

Diocese of Broken Bay

12 July 2026, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Family (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: every 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am or by request
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturdays 9:30 & every 1st Friday of the month at 7pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Eucharistic Adoration
Saturdays at 9:30 am &
Every first Friday of the month
at 7pm followed by mass
August 7

Anointing of the Sick
Every Second Thursday of the
month (next August 13)

Divine Will Prayer Group
Mondays 10-11:30 am
& Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina
Every Friday at 10 am
(Paused during school holidays)

Carmelite Conversations
Fortnightly on Thursdays
July 23 at 10 am

Parish Social Craft Group
Every fortnight on Thursdays
July 16 at 10 am

Young Adults @ St Ives
Every Second Monday
July 13

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy
Morning tea after Mass

Parish Morning Tea
Morning tea after 8am mass
July 12



Dear Parishioners,

As I write this message on Friday 10th July, we are preparing for the first of three funerals from our Parish community. We commend to God's loving care Elizabeth (Libby) Cook, Antonio Avati and Ana-Maria Fernandes.

It reminds us that, first and foremost, we are a community of faith, a community of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who seek to support one another in the life of ongoing conversion and living a life of love. We are then called to the missionary disciples, people who are willing to share our faith with others – extended family, neighbours, work colleagues, and all with whom we come in contact.

We recall the famous quote attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi : “always preach the Gospel, and only if necessary, use words.”

Jesus spoke often of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven. In his discourse at the last supper, St John has Jesus say to the twelve: “I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am, you may be also.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "How great will your glory and happiness be, to be allowed to see God, to be honoured with sharing the joy of salvation and eternal light with Christ your Lord and God, . . . to delight in the joy of immortality in the Kingdom of heaven with the righteous and God's friends." n 602

On his 85th birthday, Pope Benedict XVI said: I am now facing the last chapter of my life and I do not know what awaits me. I know, however, that the light of God exists, that he is Risen, that his light is stronger than any darkness, that the goodness of God is stronger than any evil in this world. And this helps me to go forward with certainty.

Fr Paul

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**Pope Leo XIV's
Prayer Intention:
July 2026**



For Respect for Human Life:
Let us pray for the respect and
protection of human life in all its
stages, recognizing it as a gift from
God.

Prayer Zone

Recently Deceased:

Ana-Maria Fernandes, Antonio Avati, Libby Cook

Anniversary: Ricardo Burgos-Oviedo

Please pray for the ill:

Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque;
Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley;
Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen
McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies;
Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal;
Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie
Spencer; Brendan Stone.



the Sacrament of
Eucharist

Celebration

Sunday, 20 September 2026
at 12:00pm

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 13th August 2026
at 6:00pm

(Only one parent need attend).
Attendance is compulsory

Presentation Mass

15/16 August 2026
Any mass over that weekend.
Sessions begin this week

4 Session dates

Thurs; 20, 27 Aug & 3, 10 Sept
or
Sun: 16, 23, 30 Aug & 13 Sept

Practice Date

Thurs, 17 Sept 2026 at 6:00pm

**WHY WE DO
THE THINGS WE DO**

What is that little red light?

Christ is the light of the world! That little red light you
see glowing on the sanctuary near the tabernacle
indicates the presence of Christ in the form of
eucharistic bread. We acknowledge this eucharistic
presence when we genuflect (kneel on one knee). In
our Christian tradition, genuflection is an act of
adoration of Christ as Lord.

**BAKE SALE &
BRACELETS**

Raising funds for
Young Adults @ St Ives

Please collect a cake box from the church foyer in
the weeks before the event and return it filled with
your favourite baked treat before Mass on 1st-2nd
August. Alongside your generous donations, the
Young Adults will be selling homemade treats and
handmade bracelets. By supporting this
fundraiser, you're investing in a vibrant community
of young adults who are already serving our parish
through a variety of ministries. Funds raised will
help make fortnightly gatherings, faith formation
and community activities, possible.

**1ST & 2ND AUG
AFTER ALL MASS**

Thank you for your support, we
can't wait to see you there!

