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**5 November 2023, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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:** 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)



***They “tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.”***  
***(Gospel)***

**Every Monday  
(during term time)**

Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am - Hall

**Second Wednesday of Every Month**

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning  
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**Every Friday  
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Hall & Zoom 10am

**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 5 November**

2-4pm Praise & Glory event

**Wednesday 8 November**

Parishioner coffee catch-up  
Archies 10.30am

**Thursday 9 November**

Parish Social Craft Group  
10am in the Hall

**Thursday 16 November**

Carmelite Conversations  
10am in the Parish Hall

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

‘Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble when you’re perfect in every way,’ go the words of an old song. Yesterday, Jesus, used the image of the seats of honour at a wedding feast to teach us about the importance of humility. Today, he personalises it for his audience, accusing Pharisees of ‘wanting to take the place of honour at banquets, and the front seats in synagogues’. And he introduces another sin for us to consider, that of hypocrisy. Note that Jesus doesn’t tell the people to disregard the Pharisees, but he urges his listeners to be alert for any differences in what the Pharisees say in their teaching, and in what they do. He is especially scathing of religious leaders who make a religion a burden for people to shoulder.

Today’s gospel shows us how short is the road from pride to hypocrisy. Do I ever get puffed up with religious importance? Do I then wish to display my ‘righteousness’ for others to see and worse, try to impose it as a burden on others? Do I profess the Gospel but fail to live it? *Dear Lord, help me always be humble and true. Amen.*

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator  
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# Advent 2023

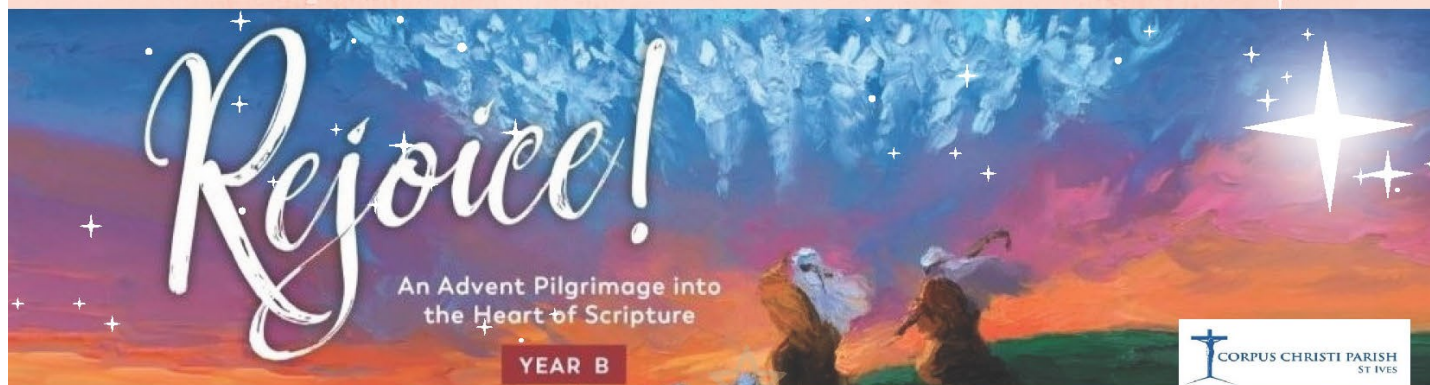


Advent is a special season for the Church. It is the time when the world prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. We often lose sight of the point of this season because we get so caught up in our preparations, and we find ourselves no more transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

One way our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in this powerful season is by engaging in a new program from Ascension. This program is Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture, Year B. This year, we will explore the Sunday Mass readings through daily reflections, prayer and journaling, with weekly prayer videos presented by Fr Mark Toups and his friends Sr Josephine Garrett and Fr Josh Johnson.

We have the opportunity to walk together as a parish this Advent, opening our hearts to hear what God is saying to us in this hectic but blessed season. Because we want to take this journey through Advent together, we will be holding an Advent Mission Night. Each participant will receive a Rejoice! Journal, filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations, to use throughout the Advent season.

Rejoice! Is an opportunity to our whole community to enter the season of Advent intentionally and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season. Join us for our Advent Mission Night on **Wednesday, 29 November 2023 in the hall at 7:30pm** and take full advantage of this transformative experience. Contact the office on (02) 9144 6998 or Jen Perrott at [jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au)



## REGISTER FOR YOUR JOURNAL THIS WEEKEND!

Orders placed next week - Don't Miss Out!

