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**16 February 2025, 6th 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)**



**Every Monday**  
(during term time)  
Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am

**First Friday of Every Month**  
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass**  
Children's Liturgy

**Every Friday**  
(during term time)  
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

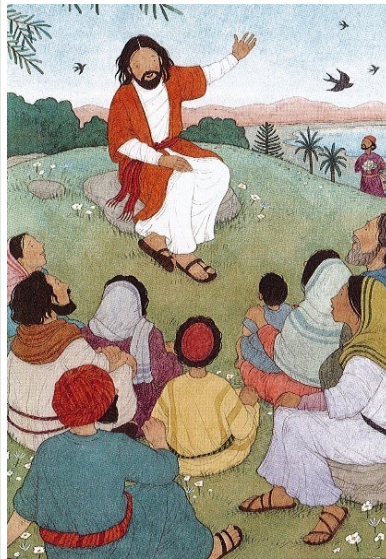
**Second Thursday**  
**of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick - 9am

**Thursday 20 February**  
Parish Social Craft Group  
Parish Hall - 10:30am

Compulsory Parent Information  
Night for the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
Parish Hall - 7:30pm

**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.



**And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:  
“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours”  
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

There is something about the place in which today's Gospel reading is set. Jesus had just prayed all night long in the hills before appointing the twelve who were to be his apostles. He then brought them down to level ground where a crowd of his disciples and a larger crowd of people full of self-interest awaited him. By creating a scene where all those gathered were rubbing shoulders with one another Luke was pointing out that this was Jesus really saying to the assembly: *“Pay close attention, for we are all in this together.”*

By listing blessings and woes in four pairs, Jesus was very likely reminding his audience that they had probably found themselves in the tension of experiencing the blessings and woes one on top of the other, hoping for the blessing of comfort in the midst of hardship and struggle of all kinds followed almost immediately by the realisation that they had at times contributed to others' hardship or failed to comfort them when they were doing it tough. Haven't we all seen ourselves, from time to time, as a mixture of saint and sinner?

If we step back for a moment from the text, we might be able to see that the greatest beatitude for us is Jesus himself. He continues to be God's blessing to the weak (all of us) in a world that reserves its admiration for the wealthy, the powerful and the famous. That's a world he invites us to change.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## Social Justice Corner



### Anniversary of the National Apology to Stolen Generations

February 13 marked the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. It was a significant milestone for healing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who suffered as a result of past government policies of forced child removal and assimilation. The grief and trauma are still felt today by survivors and their families.

As noted by the Healing Foundation this week, it is important that, as a nation, we commemorate and acknowledge the wrongs of the past, while reflecting on the work that still needs to be done. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are still grossly over-represented at every stage of the child protection system. In 2023, across Australia 43.7% of children aged 0–17 years old in out of home care were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

The Healing Foundation's report, *Are you waiting for us to die? – The Unfinished Business of Bringing Them Home*, released this week, reported only 6% of the recommendations from the *National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families 1997* (the *Bringing Them Home* report) – to support Stolen Generations survivors and their families – have been clearly implemented. This lack of comprehensive actions illustrates a vital component of truth-telling – that it must achieve change.

As a parish, we have an important role in reflecting on our shared history and how we can renew our efforts as parish to work towards genuine reconciliation and healing.

For further information go to:

[Home - Reconciliation Australia](#) or [Stolen Generations | The Healing Foundation](#)



I am deeply touched by the love and joy you all shared with me on the occasion of my 100th birthday. Thank you for the warm wishes and the laughter that filled the day.

It's been an incredible journey, and I am so grateful to be part of our Parish community.

With all my heart, thank you again for making my 100th birthday so unforgettable.

God bless, Joe.



### 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 20 February 2025** @ 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982

## Prayer Zone



### Anniversary:

George and Lorna Cunha

### Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; 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; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; 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.***

### FEAST DAYS - FEBRUARY / MARCH

Sat 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle

Wed 5th, Ash Wednesday  
(9am & 7:30pm mass)

Mon 17th St Patrick, bishop

Wed 19th, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord



### BRING YOUR PALMS TO SUNDAY MASS

Now is the time to bring last year's dried palms back to church so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, it is the ashes of these burnt

palms that are used on that day as a sign of our commitment to follow Jesus in His journey to the events that has become for us the Paschal Mystery. Please return your palms by Sunday 11 February.





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Jayne Wheen  
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# CATECHISTS NEEDED

**DID YOU KNOW MANY THINK ....**



- I don't know my Faith well enough to share it?
- That's something for other people to do.
- It takes too much time.
- I work...

**WELL THE GOOD NEWS IS.....**

- Nobody knows their faith well enough to begin with. Your faith grows on the journey. God has always called the unqualified.
- If you feel a heart tug or something is telling you to step up - then God is calling you.
- All you need is 30-60 mins prep time and 30 minutes of class time once a week.
- We have a number of people who work but can take 30 minutes approved by their boss.

**COME AND JOIN THE FAMILY AND HONOUR GOD'S REQUIREMENT TO SERVE THE LORD**

Please contact the office on (02) 9144 6998 or contact Jen Perrott at [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au)

## World Day of Prayer Friday, 7th March

At Corpus Christi, we are proud to be part of the Ecumenical Movement and support as the Interchurch Group of St Ives, Pymble, Gordon, and Turrumurra. This one-hour service focuses on praying for a specific country, chosen each year by the movement. This year, we will be praying for the Cook Islands.



Each year, different Christian churches take turns hosting this special prayer event, offering a beautiful opportunity to come together in shared Christian faith and love for all humanity. This year's service will be hosted by **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, located on Mona Vale Road near the intersection with Killeaton Street (on the left side if you're heading toward Terrey Hills).

Please join us for this meaningful occasion on **Friday, 7th March, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Corpus Christi will be represented by Cheryl Doyle and Karin Hull. We would greatly appreciate your support at this important event.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?**

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**2 RICHARD PORTER WAY PYMBLE**

**COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 7.00 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT AND AFTER DINNER SPEAKER WILL BE BISHOP DAVID WALKER**

HIS TOPIC: THE HOLY FATHERS 3<sup>RD</sup> ENCYCLICAL "FRATELLI TUTTI" The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.**

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annaytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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## The Word

### Sunday 16 February 2025: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by our grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Jeremy Jer 17:5-8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:

if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,

a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside

that thrusts its roots to the stream:

when the heat comes it feels no alarm,

its foliage stays green;

it has no worries in a year of drought,

and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

*(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. *(R.)*
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. *(R.)*
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke: Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.