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8th February 2026, Fifth 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: 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 Second Thursday of the month

Anointing of the Sick 9 am

During term time

Every Monday

Divine Will Prayer Group
10-11:30am

Every Friday

Lectio Divina
10am

Fr. Sunny's Bible Study

Every Friday 7:30 pm at Church

Every Sunday at 10am Mass

Children's Liturgy
Morning tea after mass

Every Second Sunday of the Month

Morning tea after 8am mass
February 8th

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

February 11th 10:30 at the Living Room,
St. Ives Shops

Every first Friday of the month

Exposition/ Adoration

Fri 6th Feb 7pm followed by mass

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

Thursday February 12th 10am in the
parish hall



**You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot
be hidden.**
(Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Have you watched the TV show about building or renovating houses? Often priority is given to letting in as much light as possible to illuminate the dark spaces. Sometimes it is almost as if the beauty of the outside comes inside. The result not only creates a beautiful space within, but the house looks appealing to the passerby too. It's all about sharing the light.

Today Isaiah is responding to the people's complaint that God did not seem to be noticing their fasting and penance. Isaiah tells them that fasting is not only related to God but to their neighbour. The fasting that God wants to see is about good works—sharing with the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the poor. Then their light will shine and not only God, but others, will notice.

Jesus tells his followers that they are the light of the world. They have something worth showing and sharing. High praise indeed! Could Jesus praise me in this way too? Today I will reflect on how I allow God's light into the spaces of my life and how I show that light to others so they may see the face of God in our world today.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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Instagram www.instagram.com/CorpusChristiStIves**



BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2026

Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

Starts: Wed, 11 February 2026
Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075
Time: 7:00-9:15pm

Scan here for
more
information



Scan here to
register for
Alpha



For more information contact Jen Perrott @ jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

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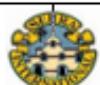


Sapientia

Single adults, 18-35 years of age,
are invited to join the Dominican
Friars and Sisters for this
weekend retreat of prayer,
formation, and fellowship.

13-15 February 2026
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre
Douglas Park

For more information or to register:
www.trybooking.com/DHJBL
or email the Sisters at
sydney@op-tn.org



Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.
Please pray for those in formation or
already serving the Church

9/2	Fr Vincent Nguyen
10/2	Fr Shansana Samarasinghe OSB
11/2	Fr Sam French
12/2	Fr David Ranson VG
13/2	Fr Anselam Lakra HGN
14/2	Fr Joey Frez
15/2	Fr Joshi Naduppura & Fr John Puliparambil

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your
goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help
us respond to and live out our mission in the
Church. Assist all Your people to know their
vocation in life and help them to prepare for
it. Call many to be priests, deacons and
consecrated men and women for Your
greater glory, and for the service of Your
people. Give those whom You call the grace
to respond generously and to persevere
faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our
Lord. Amen



**Weekend retreat to prepare for Lent:
Now is the favourable time; this is the day
of salvation**
(2Cor 6,2)

PRESENTER: Fr. Gerard Moran, OCD

The grace of Lent-Easter can change us. Let the liturgy of Lent and the wisdom of St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Jesus enable us to take hold of the opportunity.

WHEN: February 13-15, 2026 • 6pm (Fri) – 12:30 pm (Sunday)

WHERE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

COST: \$340/person (Price is inclusive of all meals and accommodation)

For information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please

visit: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program



**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER
INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

**For children with
incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never loosing strength and hope.



Centenary Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary

The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary was founded on October 1, 1926, in Germany by Father Joseph Kentenich. Since then, the community has developed and expanded to be present across all continents.

For the centenary jubilee from October 1, 2025 until November 4, 2026, Pope Leo XIV has granted a plenary indulgence for the Original Shrine in Germany, as well as all churches, chapels, and shrines for which the sisters are responsible.

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins; it strengthens us on the path of conversion and spiritual renewal. An indulgence can also be applied to the deceased.

Conditions to obtain an indulgence:

- Make a pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine or House Chapel;
- Receive Holy Communion; *
- Go to Confession and have complete detachment from sin; *
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father: Our Father, Creed, invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Peace and Mother of Mercy.

*This can take place in the days before or after visiting the Shrine or House Chapel.