### Three options to join the journey this Advent:

- Join a group that meets weekly in the hall, OR
- Join a group on Zoom for busy people, OR
- Journey on your own

**Cost:** \$24 per journal. You will collect your journal on 29 November in the hall.

**Registration:** on line with the QR Code here, eNews or in the foyer of the church



Everyone registered needs to attend  
Wednesday 29 November 2023  
7:30-9:00pm in the hall

### In the Hall 7:30-9:00pm

Tues, 5th, Dec in church  
Tues, 12th & 19th Dec in hall

### On Zoom 8:00-9:00pm

Mon, 4, 11 & 18 December  
Once registered, you will receive Zoom login

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR OUR PRIESTS



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Our priests have to move as the lease on Murphy House ends in early December. We are looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom, two or three bathroom, house or apartment in the St Ives area, preferably with a double lock up garage to rent for at least 12 months at a reasonable rent of up to \$900 per week.

Could any parishioner who knows of any available properties please contact the Parish office on 9144 6998.

## Prayer Zone

**Please pray for the ill:**  
Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Brendan Seeto; 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; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; 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 Michelle or Christina know.***



### Our Deepest Sympathy Albert Downie

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Albert.

Albert’s funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 7 November at 10:30am. May Albert experience the fullness of Christ’s peace.



### Candles for the month of November

For a gold coin donation, candles will be available to light in the memory of your departed beloved.

## FEAST DAYS NOVEMBER

- Thurs 9th, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Fri 10th, St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
- Sat 11th, St Martin of Tours, bishop
- Fri 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
- Tues 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wed 22, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
- Fri 24th, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs
- Sun 26th, Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
- Thurs 30th, St Andrew, apostle



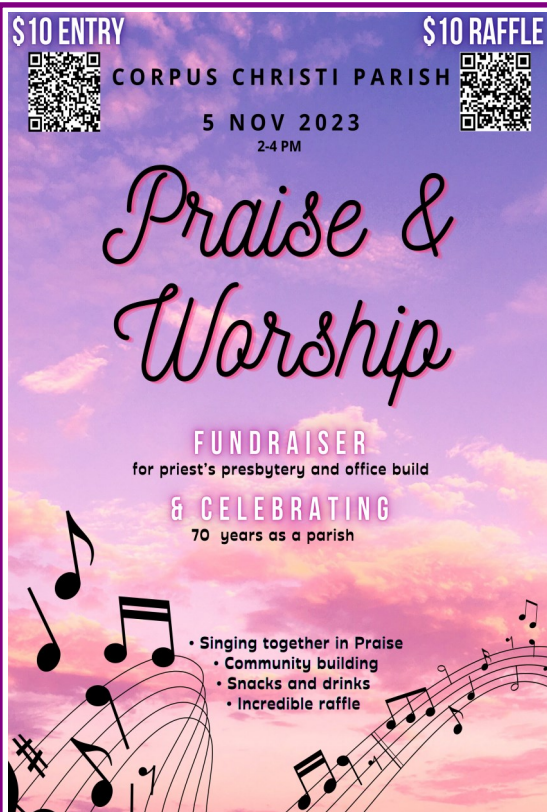
### PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Next get together **Thursday 9 November 2023 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.  
Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

### 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.



## GET YOUR TICKETS now last chance

Support your choirs who sing for you every week at Mass and support your parish by attending the fundraising sing-a-long. Spot prizes on the day include :

- Vet prize worth \$540 (GreenCross Vets Annual membership to Healthy Pets Plus, unlimited free vet consults and vaccinations, dental treats, lead and bandanna)
- coolerboxes
- Coca-cola
- Josephine's famous biscuits
- knife sharpening voucher
- coffee vouchers

Our Raffle is still open - we need \$3820 to reach our target of \$10000. Well done, everyone and thank you. Please keep buying tickets.

Come join this community building, fundraising event and win a weekend away in a 14 sleeper AirBnB at Avoca Beach with your raffle ticket.

Click on the QR Code to listen to the programme of our beautiful traditional and modern Worship Music for the event: Listen in your car, while walking, anywhere, anytime. Enjoy.



Whether you want to just enjoy **listening** as people sing or you want to **sing your heart out**, whether you are there just for the **raffle draw** and **spot prizes** or for the **tea/wine** and **chat** - please come and support our parish fundraiser. Entry is \$10 towards the fundraising: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLWBQ>

**If you can't attend, please buy raffle tickets:** <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=y95k5>

There are 10 fantastic Raffle prizes.

