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9 April 2023, Easter Sunday

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: 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

Second Thursday
of Every Month
Anointing of the Sick – 9am

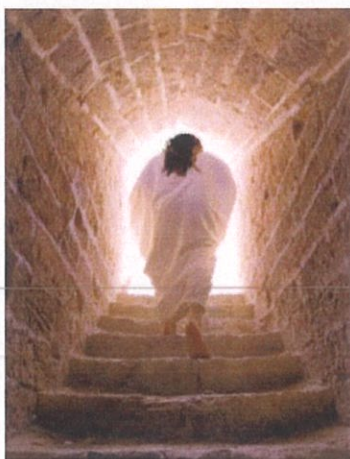
Thursday evenings
Fr Sunny's Gospel of John
Prayer Group
7:30-9pm in the Church

Sunday 9th April
Annual Easter Egg Hunt after
10am mass

Thursday 13th April
Parish Craft Group in Hall at
10.30am

Sunday 23th April
Youth Group Meeting in Hall at
4-5.30pm

Mother's Day Cake Stall
Further information to come



*If, then, we have died with
Christ, we believe that we
shall also live with him.
(Epistle for Easter Vigil)*

Dear Parishioners

All of the Gospels stress that Jesus' resurrection was completely unexpected by his disciples, even though Jesus had told them on a number of occasions that he would rise from the dead. It seems they did not understand what he was saying. In today's Gospel we see Mary Magdalene going to the tomb early in the morning while it is still dark. She is like you and me

going to the cemetery to visit the grave of someone we love who has died. She is going to mourn, to grieve, to remember him, perhaps even to ask the question 'why?' though she doesn't expect an answer. When she finds the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, she is shocked and confused. She thinks someone has stolen the body. The thought that he has risen doesn't enter her mind.

Later, while still searching, she meets a man she thinks is the gardener and she asks him if he knows where they have put Jesus' body. The person says simply 'Mary' and suddenly, totally unexpectedly, she realises that she is in the presence of the risen Christ.

We also will meet the risen Christ in unexpected moments during this Easter season. Surely we will meet him in the Mass and in the sacraments, and in moments of prayer. But, like Mary, we will also meet him in our brothers and sisters, perhaps in the gardener, or in the stranger you meet along the way, or in those in need: "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was frightened and you comforted me, alone and you come to see me." Then, like Mary, our joy will be full.

May God bless you and Happy Easter, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PARISH OFFICE TEAM

Fr Greg Chee, OCD, Parish Priest
Ed Wales, Parish Finance
Michelle Miles, Office Manager
Jennifer Perrott, Faith Facilitator
Gerri Hadwen, Sacramental Co-Ordinator
Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

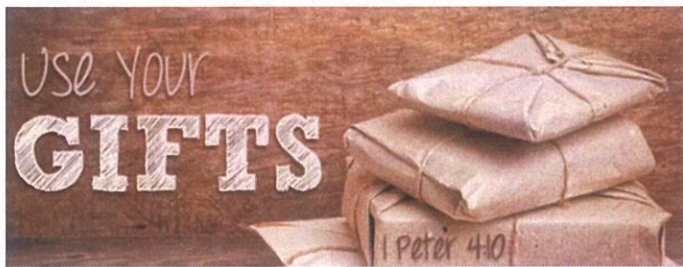
HALL BOOKINGS

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Principal: Mrs Jayne Wheen
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Our Parish Website needs YOU

Do you have IT skills, particularly with Websites?

Are you creative?

Do you have the time to volunteer about 2 hours/week

Do you want to help our Parish realise the Vision of a welcoming, invitational Parish where we encounter Jesus?

If the answers are **YES** please contact the Office 9144 6998

Training and support will be available

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YOU CAN BE A PART OF MAKING THE VISION COME ALIVE

Please pray to the Holy Spirit to guide someone to accept the role of our Website Manager and other upcoming communication and design roles.

