658
Discipleship Program	1,323	3,069	1,944
Formation	1,962	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	34,188	39,879	30,959
Clergy Car Expenses	8,959	8,566	7,992
Interest repayment on Roof Loan	133	1,271	3,249
Total Operating Expenses	233,642	277,882	279,499
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(15,351)	30,998	(13,931)
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	28,512	1,910	
Total Non -recurring expenses		(16,333)	(9,393)
Roof Repayments to 30 June 2022	(13,321)	(33,401)	(33,401)
Surplus / (Deficit) after roof repayments	(\$160)	(\$16,825)	(\$56,725)

Parish Presbytery Briefing - Update

As advertised in recent weeks, information sessions outlining the progress of planning carried out by the Sub-Committee, appointed by the Parish Finance Committee (PFC), have now been provided to parishioners. The content included the details of the proposed new Presbytery and refurbishment of the existing Presbytery/Office building. This content was presented to parishioners on both Thursday evening 25 August and Sunday morning after the 10am mass 28 August.

We are pleased to report that the proposed Presbytery design and concept was well received by parishioners (approximate total of 76) who attended these sessions. PFC Chairperson, Claude Jugmans, informed attendees that during recent meetings with representatives of the Diocesan Office, verbal approval of the design concepts was received. Encouraging support was also shown for the Presbytery project currently being undertaken.

Importantly, it was good to see participants of both sessions, become very involved in the questioning, suggestions and discussion surrounding this matter. The PFC thanks those who were able to attend for their interest and input.

To assist the process of informing the broader parish community, details of the proposed Presbytery design are currently being added to the Parish website and should be available on the website early next week. Additionally, large copies of the design are being prepared for posting on the windows adjacent to the Church entrance.

The next step(s) in this project will be to:

- Complete a formal application to the Diocese for project approval
- Apply for funding via the Catholic Development Fund (CDF)
- Apply to Council for a DA
- Obtain indicative quotes

While these steps are being undertaken (3-6 months), a fund raising committee is to be formed to encourage and co-ordinate all efforts to raise funds for the project. No doubt, parishioners will hear more about this in coming months.

As detailed during the above information sessions, no commitment has been made as to the funding of this project apart from expenses involved to progress this matter to Council for a Development Application.

The PFC will advise parishioners of any future developments via the e-News, Parish Bulletin and the website.

Further questions

Further questions relating to this project and/or proposed design should be directed to **Ian Gibson** (email ian.gibson51@gmail.com) who will respond to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, questions should be directed to someone who is best qualified to provide the required details.

Corpus Christi Parish Finance Committee



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The Word

Sunday 4 September 2022, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Wisdom Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming
mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth, laborious to know what lies within our
reach; who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit
from above? Thus have the paths of those on
earth been straightened and men been taught
what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R.
v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go
back, sons of men.' To your eyes a
thousand years are like yesterday, come
and gone, no more than a watch in the
night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like
grass which springs up in the morning. In the
morning it springs up and flowers: by
evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that
we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent!
Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your
servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we
shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the
favour of the Lord be upon us: give success
to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to Philemon Phlm 9-10, 12-17

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very
dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you
for a child of mine, whose father I became while
wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending
him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of
my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me;
he could have been a substitute for you, to help me
while I am in the chains that the Good News has
brought me. However, I did not want to do anything
without your consent; it would have been forcing your
act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know
you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it
was only so that you could have him back for ever, not
as a slave any more, but something much better than a
slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how
much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a
brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common
means anything to you, welcome him as you would
me.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 14:25-33
*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be
my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother, wife, children,
brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be
my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he
laid the foundation and then found himself unable to
finish the work, the onlookers would all start making
fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to
build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king
marching to war against another king would not first sit
down and consider whether with ten thousand men he
could stand up to the other who advanced against him
with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king
was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue
for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my
disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.