- 1st Prize - AirBnB non-peak weekend away in Avoca Beach (1h10 from St Ives). 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 14 sleeper, amazing sea views - worth \$2875
- 2nd Prize - Oroton Bag - worth \$129
- 3rd Prize - The Living Room Cafe voucher - \$100
- 4th Prize - Clarins Products hamper - worth \$100 (donated by St Ives Professional Skin Care)
- 5th Prize - St Ives Mobile voucher - worth \$100
- 6th Prize - Blooms The Chemist hamper - worth \$100
- 7th Prize - The Deli Hub hamper - worth \$75
- 8th Prize - AM Mart hamper - worth \$60
- 9th Prize - Stanley Street Butchery voucher - worth \$50
- 10th Prize - Knife Sharpener voucher - worth \$50

**If you would like to make a donation towards the presbytery and office rebuild, please contact the office. All donations, big and small, are very welcome!!!!!! It all adds up and we are so grateful.**

Fr Greg Chee OCD



## Social Justice Corner

### Prison Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday of November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. "We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time.

#### **A Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry**

*God of all life,  
Your son called us to be compassionate, just as You are compassionate.  
And so we pray:*

*For our generous Earth,  
Who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish and sustain us.  
May we grow in mutual care.*

*For our suffering peoples,  
Who, even when facing injustices, teach us resilience and hope.  
May we grow in mutual care.*

*For each one of us,  
Who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine love and strength.  
May we grow in mutual care.*

*For our prison ministries,  
Which, in times of change, find new ways of reaching out and in.  
May we grow in mutual care.*

*And may we be blessed and inspired  
As we hear these words anew:  
"For you had compassion for those who were in prison."*

*In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,  
Amen.*



Come and join our Parish Facebook Group to share in the news and photos of all the wonderful things that are happening within our parish! Scan the QR code or join by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>



Pray and Play is for babies, toddlers, and primary school children together with their families.

It is an opportunity for the families to spend time together after Sunday 10am Mass for some running around and a simple lunch. The



next dates are 5 Nov and 3 Dec. We will meet on the grassed area next to the school oval, or in the Church Hall if it is wet. Hope you can make it!



## Parish Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

We are very close to Christmas now and you are all invited to come to the parish choir rehearsals in the church so that we will be ready to sing for the 9 pm Christmas Eve mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December. Even if you are not a regular attender of the choir we would love you to come along.

Our first rehearsal is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm and then every Wednesday at 7 pm until Christmas Eve.**

I know everyone is busy at this time of year and I am hoping you can stretch that little bit more to attend. Even if you cannot come to all the rehearsals you would be most welcome to attend when you can.

CATCH UP WITH  
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISHIONERS

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**DATE CLAIMER**

Our annual Hamper Mass will be held on Sunday 17 December 2023



**Our Lady OF DOLOURS**

# Footprints Mass



There is no foot too small that it will not leave an imprint in the world

Please join us for a special Mass for all our deceased children through pregnancy loss

**Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish**  
94 Archer Street Chatswood

**Wednesday 15 November 6pm**

We invite you, and all those affected by miscarriage and stillbirth to come and hold the life of your deceased children before the Lord, in whom everyone lives and in whom no one is lost

Join us for a Brigidine College Community Event

# Christmas on the Green

**Friday 24 November 2023**

Carols at Twilight & Christmas Markets

Brigidine College St Ives, 325 Mona Vale Road, St Ives NSW 2075

Christmas Markets  
4pm - 7pm

Carols at Twilight  
7pm - 9pm



## Brigidine Carols on the Green

**Friday 24 November 2023**

**325 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives**

We invite your music vocalists to participate in a vocal workshop together with students from Brigidine and other local schools. This will culminate in a concert performance at 7.30pm. The workshop will be run and coordinated by Brigidine's Director Cocurricular Music, Charlie Lovelock. There are opportunities for school choirs to also sing their own songs as part of the afternoon concert.

**Workshop: 10am – 12.00pm**

**Brigidine Christmas Markets: 4pm – 7pm**

**Afternoon concert: 4pm – 7pm**

**Brigidine Carols on the Green: 7.30pm – 9pm**

The markets are a great opportunity for your families and staff to start their Christmas shopping and includes food stalls to purchase dinner.

If your parents would be interested in booking a stall at the markets please contact Pip: [pinman@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pinman@brigidine.nsw.edu.au)

For more information and to confirm your students' attendance at the Music workshop and performance please contact: Michelle: [mcasiglia@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mcasiglia@brigidine.nsw.edu.au)

For more information about your school performing in the afternoon concert please contact Charlie: [clovelock@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clovelock@brigidine.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to spreading some Christmas cheer with you!



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

### For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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## The Word

Sunday 5 November 2023, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collect

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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 prophet Malachi Mal 1:14 –  
2:2. 8-10

*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*  
I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

*(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

1. Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. *(R.)*
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. *(R.)*
3. Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. *(R.)*

### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1  
Thes 2:7-9. 13

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 23:1-12

*They do not practise what they preach.*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.