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23 February 2025, 7th 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 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

Sat 22 & Sun 23 Feb
First Reconciliation Presentation
Masses

Collect boxes for Cake Stall
Sat 1 & Sun 2 Feb
Cake Stall Fundraising Event

Sunday 2 March
Catechist Sunday

Wednesday 5 March
Ash Wednesday
Year 3 & 4 attending 9am mass
9am & 7:30pm masses



***“To you who hear, I say,
love your enemies, do
good to those who hate
you, bless those
who curse you, pray
for those who
mistreat you.”
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus' directive to love our enemies is ignored more often than observed. We gossip about family feuds and boast that we'll never be able to forgive so-and-so for the harm they did to us half a lifetime ago. Jesus knew that kind of thing from growing up in a tiny village. Yet, he still insisted that following him required forgiving our enemies. Just a few years ago, a mother who lost three of her own children and a young niece when they were hit by a car driven by a drunken driver in suburban Sydney said publicly: *“I think in my heart to forgive him...I'm not going to hate him because that's not who we are.”* We hear the same kind of thing in the Bible story of Joseph, who found it within his heart to encourage the brothers who had sold him into slavery to let go of the past and to break free of the guilt that had captured them. When we can imitate Joseph and that mother, we have made a giant step towards restoring life to ourselves and to those we have forgiven.

May God bless you,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Social Justice Corner



World Social Justice Day

On Thursday (20 February) we marked World Social Justice Day, a time to reflect on the systemic inequalities that continue to shape our world and the importance of taking meaningful action toward justice and dignity for all.

The theme for World Social Justice Day 2025 is **Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice**, highlighting the need to create inclusive societies where everyone, regardless of their background, has access to opportunities and resources.

As individuals and as a parish community we can wait for change, or we can choose to facilitate change ourselves. Although we may be unable to close gaps completely, we can actively work to make them smaller.

There are many individuals and groups within our parish actively involved in social justice activities. If you would like to know more about the Social Justice Group, you are warmly invited to attend our meeting this Thursday, 27 February at 4pm in the church hall. For further information contact John Lenehan on 0402 291 355.

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."
Benjamin Franklin



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.

Prayer Zone



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 - MARCH

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.

CAN YOU USE A COMPUTER?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THE LORD BY CLICKING THROUGH THE POWERPOINTS DURING MASS.

A new ministry is being formed for the running of the PowerPoints at Mass. Training will be provided.

If you think you could help once a month - please contact Michelle or Christina in the office by Monday, 3 March 2025 for more information on (02) 9144 6998 or office@corpuschristi.com.au

“Your attitude of serving the Lord can transform even the most menial of tasks into a magnificent sacrifice of love.”

Elizabeth George: *Understanding Your Blessings in Christ: Ephesians*



HELPERS NEEDED



Corpus Christi Parish is hosting a Wine & Cheese night in the parish hall, for parents of kindergarten children in the State Schools and Corpus Christi Primary School. This event is also open to other primary school parents. It is an opportunity for parents to meet each other and the parish to share with them what we can offer them.

**WED. 12 MARCH 2025
7:00 - 8:30PM**

We need people who would be willing to help with hospitality, either helping make something savoury or help with the set up, serve and pack up?

Please fill in the form in the foyer of the church or contact Jen Perrott or the office on (02) 9144 6998.



PLEASE LET US KNOW BY SUNDAY, 2 MARCH WHAT YOU CAN HELP WITH.



CAKE STALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

1ST & 2ND MARCH 2025



WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CAKE STALL BY DONATING BAKED GOODS

Drop-off times:

Friday 28 February

During Parish office hours 9am to 4pm

Weekend Masses

1-2 hours before all Masses (foyer)

Collect your cake boxes from Mass this weekend or from the office next week.

Why Are We Fundraising?

We're raising funds to upgrade the church's audio-visual equipment and install streaming facilities for funerals and other events.

We're applying for a Government Grant, and showing funds already raised will strengthen our application. To support this effort, we're planning a cake stall and a movie night.



CATECHISTS NEEDED

We have training, mentoring, support and lots of friendships made in this ministry - the greatest Evangelising the Catholic Church does today. We are all called to serve the Lord. This is a wonderful way to serve Him.

This ministry is not for everyone, but is definitely for those God calls. If you feel the urge to want to know more, or you are sitting in your seat questioning "should I do it?" or a feeling of, I would like to do this but; "I am too busy, I do not know enough, I work, I, then that feeling is most likely God tapping you on the shoulder to step up. **I know, it happened to me too, and I have not looked back.** It is one of the most rewarding things you can do and you are serving the Lord. I would love to encourage you to speak to one of the catechists after Mass today or contact Jen Perrott in the office for more information. All training and resources are provided.

Could I ask you to please pray we find new people for the ministry, as prayer is very powerful. Finally, if you are interested, could you complete the Catechist Registration form in the foyer expressing your interest in becoming a catechist, helper or relief person and I will get back to you.

Jen Perrott

Over the next two weekends we will be recruiting new members to the Catechist Ministry as either a catechist, a helper or a relief catechist (someone who fills in when a catechist is away for a short time).

We need catechists to help in the primary schools and also the high school, which is currently being taught as a team once a term in a seminar format. We have just learnt that we can now go into the high school weekly instead of once a term and will need a team of catechists that can help us with this new endeavour. Would you be willing to be trained and mentored in this process? Would you be willing to serve the Lord this way?