FEAST DAYS - JULY

SAT 11TH : **ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, MEMORIAL**
WED 15TH : **ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR,
MEMORIAL**
WED 22ND: **ST MARY MAGDALENE, FEATS**
SAT 25TH: **ST JAMES, APOSTLE, FEAST**
WED 29TH: **STS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS,
MEMORIAL**
FRI 31ST : **ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST,
MEMORIAL**

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on
which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present.
We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.

ALPHA

You're welcome here

explore life faith meaning

Wednesday, 29 July 2026
Corpus Christi Church Hall
7:00-9:15pm

Registration required
 Use the QR Code or registration form in foyer of church

Register by Wed 22 July 2026

Learn more

Register Here

Life is better together

Alpha

week 1 • 11/12 July

Who is your One?

God is already sowing seeds.

We may not see it yet, but God is already at work in the hearts of the people we love.

Our part is simple:
Pray. Invite. Trust.

This Weekend
 Take a prayer card.
 Write the name of one person
 God may be asking you to pray for. Begin praying daily.

Alpha is Coming
 Begins Wednesday 29 July
 Register here or sign up in the foyer.

We also need you! Help us create a warm welcome.
 Please consider joining our hospitality team...
 contact the office on 02 9144 6998

Some seed fell on good soil and grew...
Let us keep sowing.
 Matthew 13:8

Thank you! ❤️



Social Justice Corner

2026 Global Peace Index

The Global Peace Index (GPI) is the world's leading measure of global peacefulness. Produced annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace, the report ranks 163 independent states and territories by their level of peacefulness across three domains: societal safety and security; ongoing domestic and international conflict; and militarisation.

The 2026 GPI report finds that the world continues its longstanding trajectory of deteriorating peacefulness, with armed conflict the dominant driver of the decline. There are now more active state-based conflicts than at any point since the end of the Second World War, and the number of countries involved in external conflict has nearly doubled since 2008.

These conflicts have coincided with a rapid technological revolution in warfare, leaving international law and diplomacy far behind. For the first time in history, machines are making life-and-death combat decisions faster than any human can review them. Drone attacks rose by roughly 11,500 per cent between 2018 and 2025. While AI-enabled war infrastructure is already in the field, AI for Peace remains fragmented and underfunded. Echoing Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica humanitas, Caritas Australia has asked us to consider the moral questions the 2026 Peace Index raises.

When the pace of war accelerates, what happens to reflection, judgement, and restraint?

When human lives risk being reduced to data points, how do we hold on to the inherent dignity of every person?

No system, no matter how advanced, can replace the moral responsibility we carry for one another.'

Source:

[Global-Peace-Index-2026-Report.pdf](#)

[Caritas Australia reflects on a year of conflict and displacement](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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FOR THE
Piety Stall ♥

AT THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help fellow parishioners find meaningful resources for their faith journey.



BUILD COMMUNITY

Be a friendly presence and help create a welcoming experience for all.



SERVE WITH PURPOSE

Even a small amount of your time can make a real difference.



YOUR TIME. YOUR FAITH.
Their Blessing.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS MINISTRY
OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Thank you
for considering this
opportunity to serve
our parish.



EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTRY



We warmly invite parishioners
to consider joining our
**Extraordinary Communion
Ministry** for Sunday Mass
at 10:00am and 5:00pm.



This is a beautiful opportunity to serve
our community by helping distribute
the Eucharist during weekend Masses.
If you feel called to take part, we would
love to hear from you.



Please contact the **parish office**
or leave your details on the
sign-up sheets in the church foyer.



No prior experience is needed—
formation and guidance will be provided.



SERVE • SHARE • BE CHRIST
Your service makes a difference.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



COMMUNION TO THE SICK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Your willingness to give your time and heart
will be a blessing to many. Thank you for
prayerfully considering this invitation to be
the hands and feet of Christ.

PIETY STALL

Our piety stall is now fully restocked. We've
got a full cabinet ready for you. Please stop
in on your way out and have a look,
especially if you're looking for meaningful
gifts. Thank you!

