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**3 November 2024, 31st 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)



**“You shall love the Lord  
your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind ...”  
(Gospel)**

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

**Second Wednesday of Every  
Month**  
Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning  
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**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 evenings  
(during term time)**  
Fr Sunny’s Bible Study Group  
7:30pm in the Church

**Wednesday 13th November**  
Coffee Catch-up—Archies

**Sunday 17th November**  
Rose Petal Evening Prayer  
Parish Hall 3pm-5pm

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The great commandment given by God to Israel begins with the words: “Listen, Israel.” The word ‘listen’ is very important. We can only love God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves if we are willing to listen deeply to the voice of God and the cry of our neighbour.

The conversation between Jesus and the scribe in today’s Gospel is an encounter of deep listening. Each listens to what the other is saying. The scribe asks Jesus: “Which is the first of all the commandments?” He listens closely to Jesus’ reply and acknowledges the truthfulness of Jesus’ words. At the end, Jesus praises him saying: “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

The greatest respect, indeed, love, that we can show to anyone is to listen to what they are saying, to listen with humility and patience, to listen with the ears of our hearts, to take the risk of allowing what the other person is saying to change us in some way. Perhaps a good resolution for this week is to listen deeply to what one person is saying to us, perhaps a very familiar voice that we can hear all the time and pay attention to only rarely. This week, let us seek to listen deeply to that person with the ears of our hearts.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Scripture says it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our departed beloved ones. Because of Jesus Christ, forgiveness and love crosses the grave. We may pray for them but they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can and will pray for us. I know of parents who had a six year old boy who had big behavioural problems. They tried counselling, which is a good thing to do, but to no avail. It turned out that the mother had a miscarriage. They had a mass said for the miscarried child and the behavioural difficulties of the living child were healed.

In terms of responding for your departed beloved ones, you may write the names in a special book we will have available. You may also have a special individual mass said for the person by writing the name of the person on the envelopes found in the foyer and put a small donation in it, which can be put in the collection bowl or handed in at the sacristy. There will also be candles that you may light up. At each Sunday mass we will remember your departed ones generally as well. Remember that forgiveness and love crosses the grave through Jesus Christ.

This Sunday the Catenians will remember their departed beloved members and/or spouses in a special way at the 10am mass.

God bless, Fr Greg.

### PASTORAL WORKS FUND APPEAL

**“Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!”**  
**NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL**



**Confraternity of  
Christian Doctrine (CCD)**

**Hospital Chaplaincy  
and Pastoral Care**

The Diocese of Broken Bay Pastoral Works (PWBB) November 2024 Appeal will run this coming weekend and throughout November across our Diocese and Parish. Our catechists, hospital chaplains, pastoral care practitioners, and extraordinary ministers of holy communion need your help.

Giving generously to the Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal gives you the power to connect to the Mission of Jesus Christ and add to someone else's happiness within our Diocese. Donation envelopes are available in our Church. Donations of \$2 and over are 100% tax-deductible. You can also donate online by visiting the Diocesan PWBB site:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/giving/pastoral-works-broken-bay>

## Social Justice Corner



### Seeking Peace in a Violent World

On the first anniversary of the horrifying Hamas attack on Israeli kibbutzim, Pope Francis issued a letter to Catholics of the Middle East. In the letter, he acknowledged that much blood and many tears have been shed in the last year, particularly in Gaza. He expressed his solidarity with the people of Gaza at a time when they suffer in so many ways. To read the full text of the letter, go to [Letter of the Holy Father to the Catholics of the Middle East \(7 October 2024\) | Francis](#)

The Pope's announcement that the Ukrainian Catholic Bishop Mykola Bychok, whose eparchy is based in Melbourne, would be made a Cardinal in December also reminds us of the great suffering and loss by both sides since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022.

Along with the many other conflicts worldwide, these wars re-emphasise our call to be witnesses and agents of peace in our violent world, as Australia's Bishops wrote in their 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World.