**For more information on indulgences
see CCC 1471-1479**

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauria; 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.



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 Daniela or Davina know.

FEAST DAYS FEBRUARY

TUE 10TH FEB. MEMORIAL ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

SAT 14TH FEB. MEMORIAL STS. CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

WED 18TH FEB. ASH WEDNESDAY (FAST AND ABSTINENCE)

SUN 22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Preparing for Lent

As we draw closer to the holy season of Lent and the celebration of Ash Wednesday, we kindly invite all parishioners to return any blessed palms from previous years.

These palms will be reverently used in the preparation of ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your care and cooperation as we prepare together for this sacred season of prayer and renewal.



Parish Coffee Morning



Everyone is invited to the
Parish Coffee Morning
At The Living Room, St Ives Shops
outside verandah

From 10:30am

On Wednesday, 11 February 2026

An opportunity to catch up with old friends and
make new friends.

For more information:

Andrena Brewer: 0438698993

No need to book, just turn up.

Please join us for Morning tea

After 8:00am Mass
Sunday 8 February, 2026

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.



Please bring a small plate to share if you can

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.

Parish Personnel Lenten Retreat

"Make me a channel of your peace"
St Francis of Assisi



Wed, March 4th 2026

9am - 3pm

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

33 Barina Downs Rd, Norwest

All parish staff are welcome to the annual
retreat event. For catering purposes, please
RSVP using the QR code by 18th Feb.



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CLERGY
& PARISHES
BROKEN BAY

What is a Parish Council?

As baptised disciples, we are called to be missionary disciples.
Each year we desire to grow in a real friendship with Jesus.
And to share this friendship/intimacy with others,
for as St. Teresa says: *"God alone suffices."*
The parish council aims to strategically facilitate this vision.

Parish Council Member Retires

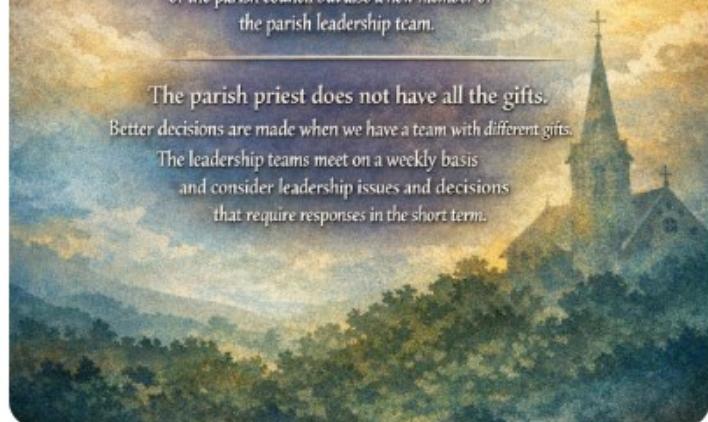
we give thanks to Philip's service as secretary over the years
and wish him well as he now retires.

What is a Parish Leadership Team?

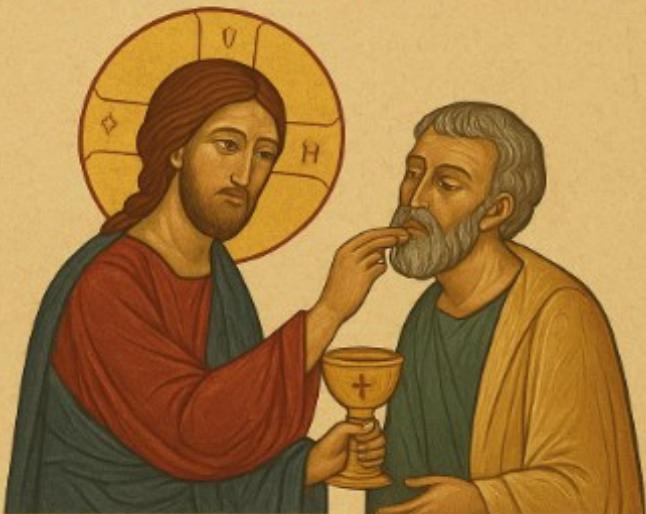
we give thanks for Sue-Anne who is not only a new member
of the parish council but also a new member of
the parish leadership team.

