Corpus Christi
CATHOLIC PARISH ST IVES

WEEKLY BULLETIN
8 November 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH MASS TIME:
Monday to Friday: 9:00am
Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm
Public Holidays: 9:00am
Family Mass: Once a term

BAPTISM: Third Sunday of each month by appointment
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:30am to 10:30am
ANOINTING OF SICK: every 2nd Thursday of the month @9am or by request
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturdays 9:30-10:30 & 1st Friday of the Month @7pm
MORNING PRAYER: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
WEDDING: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

Parish Calendar

Anointing of the Sick
Second Thursday of the Month 9:00am Mass
November 12

Divine Will Prayer Group
Mondays 10-11:30 am
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina
Every Friday at 10 am (during school term)

Children's Liturgy & Morning tea after Mass
Every Sunday at 10am Mass

Young Adults @StIves
Every Second Monday 7pm
November 9

Carmelite Conversations
Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am November 12

Parish Social Craft Group
Fortnight on Thursdays 10am November 19 at 10am

Remembrance Day
November 11

Parish Coffee Morning
November 11 - 10:30am
Living Room St Ives Village

Volunteer Thanksgiving Celebration
November 27
Save the date

Hamper Mass & Canva Market Day
November 29

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



Dear Parishioners,

November is the Month of Holy Souls in Purgatory, an invitation to remember our loved ones who have died and to pray for all the faithful departed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, 'All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.' (§1030)

As a Church, we entrust our loved ones to God's mercy and give thanks for the gift of their lives. In hope and faith, we remember those we have loved and known, confident in Christ's promise of eternal life.

May our prayers this month bring comfort to those who grieve and strengthen our hope in the resurrection.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Fr Paul



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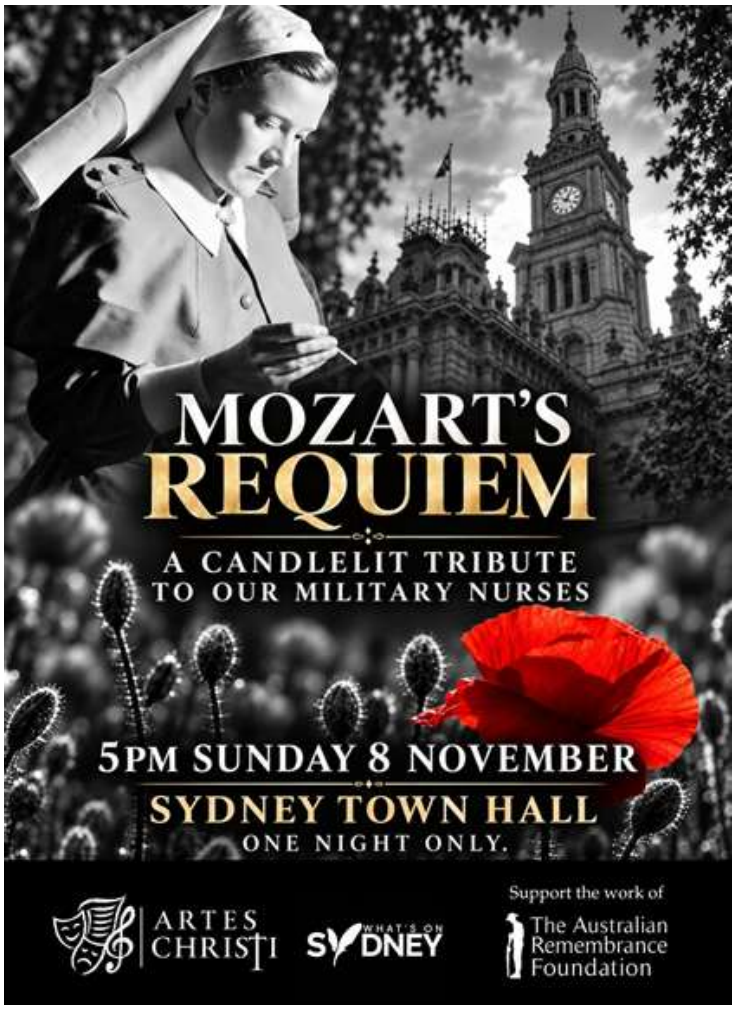
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NOVEMBER MASSES

for the Holy Souls · the month of prayer for our beloved dead

Mass for the Holy Souls envelopes are at the church doors: write the names of the family, friends, relatives and benefactors you would like remembered, and Masses will be offered for them throughout November. Where there are many to remember, *"the members of the Smith family, and all our beloved dead"* gathers everyone in beautifully, so no one is left out. **Feel free to nominate a particular date** you would like the Mass offered — perhaps an anniversary. Then **place your envelope in the bowl in front of the altar**, where the names of our beloved dead will rest, close to the Eucharist, all through the month.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." — 2 Maccabees 12:46