Resources are still available to help us engage with the Statement, including a spoken word version of the Statement, a video of its launch, and the text of the launch speeches of Bishop Vincent Long and Assoc. Prof. Joel Hodge. The resources are available at [Social Justice Statement 2024-25 - Office For Justice, Ecology and Peace](#)

Source: *Social Justice Trends, October 2024 Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace*

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:**  
Molly and Grace Tang

**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.***



### 2024 Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15th, as we come together for a special Mass to celebrate our 37th 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 seven-week 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.

### FEAST DAYS NOVEMBER

Mon 4th, St Charles Borromeo, bishop  
Sat 9th, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Fri 10th, St Leo the Great, pope, doctor  
Sat 11th, St Martin of Tours, bishop  
Fri 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious  
Tues 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### 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 7 November 2024 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall.  
Enq.: Angela 0405 507 982



### Candles for the month of November

For a gold coin donation, candles will be available to light in the memory of your departed beloved.





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he vibrant celebration of our church's 50th Anniversary was a testament to the beautiful spirit of the Corpus Christi parish community. We praise and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our parish and for moving every volunteer and attendee to contribute to this momentous occasion.



As Fr Greg has wonderfully recounted in his sermon, our parish has a long and meaningful history. In celebrating the anniversary of our church, we also celebrate all the good deeds made possible by this community, and the strengthening of our faith, hope, and love. Together, let's keep working towards the growth of our church for the glory of God.







# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank the Morning Tea Ministry and others who have donated and served the food.

We thank all those that have assisted in other ways especially those who carried and set up the tables and chairs, the decorations and the marquee.

We also acknowledge the following:

Those who served during the Mass - Fr Greg and Fr Sunny, the acolytes, the readers, the collectors, and the choir The Corpus Christi Concert Band, and Josephine Edwards for the live music.

The logo competition winners:

- 1st Place  
Ava G – Year 6
- 2nd Place Runners Up  
William M – Year 4  
Aaron W – Year 6



- The 50th Anniversary Committee, especially Leah Tipping, who orchestrated the beautiful ambience and Petty Bahramali, who organised the food and supplies
- The office staff - Michelle Miles, Jen Perrott, and Christina Surjan for communication and logistics
- Linda Taneja and O'Kelly Tam for the photo gallery
- Gregory & Carr Funerals - for providing the drinks, the banner and the professional servers
- Hon Paul Fletcher – MP Bradfield
- Matt Cross - MP Davidson
- Christine Kay – Mayor, Ku-Ring-Gai Council
- Dr Cedric Spencer - Councillor Wahroonga
- Karis Life - for the flower sponsorship
- Ann and Henri Clementine and family



## PC ITEMS

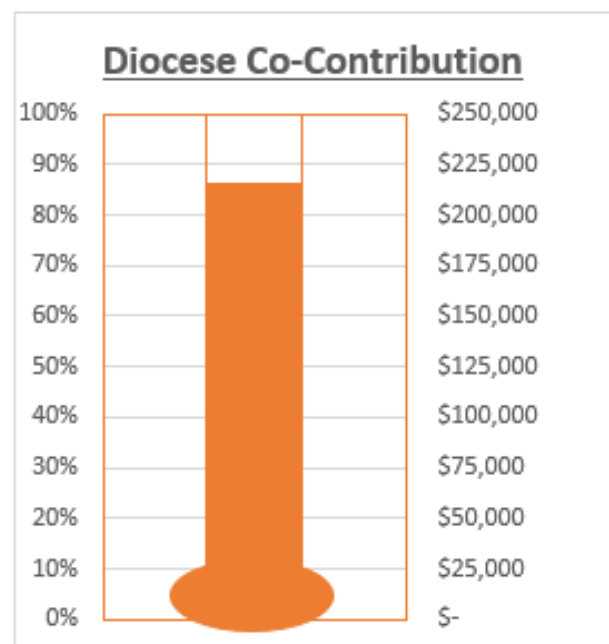
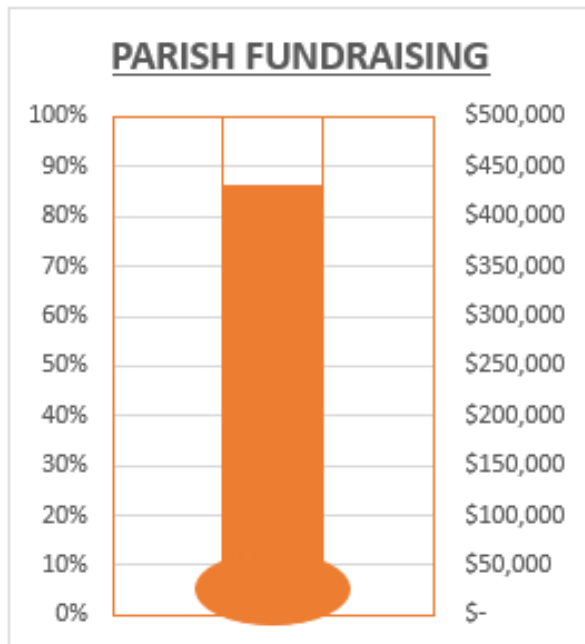
We would like to thank those generous parishioners who have already made donation contributions towards the purchase of the PC items.