The parish priest does not have all the gifts.
Better decisions are made when we have a team with different gifts.

The leadership teams meet on a weekly basis
and consider leadership issues and decisions
that require responses in the short term.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTRY

We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday mass at 10am and 5 pm.

If you would like to be included in a roster to give the Eucharist under both kinds on weekend masses, please let the office know or kindly leave your details on the sheets in the church foyer.
Formation will be provided.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

WHY LENT?

In the early Church Lent originated as a time of repentance for those preparing for baptism. Having experienced the call to conversion, those seeking initiation into the Christian community resolved to turn away from sin and embrace a gospel life. They were baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Today, the six week period of Lent is a time of repentance and renewal for the *whole* Church. It is a time when we prayerfully take stock of our lives, turn away from all lifestyle habits that contradict the Gospel and renew our commitment to Christ and each other.

PIETY STALL

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Please stop by and have a look around on your way out !**

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 12th February
10am in the Parish Hall

Angela 0405 507 982

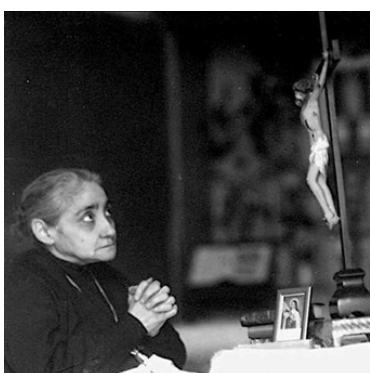


The Divine Will Group Corpus Christi St Ives

What does it mean for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven?

The Our Father, the most perfect prayer of Christianity, taught by Jesus to his apostles. The profound teachings of Jesus to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta regarding "Living in the Divine Will" are encompassed in this prayer.

Our group prays, has discussion and learns together about the key concepts and foundational truths related to living in, and possessing the Divine Will of God.



We meet weekly during school term

There are two groups in our parish to accommodate those who work:

Monday 10-11:30am in the Church Hall Meeting Room

Tuesday 7-8:30pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room.

First meetings 2026: Monday 2nd Feb 2026 and Tuesday 3rd Feb 2026.

Everyone is most welcome.

Please contact Kathy Lee for further information kathy@familylee.info

Robert Sapuppo

I have had the privilege of attending the Alpha Series last year in August, completing all 11 sessions, including the Alpha Weekend Retreat. Today, I am delighted to share my experience with you.

Before joining Alpha, my faith in Christ had always been present in my life—but not to its fullest. Over the past few years, I felt a calling to invest more time with the Lord and to understand what he wants from me and to appreciate all the things that he has done for me in my life.

However, I still had questions about my faith. I often wondered if others were experiencing the same doubts and seeking the same answers as I was. When I received the invitation to join Alpha last year, I decided to give it a try, hoping it might provide some clarity and answers. Believe it or not, as the weeks went by and I journeyed through each topic —through the online training sessions and our group discussions with other parishioners, all those unanswered questions were being answered.

During my time in Alpha, I experienced a profound sense of peace and happiness. I truly felt that the Lord had drawn me to Alpha, so I could get answers and clarification on how he wants me to live my life. Throughout the Alpha course, I developed a deeper devotion to prayer, a greater love for Scripture, and a clearer understanding of how God calls us to live our lives. How to resist Evil and to Evangelise my family and others to the Lord.

The most powerful moment for me came during the Alpha Weekend Retreat, when I received the Holy Spirit. It was an extraordinary experience—letting go of the outside world and opening my heart and soul completely to Christ and the Holy Spirit. Alongside this spiritual awakening, I was blessed to build strong friendships with other parishioners, for which I am truly grateful.

ALPHA TESTIMONIAL FROM LAST WEEKEND

Since completing Alpha, my outlook on life has changed. I now call on Jesus daily—to give thanks, to ask for protection, and to strengthen my faith. When I face challenges, moments of doubt, or anxiety, I go back to what I learned in Alpha. I invite the Holy Spirit to calm my mind, refocus my heart on the Lord, and guide me according to his will.