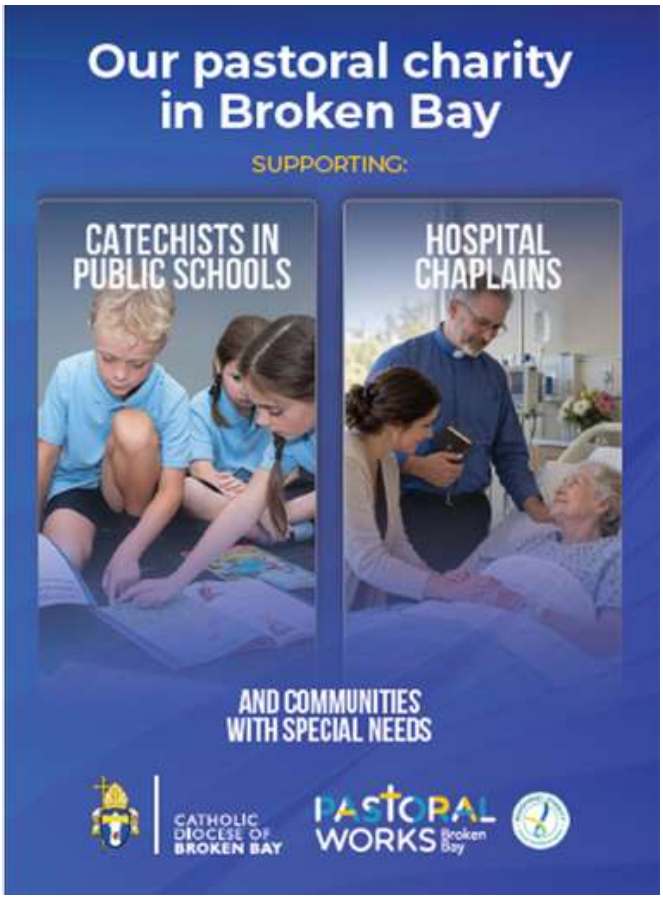
WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do we have statues of Saints?

Does your home display photos of deceased family members? Do you sometimes visit the grave of a loved one on special occasions of remembrance? Sometimes painful, sometimes comforting, gestures like these allow families to continue to include their ancestors in the fabric of daily life. The Catholic community, too, has ways of acknowledging its ancestors, the communion of saints, with whom we are bonded through faith even beyond the grave. Statues, art and various devotional practices that abound in Catholic churches are concrete expressions of our enduring relationship with those who have gone before us in faith .

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.





November

November is a month where the Church gives us the opportunity to pray for the souls of the departed, be they family members, relatives, dear friends, fellow parishioners and the souls in Purgatory.

During November, in our parish of Corpus Christi, we will have the opportunity to;

Write the names of those we wish the parish to pray for on our **Book of Remembrance** at the rear of the church.

Have Mass said for departed family, relatives, friends and anyone special to us. Envelopes will be available for parishioners to make their **Mass Offering**.

Light a candle at each Mass on the right side of the Sanctuary. A gold coin donation is encouraged.

Bring a **photograph** of departed relative to be placed on a stand on the right of the Sanctuary in front of the Sacred Heart Statue.

Attend the evening Mass on **ALL SOULS DAY,** Monday, 2nd November at 7.30pm.

Attend The **Remembrance Day Mass** on 11th November at 9am.

Attend **A Mass of Remembrance** for all in our parish who have died during the last year on Friday the 6th of November. As it is the First Friday of the month, there will be **Exposition and Benediction** at 7pm prior to Mass.

FEAST DAYS - NOVEMBER

Nov 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast
Nov 10th - St Leo the Great, pope, doctor - Memorial
Nov 11th - St Martin of Tours, bishop - Memorial
Nov 12th - St Josaphat, bishop, martyr - Memorial
Nov 17th - St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious - Memorial
Nov 21st - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial
Nov 22nd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Solemnity
Nov 24th - Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs - Memorial

PRAYER ZONE



Anniversary: Harrison Foresto
Please pray for the ill: Angela Mayson, Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; 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.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER



For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Confirmation Gifts at the Piety Store

We have stocked up on a lovely selection of meaningful gifts for our Confirmation candidates! Whether you are looking for a special keepsake or a thoughtful gift to mark this important sacrament, we have something to help make their Confirmation day even more memorable. Please stop by the Piety Store on your way out after Mass and have a look. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Catholics from across Greater Sydney will gather for the Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession, hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

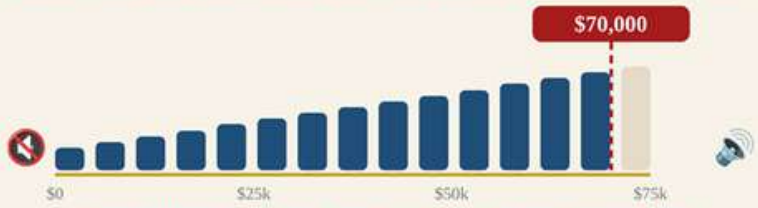
Date: Sunday, 22 November 2026
Time: 1:00pm Festival Martin Place
Time: 2.30pm Procession Corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street

If you would like to join Fr Tan and fellow parishioners in celebrating this Solemnity, please contact the Parish Office. We are hoping to travel together as a group, meeting in Gordon before making our way to Martin Place.