To date approximately \$21,800 has been either paid or pledged to this appeal, which will reduce the total amount of the building contract.

There is still opportunity to contribute to this appeal. The items that are still available for a "cash in kind" donation are shown in the attached table.

PC ITEMS	Approximate cost \$
Supply & install kitchen, laundry & pantry	20,000
Carpet (to be selected)	8,000
Ceramic tiles (to be selected)	3,000
Vanities (3) (Custom made for openings)	2,400
Alarm system (to be selected)	2,000
WC suites (3) (Mondella Signature)	1,500
Washing Machine (Fisher & Paykel)	1250
Shower roses (3) (Methven Satinet)	600
Basin mixers (3) (Caroma Basin Mixer)	550
Floor wastes (7) (Kinetic 100mm Chrome)	210

## PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Our updated total raised, including cash sponsorship of the PC items is **\$430,920!** If you would like to donate, please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message.

**Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish    BSB: 062 784    Account No: 100001798**

Please note, any donations made are **NOT** tax deductible.



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

# PRAISE AND WORSHIP

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 15  
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS, CHATSWOOD

4PM • AFTERNOON TEA AND TALKS  
6PM • DINNER  
7PM • PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
9PM • COMPLINE AND SUPPER

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## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Continuing last month's Ignite Conference event, Our Lady of Dolours parish at Chatswood will be hosting this year's **PraiseFest!** on Friday 15 November 2024, a praise and worship encounter afternoon and evening with special extras for high school students and young adults.

### Booking registration is essential:

- 4pm — All are welcome to the Afternoon tea and Talks (aiming at senior high students)
- 6pm — All are welcome to the Dinner
- 7pm — All are welcome to Praise and Worship, Adoration, and Reconciliation
- 9pm — All are welcome for the Night Prayer (Compline)  
followed by Supper with Broken Bay Diocese Vocations team (18+ adults only invited)

Location: **Chatswood Parish (Our Lady of Dolours), 94 Archer Street, Chatswood**

Date: **Friday 15 Nov 2024**

Time: **between 4:00pm to 10:00pm**

**Must** register at: QR code on the poster, or <https://www.trybooking.com/CVGXO>

# RED WEDNESDAY

**PRAYER & SUPPORT for PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

*All are invited*  
to Mass to remember and pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

Celebrant:  
**Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

**Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**  
94 Archer Street Chatswood

**7pm Wednesday 20 November 2024**  
Light refreshments  
will be served after the Mass.

**Information**  
[mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)

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# Rose Petal evening prayer

*with St Therese*

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask her intercession for yourself and for the need of our parish community!

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**  
**3:00-5:00 PM**

AN AFTERNOON OF  
PRAISE & WORSHIP | REFLECTION  
TESTIMONY | ADORATION | NOVENA

**FOLLOWED BY EVENING MASS**

part of 50th Anniversary celebration activities



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

### For Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

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## The Word

### Sunday 3 November 2024: 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Collect

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy Dt 6:2-6

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

*(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.  
(R)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. (R)

#### Second Reading

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 7:23-28

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ,

because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 12:28-34

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

The Gospel of the Lord.