

FOLLOW GOD'S LAW

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1st Reading SIR 15: 15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

RESPONSE: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. *R/*

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. *R/*

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of you law. *R/*

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. *R/*

2nd Reading 1 COR 2: 6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11: 25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Mt 5: 17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ['Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For] I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with

his brother will answer for it before the court [; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny]. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. [If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.] 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all [, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black]. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

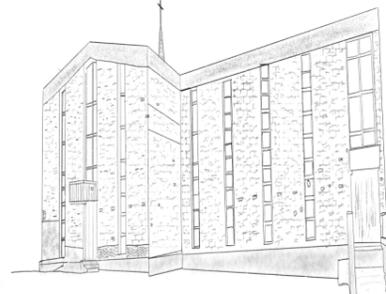
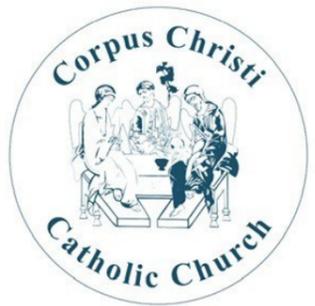
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Mary Star of the Sea & CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15th February 2026



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PARISH CALENDAR – SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 15th February 2026

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park
10:00am Mass—Cottesloe
Children's Liturgy
12:00pm Mass (Spanish)—Cottesloe
5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

Monday, 16th February 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Tuesday, 17th February 2026

8:15am Mass—Mosman Park
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Wednesday, 18th February 2026

Ash Wednesday
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe
6:00pm Mass—Mosman Park

Thursday, 19th February 2026

Thursday After Ash Wednesday
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Friday, 20th February 2026

Friday After Ash Wednesday
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:30am Cottesloe
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00pm Mosman Park

Saturday, 21st February 2026

Saturday After Ash Wednesday
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe
12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe
5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park
5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park
8:00pm Neocatechumenal
Community Mass
(Parish Centre Cottesloe)

Such was said to your ancestors, but I am speaking to you.

Christ gave his life for you, and do you hold a grudge against your fellow servant? How then can you approach the table of peace? Your Master did not refuse to undergo every kind of suffering for you, and will you not even forgo your anger? Why is this, when love is the root, the wellspring and the mother of every blessing? He has offered me an outrageous insult, you say. He has wronged me times without number, he has endangered my life. Well, what is that? He has not yet crucified you as the Jewish elders crucified the Lord, if you refuse to forgive your neighbor's offense your heavenly Father will not forgive your sins either. What does your conscience say when you repeat the words: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, and the rest? Christ went so far as to offer his blood for the salvation of those who shed it. What could you do that would equal that? If you refuse to forgive your enemy you harm not

him but yourself. You have indeed harmed him frequently in this present life, but you have earned for yourself eternal punishment on the day of judgment. There is no one God detests and repudiates more than the person who bears a grudge, whose heart is filled with anger, whose soul is seething with rage. Listen to the Lord's words: If you are bringing your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and first go and be reconciled. Then come and offer your gift. What do you mean? Am I really to leave my gift, my offering there? Yes, he says, because this sacrifice is offered in order that you may live in peace with your neighbor. If then the attainment of peace with your neighbor is the object of the sacrifice and you fail to make peace, even if you share in the sacrifice your lack of peace will make this sharing fruitless. Before all else therefore

make peace, for the sake of which the sacrifice is offered. Then you will really benefit from it. The reason the Son of God came into the world was to reconcile the human race with the Father. As Paul says: Now he has reconciled all things to himself, destroying enmity in himself by the cross. Consequently, as well as coming himself to make peace he also calls us blessed if we do the same, and shares his title with us. Blessed are the peacemakers, he says, for they shall be called children of God. So as far as a human being can, you must do what Christ the Son of God did, and become a promoter of peace both for yourself and for your neighbor. Christ calls the peacemaker a child of God. The only good deed he mentions as essential at the time of sacrifice is reconciliation with one's brother or sister. This shows that of all the virtues the most important is love.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37
Commentary: John Chrysostom

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES FEBRUARY 18th

9am—St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe
6pm—Corpus Christi Mosman Park

FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS TIMES COMMENCING ON 20TH FEBRUARY

8:30am—St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe
6:00pm—Corpus Christi Mosman Park

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

- + **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 23rd March 2026**
 - + **CONFIRMATION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 17th August 2026**
- Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>
For all inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli, Sacraments Coordinator: sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au



Corpus Christi Mosman Park Parish Morning Tea
is held on the last Sunday of each month.

Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Tue	Feb	17	Memorial	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>
Tue	Feb	17	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>
Wed	Feb	18	Lent	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Sat	Feb	21	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Saint Peter Damian (commemoration)</i>
Mon	Feb	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Saint Polycarp (commemoration)</i>
Fri	Feb	27	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<i>Saint Gregory of Narek (commemoration)</i>



PARISH NEWS



Second Auxiliary Bishop appointed for Perth Media Release

2 February 2026

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Perth priest Fr Nelson Po as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Perth. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, has welcomed the appointment. "The Holy Father's appointment of Fr Nelson will be greeted with great joy and excitement by the whole Catholic community of the archdiocese," Archbishop Costelloe said. "The laity, religious and clergy of the archdiocese have been gifted with a new and dynamic shepherd who will bring many gifts to the pastoral leadership of the Archdiocese of Perth." Fr Nelson was born on 5 June 1968 in the village of Cantuhaon, Palompon, Leyte, Philippines, as the third of Norma Abordo and Lope Po's six children. Following his secondary education, he completed a bachelor's degree in industrial and management engineering. Following several years working in his chosen profession, he entered the Blessed Sacrament Congregation where he completed a master's degree in theology, with a major in pastoral ministry, at the Maryhill School of Theology, Manila. In 2003, at the invitation of Archbishop Hickey, he arrived in Perth to continue his studies for the priesthood at St Charles Seminary, Guildford, as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Perth. Following his ordination to the priesthood in 2005, Fr Nelson served as an assistant priest in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder parish before his subsequent appointments as Chaplain to Royal Perth Hospital and as parish priest of the Cloverdale and Applecross parishes. In reflecting on the phone call he received from the nuncio, advising him of the Holy Father's appointment, Fr Nelson said: "It was a big surprise to me. It was overwhelming and surreal because I have never dreamed of becoming a bishop. I went straight to the chapel and became very emotional. I felt so inadequate and unworthy, but I know that God's strength will carry me through." Archbishop Costelloe recognises Fr Nelson as being a priest who is well known for his pastoral sensitivity, his commitment to his people, his love for the Church and its liturgy and for his generosity in undertaking many additional roles in the archdiocese beyond his responsibilities as a parish priest. In reflecting on Fr Nelson's commitment to, and engagement with, the Church's Synodal journey at the archdiocesan and universal levels, Archbishop Costelloe highlighted Fr Nelson's active contributions to the Archdiocese of Perth's Plenary Council Reference Group (2019-2021); the Perth Diocesan Assembly Reference Group (2023-2024); and his participation in the Jubilee for Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies in Rome (October 2025). Bishop-elect Nelson will serve as auxiliary bishop in Perth alongside Bishop Don Sproston. The episcopal ordination of Bishop-elect Nelson will take place on a date to be determined following the **Easter Triduum**.

TUESDAY 8:15AM MASS AT CORPUS CHRISTI, MOSMAN PARK WILL RESUME THIS TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

1st & 2nd Collection Cashless Point Tap terminals at the church entrance

1st & 2nd Collection Direct Debit information below

FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

Account No: 115134447

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Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$707.48 MOSMAN PARK \$406.02

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 14/15 Feb '26	Next Weekend 21/22 Feb '26
Flowers	C Lobo	R Beech
Church Cleaning	T Davis	C Donnelly
Readers Sat 5.30am	F Green	M Davis
Readers Sun 8.30am	J Stratton	C Wearn
		S Cannon
		M Beech
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 14/15 Feb '26	Next Weekend 21/22 Feb '26
Flowers	C McClure	D Hintz & J Bryant
Church Cleaning	M Shea & L Mann	N Colli & P Colli
Readers Sun 10am	M Shea & L Mann	R Ardon & E O'Loughlin
Readers Sun 5pm	I Yeo	J von Perger
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea

POPE'S INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Community through baptism:

Hudson Charles Burch
Arabella Eveline Burch
Robert Walter Burch
children of
Richard and Kelly Burch

We ask God to bless Hudson, Arabella and Robert their parents, Godparents, and families, surround them with Your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their life.

OUR SICK

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

Dariusz Rapcewicz
Francesca Letizia
Maria Blaszczyńska
Leon & Burchell Jones
Julie Atrache
Tim and Estelle Beckett
Marie and Ivo Milicich



Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."