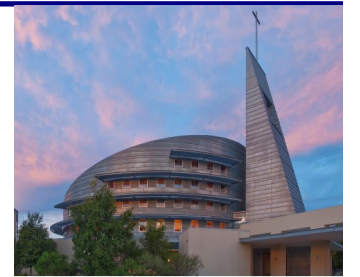




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



15th June 2025
The Most Holy Trinity

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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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Assisting Priest (resident in Wyoming)

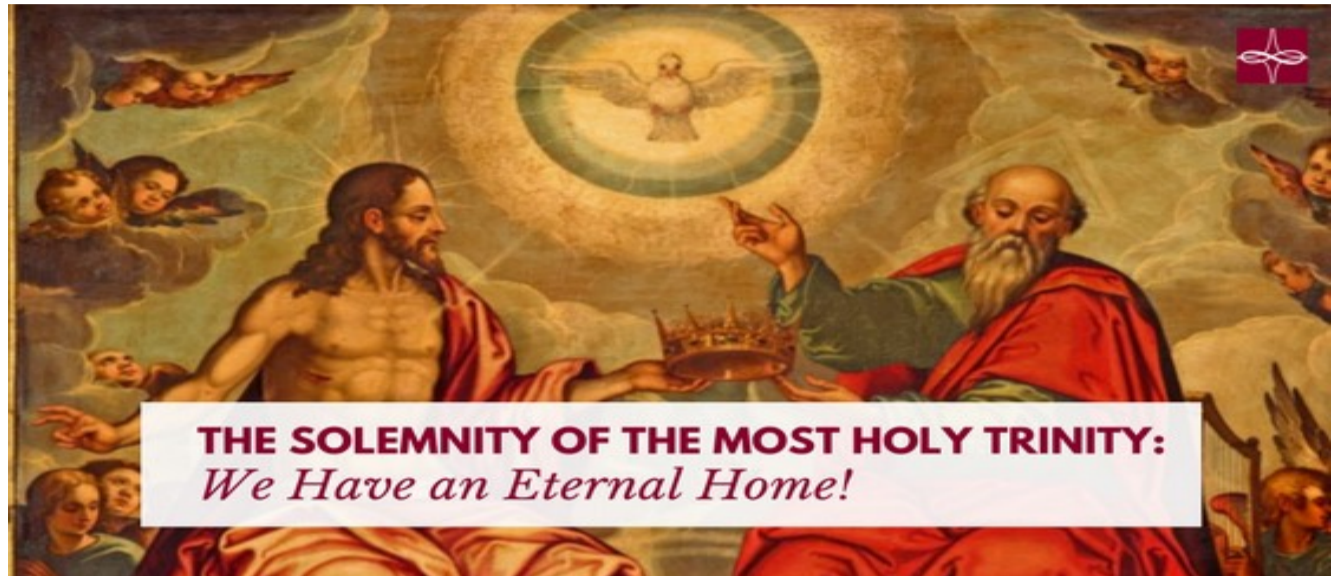
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Each year on the Sunday following Pentecost, the Church celebrates the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, our belief that God is One and yet Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in majesty and glory, One in Three and Three in One. This is something so wonderful and sublime that the human mind cannot pretend to comprehend the full meaning of the mystery, which nonetheless is the cause of our joy and our hope as followers of Jesus Christ.

Saint Augustine of Hippo, one of the greatest minds that ever existed in the Church, who died in 430 AD, was trying to comprehend the mystery of the Holy Trinity, in which he firmly believed and placed his trust, yet realised it was no easy thing to full grasp. In his contemplation Augustine decided to take a walk along the seashore. There he saw a child playing in the sand near the shoreline. Having dug a hole in the sand, the child was bringing over handfuls of water from the nearby ocean to fill the hole. At one point, Augustine asked what the child was trying to do. The youngster replied that he wanted to empty the entire ocean into the hole he had dug in the sand. "But that is impossible," Augustine observed, "Can't you see the ocean is infinitely greater than the hole you have dug in the sand?" At that moment Augustine realised a profound truth: it is equally impossible to fill the human mind with the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

As Saint Augustine realised, the human mind is too limited to take in all the greatness of the Trinity, he also admitted that only God can fill and satisfy the human heart. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord," Augustine so wisely expressed it. In other words, there are many things about God that we cannot fully understand with the mind, but that we can with the heart.