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning
every fortnight - bring your own craft or
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**Thursday 16th July 10am in the Parish
Hall.**

Contact: Angela—0405 507 982

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Kirsten Syers

Caritas Australia
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FREE WILLS SEMINAR

& Morning Tea

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6 August,
2026

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11:30 AM

Registration
required
by 4 August



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01 FRIDAY FEATURE TALK "BLESS OUR DARKNESS: Discerning God's presence in today's world"

Presented by
Fr Manoling Francisco SJ

In a world filled with uncertainty and change, how do we recognise God's presence and guidance? Join renowned Jesuit priest, retreat director, and composer Fr Manoling Francisco for an inspiring evening of reflection and spiritual insight.

Friday, 24 July 2026
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Dolours Church
94 Archer Street Chatswood

ADMISSION: FREE.
Donations gratefully accepted.

Suitable for adults.
Children are welcome when
accompanied by an adult.



02 CHORAL WORKSHOP Learn from the Composer Behind the Songs That Touched Generations

Whether you are a choir member, music minister, conductor, or simply a lover of sacred music, this is a rare opportunity to learn directly from Fr Manoling Francisco SJ, composer of timeless favourites including: Hindi Kita Mallimutan, Tanging Yaman, Sa'yo Lamang.

Discover insights into liturgical music, choral interpretation, and the spirituality behind sacred song.

Saturday, 25 July 2026
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Harrington Hall of Our Lady of Dolours Church
(enter via Ferguson Lane)

ADMISSION:
\$15 PER PERSON

Highly recommended for choir members, music ministry leaders, cantors, accompanists, and music lovers!



03 BENEFIT CONCERT A Prayer Concert...

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(Live with Palms Wide Open)

An unforgettable evening of prayer, praise, and beautiful music featuring members of Bukas Palad Music Ministry with Fr Manoling Francisco SJ. Experience songs that have inspired millions and celebrate 40 years of faith-filled music in a concert that promised to uplift, inspire, and move hearts.

Saturday, 25 July 2026
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Our Lady of Dolours Church
94 Archer Street Chatswood

ADMISSION:
\$40 PER PERSON

Recommended for adults and older children.
Ticket required for entry.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
• Filipino Chaplaincy, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay
• The Parish of Our Lady of Dolours – Chatswood

For bookings, simply scan the QR code.
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The Word

Sunday 12 July 2026: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
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 55:10-11
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

- You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and

glory as the children of God.

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23
A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.'

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on the Readings prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11). God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. God cares for us by sending us his word. Our reading emphasises the effectiveness of God's word. The rain always produces positive results; eventually somewhere the earth responds and becomes fruitful. So God persists with his word until he gets a response.

Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23). St Paul says that the glory that awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life. Our redemption will be complete only at the resurrection, which includes the redemption of the whole physical universe.

Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23). In the third great discourse -The Sermon in Parables 13:1-52 - Matthew brings together eight parables which illustrate various aspects of the kingdom. The Lectionary deals with all eight of these during this and the following two Sundays.

The chapter opens with the parable of the sower and its interpretation. Between the parable and its explanation Matthew inserts a piece as to why Jesus speaks in parables. The meaning of the original parable: despite all obstacles the word of God will bear fruit. It echoes the idea of the First Reading: the word of God achieves the end for which it was sent.



Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the Parable of the Sower:

“In some ways this is an ‘autobiographical’ episode because it reflects Jesus’ own experience as a preacher. He identifies Himself with the sower who, while spreading the good seed of God’s Word, becomes aware of the differing effects it produces depending on the way it is accepted.

There are **those** who listen superficially but fail to welcome it;

those who accept it immediately but have no constancy and lose everything;

those who are overwhelmed by the cares and lures of the world, and

those who receive and absorb it like good soil, for them the Word brings forth abundant fruit...

God does not force us to believe in Him; rather, he draws us to Him with the truth and goodness of His incarnate Son. Love, in fact, always respects freedom”.