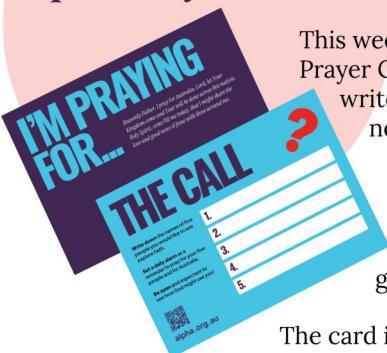
Can I say that I strongly believe that the Alpha Course is for everyone—regardless of age of

where you are in your faith journey. Just as it did for me, Alpha can help you find answers, strengthen your faith, and renew your relationship with God. The Alpha team is incredibly welcoming and supportive, so there is nothing to be nervous or scared about. And yes—each session includes a free meal, offering not just nourishment but also friendship, community, and time to reconnect with God.

As the saying in the Nike motto “Just do it.” Join the Alpha Course. You can register your interest at the back of the Church—either by scanning the QR code on the invitation cards or by filling out your details at the registration table. Please register by February 4th. The course will commence the following week, on February 11th, and will be held in the hall opposite the Church.

Thank you for your time, and God bless you all.

Alpha Prayer Cards – A Simple Step in Sharing Faith

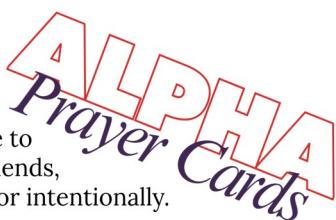


This weekend we're inviting everyone to take home an Alpha Prayer Card. On one side is a short prayer; on the other is space to write down the names of five people in your life — family, friends, neighbours, or colleagues — who you can begin praying for intentionally.

These cards are a reminder that mission starts with prayer. Before we speak a word, God is already at work in people's hearts. By praying daily for those we know, we open the door for the Holy Spirit to move in their lives and in our own, giving us opportunities to listen, love, and share our faith naturally.

The card is also a gentle nudge toward invitation. As you pray for your five people, look for the right moment to invite them to Alpha — a welcoming place to explore life and faith in a relaxed, no-pressure environment.

As Christians, we are called to be missionary disciples — not just to keep faith to ourselves, but to help others encounter the love and friendship of Christ. Our shared mission is to “**go and make disciples**,” and it begins with the simple, powerful act of prayer. Take a card, write your five names, pray faithfully, and trust God with the rest.



“Go and make disciples”
...and watch God work in their life and yours.

CORPUS CHRISTI ST. IVES PARISH

to farewell
Fr Greg, Fr Sunny, Fr Gerard
&
to welcome
The New Priests

FAREWELL LUNCH

19th April 2026 @ 11.45am.
THE EPPING CLUB
45 Rawson St., Epping

DRESS CODE:
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TICKET: \$100/person (incl. pre-event drinks & canapés,
3 course meal, beverages, tea & coffee)

Seats are limited. Purchase your ticket early from the Parish Office
or by calling 9144.6998

If you have dietary requirements, please advise when purchasing ticket

PARKING: - limited club underground parking
- council carpark next to club
- street parking

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Alpha Hospitality Team Could This Be You?

Alpha is a place where people explore faith and feel truly welcomed—and hospitality makes that possible.

We're looking to grow our Alpha Hospitality Team and would love your help in one (or more) of these ways:

- Serve** – welcome guests and serve food on Wednesday nights
- Cook** – prepare a simple meal (may be reimbursed)
- Cook & Serve** – for those who want to be a part of it all.

You don't need to enjoy cooking—many helpers simply serve. We have two servers each Wednesday, and as the team grows, the commitment becomes lighter.

If you've done Alpha before or have helped in the past and are looking for a meaningful way to serve, this could be for you.

When: Wednesdays (5:30-8:30pm) from 11 February to 6 May 2026

Commitment: As little as 1-2 nights for the whole term

By serving in hospitality, you are serving the Lord and supporting people on their faith journey—which has an eternal impact.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch with Jen in the office or register your interest in the foyer of the church. We'd love to have you be part of this beautiful ministry, serving the Lord.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

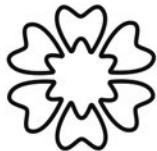
Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:

How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.

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The Word

Sunday 8th February 2026: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. *(R.)*

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *(R.)*

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.