God is so much and is in fact everything: Creator, Father, Sustainer, Son, Redeemer, Infinite Wisdom, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, Comforter, Love, Advocate, who cannot but act for the welfare of the human family, drawing all things and persons toward the knowledge and love of God.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church rightly expresses it: "The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life" (number 234). The Holy Trinity is above all a mystery of love and the complete expression of the love of God, which in turn transforms those who come to God, who live and die in God.

Furthermore, the Holy Trinity is a mystery of unity, being indivisible, meaning the Trinity cannot be divided, yet at the same time composed of three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we said at the beginning. In other words, "We do not confess three gods, but one God in three persons" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, number 253).

The Holy Eucharist (Mass) we celebrate is the supreme act of God's bestowing life upon human beings. We are offered the possibility of partaking in divine life when we receive the Precious Body and Blood of the Lord. It is mystery to see before us bread and wine and yet believe that contained therein is the very Body and Blood of the Redeemer of all people, our God who loves us without measure.

May we always thank our God for the gifts we have received, and may we remain today and always united to the Holy Trinity, our One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

<https://christdesert.org/2025/06/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-trinity-year-c/>

Parish News:

Sit n Chat: The next Sit n Chat meeting is scheduled for this Monday. Please contact Jane for further information 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary.

Feast of St John the Baptist: There will be a BBQ after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 22nd June to celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist. All welcome. On the Feast Day, 24th June, there will be Mass at 8.30am at the Church and at 12.30pm at the school.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: There is a letter enclosed with the newsletter this weekend from Bishop Anthony in preparation for the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Year of Hope, 2025.

Urgent Call for Volunteers: We are in urgent need of the following volunteers: Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Piety Stall, Readers, Senior Servers, Sacristans. If you would like to volunteer please register your details on the list in the Gathering Area. Full training will be provided.

Confirmation Programme 2025: The candidates for Confirmation will be presented to the Parish Community this weekend. Preparation lessons will begin next week and continue for three weeks. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church at 6.00pm on Thursday, 7th August.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th June at 7.00pm.

Cleaners for 20th June: Mabel Kan, Renelyn Keighran, Reg Harrington, Linda Potestas.

Readers for 21st & 22nd June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Marie Andrews, Maryrose Barlow, Leonie King

Sunday 7.30am—Dorothy Fulton, Isaak Giunta, Joel Bajo

Sunday 9.15am—Joesie Cameron, Jacqui Scholte, Don Matheson

Sunday 5.00pm—Pio Savea, Kris Aitken, Lorena Lalor

Servers for 21st & 22nd June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Bernie French

Sunday 5.00pm—Charles Kivunja

Vinnies Winter Appeal: There will be a Vinnies Winter Appeal next weekend. Envelopes will be available for donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

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.

Why is Special Religious Education important? Religious Education has always been a valued part in the education provided by NSW government schools. What is now known as Special Religious Education (Catechetics) has been part of education in the NSW public schools since 1880. Public schools exist to support parents in the education and development of their children and this includes faith education. Religious education has educational and cultural values that contribute to the holistic development of our children. Our Catechists (Special Religious Education teachers) and assistants visit the public schools in the parish each week and teach the Catholic students whose parents have chosen for their children to learn about the Catholic faith. They are provided with teachers' manuals and training in how to present the lessons effectively. This year we are looking for people who can assist the catechists with the lessons each week. To find out more about being a Catechist Assistant, ring Michael Tebbutt on 0437 440 169 or drop him a line via email on Michael.Tebbutt@bbccatholic.org.au

Parish Census Form: Welcome to all new parishioners. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of

the Church. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to woywoyparish@bbccatholic.org.au. If you have submitted a form in recent times and your details haven't changed there is no need to complete another one.

Funeral Announcement: The life of Colleen Bracher will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Monday, 23rd June at 10.30am. We wish Colleen's family and friends our sincere condolences.

Introduction to Pastoral Care Course 2025: Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The Introduction to Pastoral Care Course (IPCC) meets this requirement, is FREE and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry. Some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone who may be considering being part of this hospital ministry are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise. The course will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 between 9.00am and 3.00pm at CatholicCare Central Coast Family Centre (10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah). Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please speak to Fr Timothy for more information, or contact Peter Brown, Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.

