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**9 February 2025, 5th 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

**Sunday 9 February**  
100th Birthday celebration for  
Joe Mestres in the Hall following  
10am mass.

**Tuesday 11 February**  
Catechist Meeting  
Parish Hall at 12nn

**Wednesday 12 February**  
Parish Coffee Morning  
Archies St Ives Village  
10:30am



***“Put out into deep water  
and lower your nets  
for a catch.” ...  
“Master, we have worked  
hard all night and  
have caught nothing!” ...  
Then they caught a great  
number of fish and their  
nets were tearing.  
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

Jesus demonstrated his unfamiliarity with the culture of fishermen on three counts. While the crowd was large, a fishing boat was hardly an appropriate choice for a podium from which to teach. What's more, in asking Peter to move into the deep and let down his nets, he proved that he knew nothing about the way in which fishermen plied their trade. They invariably used two boats in tandem with one net stretched between them. They then manoeuvred their boats to encircle the fish before dragging their catch into the nearest boat. Moreover, no experienced fisherman would dream of paying out his nets for a catch in broad daylight. Fishing was a night-time occupation. Daytime was for preparations. Still, Peter complied with Jesus' suggestion, humouring him rather than anticipating a catch of any worth. The huge, unexpected catch struck him immediately as miraculous, making him conclude that he was in the presence of holiness. The only response he could think of was to declare his unworthiness. Without agreeing with Peter or uttering even a single word of criticism, Jesus invited Peter and his companions to a very different kind of fishing: enticing people to experience the in-breaking presence of God in the world. That's a deep-water venture if ever there was one! The disciples' experience on the lake that day led them to trust Jesus. Can we trust Jesus enough to embark on a similar venture?

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## Social Justice Corner



### International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis designated 8th February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. The primary objective of this day is to create a greater awareness of the phenomenon of human trafficking, to reflect on the associated violence and injustice that affects so many people and to identify concrete actions to counter human trafficking.

St Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000. Human trafficking takes on many forms and is one of the world's fastest growing crimes. A staggering 50 million people globally live in slavery with 71% being women and girls.

Australia is a destination for trafficked people who are used for a variety of purposes. It is estimated that over 41,000 men and women are living in modern slavery in Australia each day with only one victim in five detected. To learn more about human trafficking in Australia and the urgent need for action go to: [ACRATH](http://ACRATH)



**YOU'RE INVITED TO A**  
**Parish Coffee morning**  
**At Archies**  
**St Ives Shopping Centre**

10:30am WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY  
RSPV to: Andrena Brewer 0438698993  
Or just come along and join us.

## 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 - FEBRUARY / MARCH

Mon 10th, St Scholastica, virgin  
Fri 14th, Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop  
Thurs 22nd, The Chair of St Peter, apostle  
Wed 5th, Ash Wednesday  
(9am & 7:30pm mass)



### Happy Birthday Joe!!

Let us celebrate Joe's 100th birthday  
Sunday **9th February**,  
after the 10am Mass in the hall.

**Tuesday,  
11 February 2025  
in hall  
at 12pm**

## CATECHIST MEETING

### REMINDER

Please let Jen know  
your attendance  
asap



Are you looking for ways to make meaningful contributions to your church, maintain skills (or learn new skills!) and to interact with others?

# CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are currently looking for 4 catechists to fill classes that are now vacant.

All training is provided. If you can spare 60-90 minutes per week to prepare and teach the given material, (includes the 30 minute class), we would love to support you in making a meaningful contribution to our parish. You may call the office on 9144 6998 or email Jen at [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au)

## Available Classes

**St Ives North**  
Tuesdays, 1-1:30pm  
Years 5 & 6

**St Ives Public**  
Wednesdays, 9:40-10:15am  
Year 1/2

**Turramurra North**  
Wednesdays, 10:20-10:55am  
Year 5/6



## 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.



## HELP NEEDED

Assistance is required for a local elderly parishioner living near St Ives Shopping Centre to take out garbage bins on Wednesday evening and bring in on Thursday morning. Fee to be negotiated.

Please call the Parish Office on 91446998 or email [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au) if you are able to help.

## WORD of GOD Sunday 2025

FEBRUARY 9, 2025



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



## 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 9 February 2025: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Isaiah: Is 6:1-8

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.' The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

*(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' *(R.)*
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 1 Cor 15:1-11

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I

preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke: Lk 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord.