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5 September 2021 – 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: Fourth 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
10am Parish Hall

**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



**“He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and
the mute speak.”
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners,

The prophet Isaiah, more than seven centuries before Jesus' birth, wrote of a coming age when the surviving remnant of his displaced people would rebuild peace and justice under the leadership of a future descendant of David. He pointed to the signs that would accompany this new age in such verses as the following: 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened / the ears of the deaf unsealed, / then the lame shall leap like a deer / and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy' (Isaiah 35: 5-6). If we know the Gospel narratives well we will have no trouble in relating such texts to healing events in Jesus' ministry. These are some of the criteria that Jesus himself invoked when asked by John the Baptist's disciples if he was the long-awaited Messiah (Luke 7:22). The situation of the pagan deaf mute in today's reading was similar in some respects to that of the leper in Jesus' day. Unable to communicate freely with others, he lived a life of social isolation. Unemployable, he was completely dependent on the charity of others. Note how sensitively Jesus interacts with the man using relevant physical contact in a context where mere words would have meant nothing to him.

Wishing all the Dads in our community a very Happy Fathers' Day!

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities

A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People

This year the Safeguarding Offices of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Archdiocese of Sydney, Diocese of Parramatta and have collaborated on the development of a significant resource for all Catholic communities.

The resource is a publication which addresses Children and Young Peoples Participation in Catholic Communities; A guide to supporting & engaging, listening, and communicating with Children and Young People.

To show our support for National Children Protection Week our resource will be launched online **Wednesday 8 September**.

To access the guide go to the www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021
For more information contact: safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or P 8379 1651



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Our Deepest Sympathy

John Bernard Cornell

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of John Cornell. John's funeral will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday 6 September 2021. May John experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



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Code: UndoerofKnots.

Happy Father's Day

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A Father means so many things....

*An understanding heart,
a source of strength and of support
right from the very start.
A constant readiness to help
in a kind and thoughtful way.*

*With encouragement
and forgiveness
no matter what comes your way.*

*A special generosity
and always affection, too.
A Father means so many things*

When he's a man like you.

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Afghan Refugee Appeal

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has launched the Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal to raise much needed funds to assist Afghan individuals and families who are fleeing their homeland in the wake of the Taliban takeover.

In launching the appeal, the Archbishop also recognised that those who make it to Australia will need all the support they can get, so has committed the resources of our Catholic schools, health and welfare agencies to support our Afghan friends when they arrive.

"Those lucky enough to make it to Australia seeking protection will need all the support that we can give. So today I am launching the Archbishop's Afghan Asylum Appeal and committing Archdiocesan agencies and partners to providing pastoral, educational, health and welfare assistance to our Afghan friends when they get to Australia," Archbishop Fisher said.

Fr Peter Smith, Promoter of Peace and Justice for the Sydney Archdiocese, said the world had watched the situation in Kabul and Afghanistan collapse into chaos in recent weeks. "And all of us have had the same thought, 'what can I do to help?' This appeal will not only raise needed funds but also will also give those who need it access to healthcare, education and welfare support as they make their home among us."

Donations can be made here: [Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal](#)

FEAST DAYS— SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 13th, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

Tuesday 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday 16th, Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Monday 20th, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Tuesday 21st, St Matthew, apostle

Thursday 23rd, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Monday 27th, St Vincent de Paul, priest

Thursday 30th, St Jerome, priest, doctor

Prayer Zone



Please pray for the ill:

Colleen Bosci; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, 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.

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

At long last, starting 3 October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved from a large gathering, to smaller hubs and now to a fully online gathering with one person per device. While not ideal, and not what we had hoped, the national team will continue to assist and support the members and delegates so that they may participate as effectively as possible.

While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months.

You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Planned Giving Review Thank You

Thank you for your care and concern, understanding and support.

Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee wish to thank all Parishioners who received our phone calls over recent weeks in regard to the Planned Giving Review. As indicated in previous Parish eNews, with the closure of our Church due to Covid-19 restrictions a request was put to Parishioners who (prior to lockdown) had been making cash contributions to the Planned Giving Program, to wherever possible, convert to contributing via an Electronic Funds Transfer.

Our team of phone callers were very encouraged by the reaction of the Parishioners who were contacted. These Parishioners expressed their care and concern for the wellbeing of our Priests and understood that the financial needs of the Parish continue regardless of Covid lockdowns.

Additionally, to date **48** Parishioners have indicated that they have, or will change the way they will contribute to the Parish (2nd Collection/Envelopes) and Priests (1st Collection) from 'cash' to "Electronic Funds Transfer" or Credit Card.

While we understand that some people, for various reasons, prefer to continue with the 'cash' payment method, we appreciate the ongoing desire to support the Parish and Priests by way of cash contributions.

The job is not yet complete. Contact with our Parishioners during this exercise also resulted in several updates of information surrounding emails, phone numbers and home addresses. In some cases Parishioners have asked for some assistance from the Parish Office to change their ongoing contribution method from 'Cash' to "Electronic Funds Transfer". These follow up tasks will be attended to in coming weeks.

Thank you once again for the response. And just in case you know of someone that would like to assist the Parish and our Priests, the banking details are as follows:

For the Parish Pastoral and Administrative needs (also known as the Second collection).

Bank:	Commonwealth, St Ives
Account name:	St Ives Catholic Parish
BSB:	062784
Account number:	100001798

For our Priests (also known as the First collection during Mass).

Bank:	ANZ, St Ives
Account name:	Disalced Carmelites
BSB number:	012403
Account number:	300503777

- * If making a payment by EFT, to help the Parish office please **include your name** in the reference/message section of your transaction.

Thank you,
Parish Finance Committee



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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The Word

Sunday 5 September 2021: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm PS 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St James Jas 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.