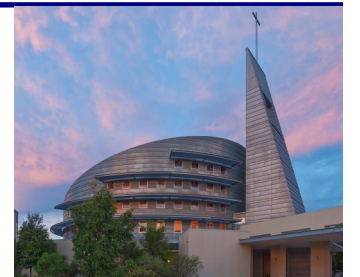




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



6th July 2025
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at
8.15am followed by the Mass at
8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass
at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the
month 10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month
9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm -
8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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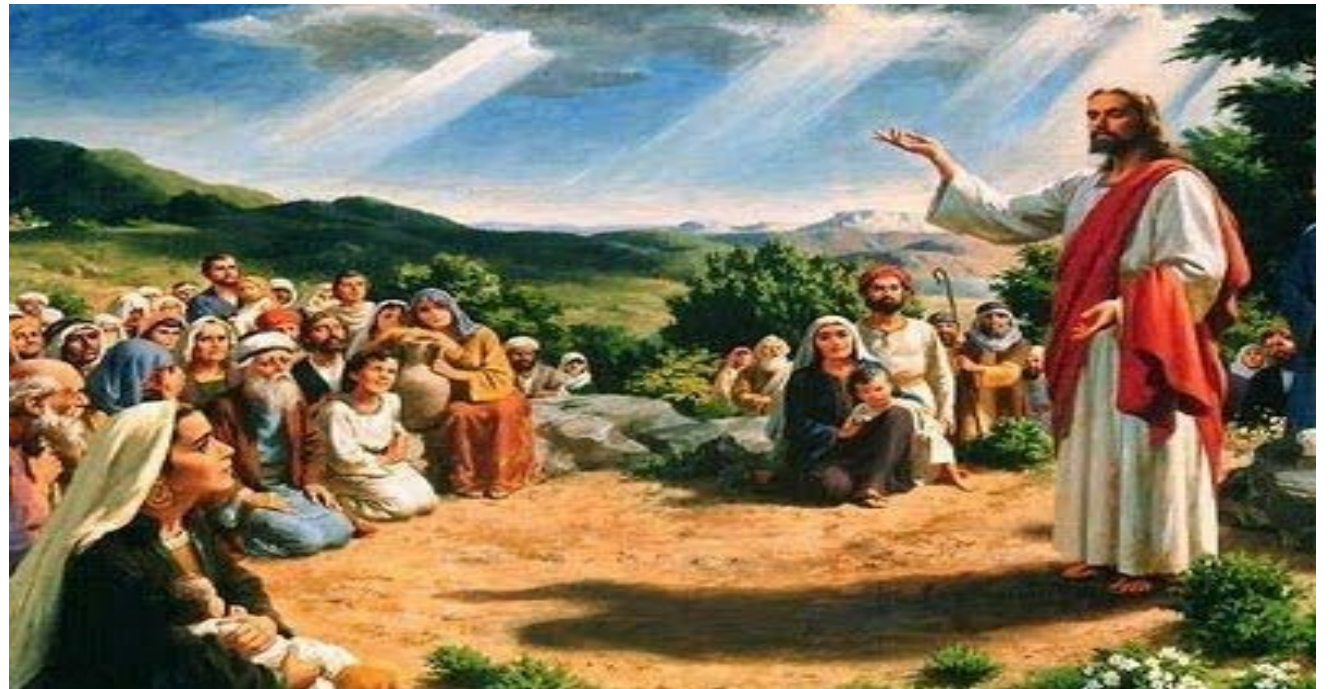
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Imagine for a moment what those early disciples must have felt like as Jesus sends them out on their first mission to announce: "The reign of God is at hand."

He sent them to prepare the towns and villages for his coming. They were to proclaim "peace" everywhere they went. And he gave them power to cure the sick.

Marvelous things must have happened on their journeys because they come back overjoyed with their experience: "Even the demons are subject to us in your name."

Jesus shares their joy, but he warns them: don't get so caught up in the power you have that you forget that you are disciples who have been created anew by placing your faith and trust in me. I am the source of your salvation; any power you have comes from me.

St. Paul learned that early in his ministry. We hear it echoed in his letter to the Galatians: "May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." This kind of humility is key to the effectiveness of Jesus' disciples.

Any good that we are able to do happens primarily through our cooperation with God's grace. That is why we are urged to put our gifts at the service of the Church. Sharing our gifts for the good of one another enables us to grow, not only in our love, but in our humility.

Jesus sends us out into the world every day to announce by the way we live that the reign of God is here. We must try to bring Christ's peace to everyone we meet and everything we do. We can do that best when we begin our day by remembering God's presence in us and asking for the grace to live this day well as a faithful disciple.

