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**5 March 2023, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Second Thursday  
of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick —9am

**First Friday of Every Month  
- 7 April 2023**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Thursday evenings**  
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John  
Prayer Group  
7:30-9pm in the Church

**Sunday 5 March**  
School Rock Mass—6pm

**Monday 6 March**  
PPC Meeting  
Parish Office—7pm

**Saturday 11 March**  
Pilgrim Mother Apostolate  
Renewal of the crowning of  
Mother Mary  
Parish Hall 3-5pm

**Thursday 16th March**  
Craft Group in Hall at 10:30am



***And he was transfigured  
before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes  
became white as light  
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners

What is the Transfiguration? What is happening on the mountain? Why did Jesus take the three disciples with him? These are important questions because without them we might misunderstand the event. St Luke tells us that they went up to the mountain to pray. If we read Matthew this way, the passage takes us into the prayer of Jesus. The disciples are privy to Jesus in his relationship with his Father. Have you seen someone absorbed in prayer? It can be an unforgettable experience of the beauty of a person in love with God; they person is changed. A person at one with God is most attractive to meet. This is the power of holiness alive. The disciples are overwhelmed by seeing Jesus in this relationship with his Father. Peter asks that they might stay here always. Oh to remain in the presence of God! Prayer also challenges us and helps us in our present needs. Before ascending the mountain, Jesus and his disciples struggled with is pending passion and death. The climax of the Transfiguration is the Father affirming his love for the Son and what will take place in Jerusalem. Jesus descends the mountain consoled by his Father and the disciples will walk to Jerusalem with Jesus.  
May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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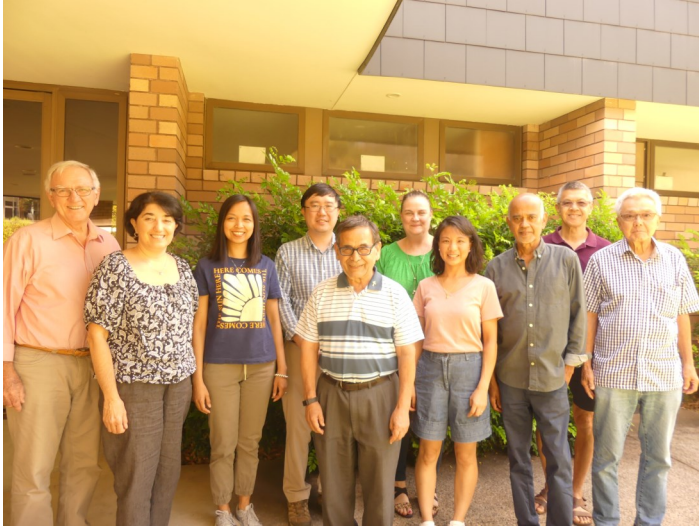
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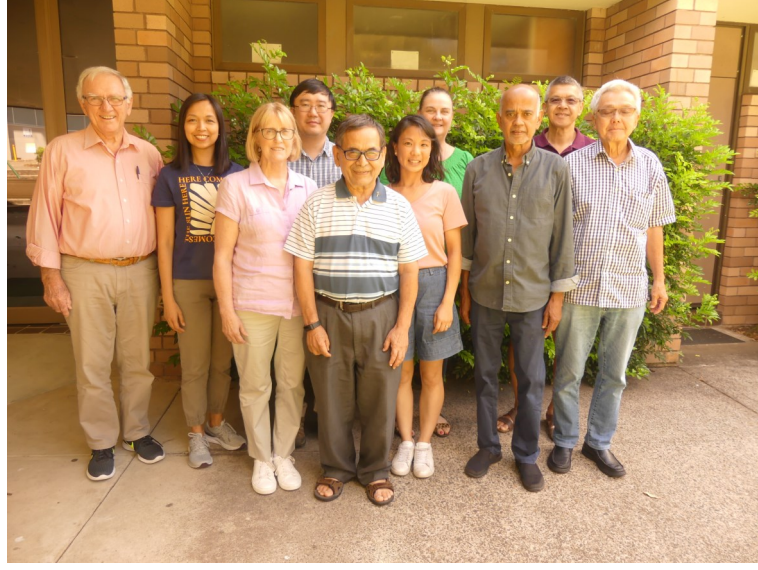
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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL- SPIRIT Led Planning.

The members of the parish Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) got together last Saturday to discuss, refine existing plans and develop new action plans towards achieving the parish vision. The program started off with gam mass and continued with Father Greg leading prayers invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



The PPC will soon keep you informed of these developments and seek your views and help towards achieving the parish vision goals.



Pilgrim Mother Apostolate members invite all parishioners to afternoon tea to celebrate the renewal of the crowning of Mother Mary.

Date: Saturday, 11 March 2023

Time: 3:00 – 5:00PM

Place: Corpus Christi Parish Hall

For more information contact Crystal D’Souza – mob: 0498 256 509

### EASTER CHOIR



Easter is fast approaching and we are locking in choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum. Dates are:

**Holy Thursday 6th April**

**Good Friday 7th April**

**Easter Vigil 8th April**

The rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday** evenings in the Church from **7-8:30pm** on the **8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th of March**. A tentative additional rehearsal can also be held on the 5th of April after the 10am mass. This will be confirmed closer to the date. There will also be a rehearsal one hour prior to the Triduum masses. Please come along and join in to make this Easter a truly memorable one.