Catechist CORNER



Bio of a Catechist Dora Chan

Who Am I?

I live in Turrumurra and work part time at the Law Society of NSW. I do voluntary work as a catechist with the Corpus Christi St Ives Parish and also with the Justice and Peace Office of Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Family

I was born and educated in Hong Kong. My family relocated from Hong Kong to Sydney in 2020 (Patrick, my husband and my two sons, Colin and Felix). Sydney is not new to me because I previously worked and lived in Sydney from 1994 to 1997 under an exchange program with my previous employer. I returned to Hong Kong in 1997 after the exchange but I always felt I would return to Sydney sometime. My boys had studied in a boarding school in Sydney since Year 10. We relocated to Sydney to join our boys in 2020 so that our family can finally be together under one roof.

How long have you been a catechist?

I have been a catechist teacher with the Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives since 2021. I have taught in North Turrumurra Public School and St Ives North Public School. I have taught Year 1, 2 and Year 5 classes.

What brought you to being a catechist?

I had been doing Sunday School teaching (similar to catechist teaching in Australia but it was on a parish basis on Sundays before or after mass) in Hong Kong for quite a long time. I enjoy the Sunday School teaching and I wanted to continue with that in Sydney. I would like to spread the good news to children which Jesus has asked us to do in the Bible. I feel this is especially important to students in public schools where their normal curriculum does not have a faith element. It would be a great loss for our children if we do not make good use of the SRE lesson to nurture and develop the Catholic faith in students of public schools. During my teaching of SRE lessons, I found it sad to learn some families of the SRE students do not go to church regularly. I hope the SRE lessons can help the students to ignite their interest in learning more about the Catholic faith, the Bible and divine love that

Jesus has for all of us and eventually kindle a closer connection with these families to the Church.

Why do you stay?

To be able to help the students to learn more about the Bible, the Catholic faith and that Jesus loves us dearly, is a privilege and blessing to me. I have great satisfaction in being a catechist.

What would you say to someone considering being a catechist?

Give it a go and you may not realise how fulfilling and enjoyable it can be. There are good supporting materials and PowerPoints compiled by the Diocese and it is not difficult to prepare for and teach a lesson. The joy and pleasure that a child comes up to you and tell you that they learn how to pray and talk to God from your SRE lesson is a such a gratifying experience which is beyond words. We need more catechist to do this meaningful work and I hope you can be one of them.

God Bless and hope to see you in the catechist team!



**Repent, and Believe the
Good News
(MK 1,15)**

PRESENTER: Fr. Gerard Moran, OCD

Today we will meditate on Jesus' call and prepare to celebrate the great season of Lent-Eastertide which we enter into on Ash Wednesday. "Now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation!" (2 Cor 6, 2).

WHEN: March 1, 2025 • 10am - 4pm

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

COST: \$30/person (Please BYO lunch)
www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

First things first

The initial part of the Mass (the Introductory Rites) is an important time of gathering and preparation. The entrance song helps to open the celebration, unit us as a body and lead our thoughts towards the mystery of God's love which we have come to celebrate. The priest's greeting ('The Lord be with you') and the congregation's response ('And also with you') affirms that Christ is present in our midst. This is a time for focusing on the importance of the opportunity for worship that lies before us.

Liturgy of the Word with Children



Childrens' liturgy of the Word

During Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the school to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.

Morning tea is served after Mass for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you!

PLEASE KEEP THE POPE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Excerpt from Vox Populi - Office of the Bishop

The Holy Father has been in hospital for the past several days, suffering with pneumonia in both lungs.

The entire Church joins in prayer for the Holy Father, praying for his recovery, and hopeful he will soon return to serving the People of God.

It is fitting that on Saturday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, honouring the supremacy of Saint Peter and all his successors, the Bishops of Rome.

It represents an apt time to elevate our prayers for the health of the Holy Father, who sits on the Chair of Saint Peter, as the Vicar of Christ.

The feast is an ancient one, having been celebrated as early as the 4th century. The person who sits on the Chair of Saint Peter has been a universal sign of unity and communion within the Church since the first century. "[Jesus Christ] placed Blessed Peter over the other apostles, and instituted in him a permanent and visible source and foundation of unity of faith and communion." (*Lumen Gentium 18*)

It's a reminder the power of Christ rests not on the person, but in his office, and that the authority given to Saint Peter by Christ, also rests with his successor.



LOVE your enemies,
DO GOOD to those
who hate you,
BLESS those who curse you,
and **PRAY** for those who
spitefully use you.

- Luke 6:27-28



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Principal



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REFLECTION MORNINGS 2025 HUNTERS HILL

March 1—Fr Micheal Whelan sm

“Introduction to the Jesus Prayer”
 It's Theology & Place within Personal Prayer

April 5—Sr Michele Connolly rsj

“2025 is a Year of Jubilee, focused on Christian hope. What does St Paul say about hope, as an ideal we can live in the real world?”

May 3—Fr David Ranson

“Synodality: A Parish Work in Progress”

Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall,
 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill 9:30am - 12:30pm

All Welcome

Entry by donation

No booking required

Tea & coffee

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 27TH 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 3RD 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 or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email 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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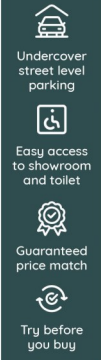
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The Word

Sunday 23 February 2025: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is 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 first book of Samuel 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13.
22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8
(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke: Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.