SOUND SYSTEM APPEAL

Weekend of 8 November

$70,000! "Their voice goes out through all the earth" (Psalm 19) — ours only needs to reach the back pews, and we're just $5,000 away. Thank you, St Ives!



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Advent Programme

this year.

More information to follow next week.

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day

Welcome to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday,15th November.

Arrival is from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion around 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch.

Extensive grounds and labyrinth.

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We look forward to welcoming you.

Parish Choir
Rehearsals for Christmas



Hi everyone, we are very close to Christmas and the parish choir is getting ready for rehearsals. I am hoping we can have as many people as possible join us this year.

Our first rehearsal in the church is on
Wednesday 18th November at 7 pm to 9 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 the rehearsals. If you cannot attend all the rehearsals please come as often as you can.

If you are not usually part of the Parish Choir this is a great time to join us. You do not have to be a fantastic singer as we welcome everyone to our friendly relaxed group.

The arrangements for the Parish Choir on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December, are as follows:

- **7.15pm or earlier:** please arrive at the church
  - If you want to wear Christmas colours please do
  - Bring a filled water bottle for your use (and a small snack for yourself if needed)
  - Bring any music you have for the carols and Mass
  - Please help with set up
- **7.15 pm to about 8.20pm:** We will be rehearsing
- **8.30pm to about 8.55pm:** carols will begin before the 9 pm Mass
- **9 pm:** Mass begins
- Please help put away equipment and hymn books

I would like to thank everyone who will help contribute to making Christmas Eve carols and Mass a happy celebration. It's a very special occasion for so many; bringing families together, triggering happy memories, allowing individuals to feel part of a welcoming group even if they are on their own at this time, supporting those who are sad because of loss or distance from their loved ones.

I hope you have a great time yourself and feel happy and fulfilled by sharing your music with others.

Cheers
Patricia

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Christmas Hamper Appeal

Mark your calendars for Sunday, 29th November as we come together for a special Mass to celebrate our 39th annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we are honoured to have Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Mt Druitt, co-celebrating this momentous occasion with us.

For nearly four decades, our parish has embraced the true spirit of Christmas by reaching out to those in need. This cherished tradition has not only brought smiles to countless faces but has also strengthened the bonds within our community.

As we embark on this journey of generosity, let's reflect on the impact of our collective efforts. Each item added to your weekly grocery shop becomes a beacon of hope for a family in need. Whether it's a can of soup, a box of cereal, or a festive treat, every contribution matters.



Suggested hamper contents

- ☑ Canned Food (eg soups/seafood)
- ☑ Canned Fruits
- ☑ Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
- ☑ Long life custard / Jelly
- ☑ Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
- ☑ Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
- ☑ Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
- ☑ Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
- ☑ Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
- ☑ Cordial / Soft drink / Juice
- ☑ Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
- ☑ Packets of Sugar / Long Life Milk
- ☑ Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
- ☑ Tissues / Paper Towel
- ☑ Christmas Decorations / Colouring Pencils
- ☑ Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable good you may wish to provide! Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

Please place in a sturdy clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags– wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.

Please deliver hampers to Corpus Christi Church anytime from:
6pm Mass on Saturday 15th November until 10am Sunday 29th November (the Hamper Mass)

We will also be accepting cash donations for those who can't get a hamper together. Unfortunately we won't be able to accept gift cards this year.

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Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish
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Account No: 100001798
Or Follow the giving link on our website

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The Word

Sunday, 8 Nov 2026: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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
Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it. Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in

Second Reading
From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel
From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

Reflection on the Word for Nov 8th 2026 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A- prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Wisdom 6:12-16). This sings the praise of wisdom, which can be found by all those who seek it.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). St Paul consoles his Thessalonian converts who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have died before the return of the Lord.

Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13). A story which urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming.

A key point of the parable is this: since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes they can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.

Every disciple (you and me) is meant to be a lamp-carrier - a bearer of the light of Christ to a darkened world. Like the foolish bridesmaids we read about in today's Gospel, we sometimes allow the precious light of Christ to grow dim, or even to go out altogether.