Holy Spirit, you know we are working to create a welcoming and invitational Parish where all can encounter Jesus. Match our Parish needs with the gifts of our parishioners, in particular in the areas of communications and design, so that together we can bring our vision alive, both within our Parish and reaching out to everyone in the wider community. Amen

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 13 April**

2023 @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



Social Justice Corner

Prayer: Easter Blessings

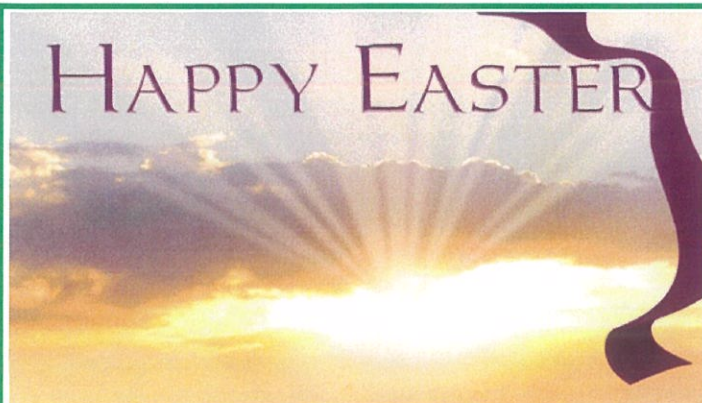
by John O'Donohue from Dawn Mass Reflections at Corcomroe Abbey

On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry - old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling - and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

We don't realize all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives.

We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it, we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts, and we are meant to celebrate it and carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning.

The Social Justice Group wishes all parishioners a very happy Easter, filled with joy and peace.



Wishing you and your families a very happy and blessed Easter.

**From Frs Greg, Sunny and Gerard;
Michelle, Jen, Gerri and Christina**



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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Prayer Zone

Anniversary: Patricia Meek, Leonarda Bestulic (one month)

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023



The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Term 2 of 2023 at Corpus Christi Parish on **23rd June**. In order to join this sacrament program children must be in Year 3 or older and have been **Baptised**.

Parents wishing to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation should do so by using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/CGTSM>. The enrolment link is also available on our website <http://www.stives.dbb.org.au> in the Sacraments section under Confirmation.

There will be **TWO compulsory Parent Information Evening** held in the Church at **7:30pm** on **Thursday 11th May** and **18th May**.

Confirmation will be held on **Friday 23rd June 2023 at 6pm**

Attendance by at least one parent at the information evening is a requirement of the course.

All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

FEAST DAYS APRIL

Sunday April 9th, Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Sunday April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday
 Wednesday April 26th, St Mark
 Friday April 28th, St Peter Chanel
 Saturday April 29th, St Catherine of Siena

OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays the office will be open Tuesday– Friday from 9am—1pm. Please note the office will be unattended the following days

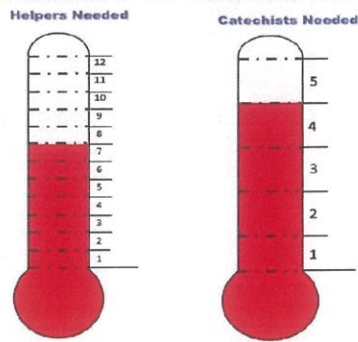
Monday 10th April
 Monday 17th April
 Tuesday 25th April

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

Catechists & Helpers Needed Still



*Almost There –
Getting Hotter!!!*

Still thinking of joining our
Team?

We **STILL** need you!

Will YOU be the one to share your faith with the children and help raise our Thermometer Goal?

The thermometer is filling. We are almost there!

Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to become part of the catechist ministry. If you have been considering joining, the Holy Spirit maybe prompting you!



All resources and training are provided free. *You do not need to be a teacher to share your faith.* If you would like to become part of our team or would like more information, please scan this QR code to register your interest or contact Jen Perrott in the office on (02) 9144 6998 / 0415 242 898 or email catechists@corpuschristi.com.au I would love to chat with you.

PROPOSAL TO TRIAL AN EARLIER SUNDAY NIGHT MASS TIME

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Council would like to propose a trial to change the time of Sunday night Mass from 6pm to 5pm. We understand that changing mass time will not suit everyone as it will disrupt certain habits. This is why we would like to get feedback from as many people as possible as we endeavour to listen to your needs and pray that the Holy Spirit may guide all of us to do what is best for the whole parish.