We may often feel like lambs among wolves; Jesus told us we would. That's all the more reason to stay focused on the presence and grace of God within us. He will give us what we need to be good news to the world around us. May we learn to boast in nothing but the cross of Jesus. From him comes the saving power of grace.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/fourteenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-july-6-2025>

Parish News:

Housie News: St John the Baptist has been running Housie on the Peninsula for 71 years. There have been many changes since Dr Walter Baker set it up back in 1954. In that time, Housie has been run in 3 different locations with many dedicated volunteers. 71 years is a huge milestone, but it is now time for the Parish to pass the baton. Saturday night Housie is an integral part of the Peninsula and we want to see it continue. It will now move to a new operator who has the experience and it will continue to greatly benefit the community. Most people are familiar with Fairhaven on the coast, a significant charity that has been running for 63 years. Fairhaven strive to make a positive difference in the lives of people living with disabilities on the Central Coast. Fairhaven already operate charity housie and are a terrific charity that can professionally take on Saturday night Housie. Fairhaven will operate Housie from this Saturday, 5th July.

We want to thank the amazing volunteers; Rob Graham who has tirelessly held the job of promoter for 27 years, Kiara Gapps, Sue French (who is retiring from Housie after 38 years of contribution), Colleen Sharpe, Luke Renehan, Rosie Leek and also those who have passed away such as Mercia Bannigan, Arthur and Sharyn Gapps, Louise Graham, Richard and Pat Martin and numerous others who contributed for many years. Most of the volunteers will continue on with Fairhaven.



Vinnies Winter Appeal: The sum of \$3,271 was raised for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Many thanks for your generosity.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Receipts: Pastoral Works Broken Bay receipts are now available to collect from the table in the Gathering Area. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the office.

Baptism: We warmly welcome Avelina and William who will be Baptised this weekend.

Confirmation Programme 2025: May thanks to all the volunteers who have been preparing the candidates for Confirmation. The preparation has now concluded and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church at 6.00pm on Thursday, 7th August.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children's Liturgy is on a break for school holidays and will resume during 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 27th July.

Brown Scapular: Interested in being enrolled in the Brown Scapular? Want to learn more about this devotion? Brown Scapular investiture Sunday, 20th July during 9.15am Mass followed by morning tea welcoming our new enrolees. Please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401 for further information..



Cleaners for 11th July: Laila Dawe, Christine French, Rosalind Stewart, Mabel Torres.

Readers for 12th & 13th July:

Saturday 5.00pm—Dawn Torrens, Jane Somerville, Kate Bravo
Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan, Isaak Giunta, Joel Bajo
Sunday 9.15am—Ingrid Stevens, Emma Baker, Christine French
Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken, Pio Savea, Marian Bowyer

Servers for 12th & 13th July:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Joesie Cameron

Craft Group: The craft group meets each Thursday in the Walter Baker Hall from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Bring yourself and your craft items. All welcome. Please contact Pat Savage for further information 0402 153 650.

Broken Bay Jubilee Pilgrimage:



Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: Once again this year, the Sisters of St Joseph are holding the Pilgrimage 'In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.' This is an official Pilgrimage led and run by the Sisters of St Joseph. The Pilgrimage is being held from 9th September to 20th September 2025 and is being led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. For more information contact Sr Annie Bond RSJ on +61 406 195 861 or email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au. You can also visit the website www.marymackillop.org.au/retreats-spirituality/Australia-national-pilgrimage.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Is 66:10-14

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with songs of joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with songs of joy.

"Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!" Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with songs of joy.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with songs of joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with songs of joy.

Reading 2: Gal 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the labourer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town." The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 7th July:

Tuesday, 8th July:

Wednesday, 9th July:

Thursday, 10th July:

Friday, 11th July:

Saturday, 12th July:

Sunday, 13th July:

Blessed Peter To Rot - Gen 28:10-22/Ps 90:1-4, 14-15/**Mt 9:18-26**

Gen 32:23-33/Ps 16:1-3, 6-8/**Mt 9:32-38**

Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24/Ps 32:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/**Mt 10:1-7**

Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5/Ps 104:16-21/**Mt 10:7-15**

St Benedict - Gen 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 36:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/**Mt 10:16-23**

Gen 49:29-33, 50:15-26/Ps 104:1-4, 6-7/**Mt 10:24-33**

Deut 30:10-14/Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37/Col 1:15-20/**Lk 10:25-37**

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Colleen Bracher, Maree Oliver

Anniversary: Andrew Lee Seung-Soon

Remembrance: Timothy Thurlow

Sick: Jackie Ascic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Rae Busby, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Marie Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Bill Hunt, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Joseph Svanberg, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's July Intention:

During the month of July, Pope Leo invites us to pray for formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: Goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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