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: Prov 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world. "When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Responsorial Psalm:

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what are we that you should keep us in mind, mortal men and women that you care for them?

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Yet you have made us little less than gods; and crowned us with glory and honour, gave us power over the works of your hands, put all things under our feet.

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Reading 2: Rom 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Alleluia:

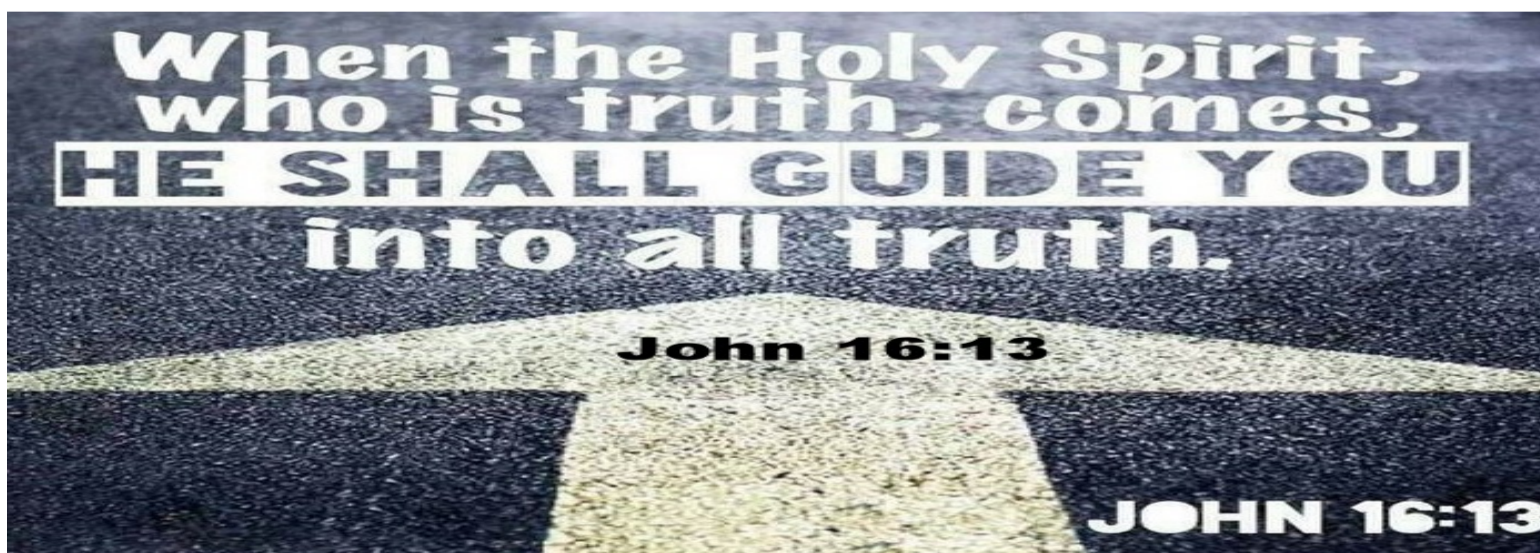
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 16th June:

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 97:1-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, 17th June:

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 145:2, 5-9/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, 18th June:

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 111:1-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, 19th June:

St Romuald - 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 110:1-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday, 20th June:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 33:2-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, 21st June:

St Aloysius Gonzaga - 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 33:8-13/Mt 6:24-34

Sunday, 22nd June:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Gen 14:18-20/Ps 109:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11-17

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Carole Bakewell, Colleen Bracher, Josephine Cannock, John Cochrane, Ken Dixon, Peter Gernetzky, Stephen Giles, David Hopkins, Don Malone, Una Maloney, Maree Oliver, Nancy Portelli, Tresa Mary, Joseph Tonna

Anniversary: Helen Brown, Betty Cavanagh, Wafaa El-Khatib, Frank Vella

Remembrance: Charlie Grima

Sick: Pat Anson, 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, Dymrna 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, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's June Intention:

Pope Leo XIV releases his first monthly prayer intention for the month of June, inviting the faithful to pray "that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have

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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