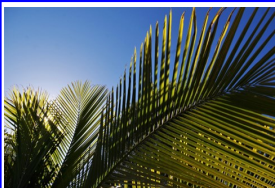
Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while

raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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### LARGE PALM LEAVES

Do you have Palm Trees at home? We need some large palms to decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

Assistance can be offered to cut and collect the palms. Please contact Michelle in the Parish office if you can help.





### Social Justice Corner

#### World Day of Social Justice

On February 20th, World Day of Social Justice was observed. This year's theme is "Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice", highlighting the need to identify and remove obstacles that prevent people from achieving social justice, and to create opportunities for all individuals to participate fully in society.

World Social Justice Day provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of collaboration and collective action. It calls on individuals, communities, and governments to work together to address systemic issues and create a more equitable and inclusive society. By overcoming barriers and unleashing opportunities for social justice, we can create a brighter future for all people

The theme is particularly relevant given the challenges faced by many people during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as job loss, social isolation, and health disparities. It recognizes the need to address these barriers and create new opportunities for social justice in the post-pandemic world.

One of the key challenges facing social justice today is the erosion of trust in government and our institutions. A growing number of people no longer believe that their governments are acting in their best interests, and this has led to a growing sense of frustration and disillusionment. This lack of trust is particularly evident in the developing world, where corruption and political instability continue to be major issues.

Conversely, opportunities here in Australia such as the referendum for a First Nations Voice to Parliament present an opportunity to bring us together, strengthen the social contract, open pathways for healing, and create a fairer society. To learn more about World Social Justice Day, and ways that we can work to overcome barriers together, please visit: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>  
Source: Harrison.Pocknee, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace

#### SACRAMENTAL UPDATE

Last weekend the Candidates for the Reconciliation were presented to the parish and celebrated Mass with a special blessing from the church community. They also received their "prayer Buddies" who are part of the congregation that will pray for them as they go on their sacramental journey.



### Prayer Zone

**Anniversary:** Mdm Helen Ng

#### Please pray for the ill:

Noel Carmody; 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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, 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 the office know.***

#### 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.

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# Welcome and Thank You to our New Catechists

**We Still Need Catechists and Helpers Urgently Needed  
This Weekend!**

Welcome and Thank You to our new catechists and helpers who joined us last weekend. We still need 6 new catechists and 13 helpers (of all ages 18-99+) and a number of people willing to be available to relieve catechists when they are away for a short period when they travel or are sick. More gentlemen in the team would also be wonderful. We also have an urgent need for people to join the High School Team.



All resources and training are provided. Many of our catechist's love sharing the good news with our young people and you often hear them say the reason they joined is often not the reason why they stay. For many experience a deepening of their own faith in this process.

St Ives North Public School - Tuesdays			
	Catechist	Helper	Time
Kindergarten	Needed	Needed	1:50-2.20pm
Year 1	Filled	Needed	1:50-2.20pm
Year 2	Filled	Filled	1:50-2.20pm
Year 3	Filled	Needed	2.20-2.50pm
Year 4	Filled	Needed	2.20-2.50pm
Year 5	Filled	Needed	1.00-1.30pm
Year 6	Filled	Needed	1.00-1.30pm
St Ives Public School - Wednesdays			
Kindergarten	Filled	Filled	9:10-9:45am
Year 1/2	Needed	Needed	9:10-9:45am
Year 3/4	Filled	Needed	9:45-10:25am
Year 5/6	Filled	Needed	9:45-10:25am
Turramurra North Public School – Wednesdays			
Kindergarten	Needed	Needed	10:20-10:55am
Year 1/2	Filled	Needed	10:20-10:55am
Year 3/4	Needed	Needed	10:20-10:55am
Year 5/6	Needed	Needed	10:20-10:55am
St Ives Park Public School - Wednesdays			
Kindergarten	Filled	Filled	11:40-12:10pm
Year 1/2	Filled	Filled	11:40-12:10pm
Year 3/4	Filled	Needed	11:40-12:10pm
Year 5/6	Filled	Needed	11:40-12:10pm

Below are the classes we need to fill. Some schools went back this week and the rest in the next two weeks.

*“Often the Holy Spirit will place a calling in our hearts to serve Him this way.”*

We will keep the parish updated as the classes fill.

Often the Holy Spirit will place a calling in our hearts to serve Him this way. I invite you to be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and prayerfully consider, if you can help us. Please put your name on the information request form in the foyer of the church. I would love to answer your questions. Alternatively, please contact Jen Perrott at [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) or call her on 0415 242 898 for more information. We hope you will join us!!

Jen Perrott – Catechist Coordinator



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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## **The Word**

### **Sunday 5 March 2023, 2nd Sunday in Lent**

#### **Collect**

O God, you have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### **First Reading**

From the book of Genesis Gen 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

#### **Second Reading**

From the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News  
The Word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Gospel**

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.