We propose this earlier time for a number of reasons. We hope that it will accommodate better the needs of different parishioners, including those with difficulties travelling in the cooler months. As well, we hope that this will enable the parish to plan various activities to take place after Sunday night Mass to continue to build a sense of community and belonging in the parish. For example this might include activities for the youth, parish celebrations, discussion of our spiritual journey and faith formation. Having the Mass starting earlier at 5pm should allow parishioners to get home earlier after any event.

We suggest trialing this from Sunday 7th May 2023 until Sunday 24th September 2023

We invite you to provide your feedback using the form available in the foyer or scan the QR code for an electronic form. **Please provide your feedback no later than 17th April.**



Feedback form - Trial of 5pm Sunday night Mass

Name		Phone:	
Email:			

Which mass do you normally attend?	Sat 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm	Not a regular parishioner
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<p>I agree to this trial because:</p> <p>I think that:</p> <p>I do not agree to this trial because:</p> <p>I think that:</p> <p>I do not mind.</p>
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Do you have any other comments? (Including if you have ideas for what we can do following Sunday night mass?)

Please return this to the box at the church foyer, or to Michelle (office@corpuschristi.com.au).
Thank you for your feedback.

Youth News



Our annual Easter egg hunt is on again! Please join us after the 10am Easter Sunday Mass (9 April). No need to RSVP, just come and join in the fun!

Morning tea will also be provided, please come and celebrate Easter with us.

Pray and Play is for families with children under 12 years old.

Plans are underway our next gathering, please keep checking the bulletin. If you'd like to receive updates, please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Michelle (office@corpuschristi.com.au).



Youth Group

Our high school youth group will be meeting monthly on the 4th Sunday of each month, after the Sunday night Youth Mass.

Here are the details for our next gathering, we'd love to see you there!

Date: Sunday 23rd April

Time: 4:00 – 5:30pm

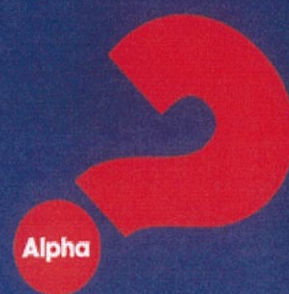
Activity: Baking!

Cost: Free, donations welcome



If you would like to participate or help out in future gatherings, please contact Edith (corpus.families@gmail.com) or Michelle (office@corpuschristi.com.au).

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Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to get connected, discover more about the Christian faith, and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.



Gather together
and get connected



Watch an episode
on a topic of faith



Ask questions and
share your thoughts

YOU'RE INVITED

Tuesday 9 May 2023

Corpus Christi Parish
Hall - 7:00-9:00pm

Register with QR Code
or
Contact Jen Perrott
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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

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together, to enjoy each others'
company and to support their
Clergy and Parishes.

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The Word

Sunday 9 April 2023, Easter Sunday

Collect

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your
Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34. 37-43
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'You must have heard about the recent
happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth
and how he began in Galilee, after John had
been preaching baptism. God had anointed him
with the Holy Spirit and with power, and
because God was with him, Jesus went about
doing good and curing all who had fallen into
the power of the devil. Now I, and those with
me, can witness to everything he did throughout
the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem
itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by
hanging him on a tree, yet three days
afterwards God raised him to life and allowed
him to be seen, not by the whole people but
only by certain witnesses God had chosen
beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we
have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead – and he has
ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to
tell them that God has appointed him to judge
everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the
prophets bear this witness: that all who believe
in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his
name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.
R. v.24

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his
love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand
raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and
recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become
the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a
marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ
is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with
Christ, you must look for the things that are in
heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.
Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the
things that are on the earth, because you have died,
and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in
God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your
life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with
him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:1-9
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from
the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still
dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She
saw that the stone had been moved away from the
tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the
other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we
don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the
tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple,
running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he
bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the
ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was
following now came up, went right into the tomb,
saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the
cloth that had been over his head; this was not with
the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.
Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb
first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this
moment they had failed to understand the teaching
of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.