

Diocese of Broken Bay

16 August 2026, Twentieth 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 to 10:30am

Anointing of the Sick

Every Second Thursday of
the month
September 10

Divine Will Prayer Group

Mondays 10-11:30 am &
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 10 am

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays
at 10am
August 20

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays at
10am
August 27

Young Adults @ St Ives

Every Second Monday at 7
pm
August 24

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at 10am
Mass
Morning tea after Mass

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday 8th August, we celebrated the feast day of our first canonised saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, including Fr Tan & some young adults joining the Holy Hour at her tomb. Then on Saturday 15th August, we honour Mary in celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 14th; Mass at 9.00am on Saturday 15th)

Fr Paul and Fr Tan have begun visiting a class each Wednesday this term and sometimes joining the staff for morning tea. Also, on each Tuesday, a class joins the parish community for the 9.00am Mass. We hope we can keep building a stronger parish-school community.

On Thursday evening 13th August, Val Dias (sacramental coordinator), Fr Tan & I welcomed 26 First Holy Communion parents to an Information Night. Twenty of the 26 children attend Corpus Christi Catholic School, St Ives. We shall hold four sessions of preparation, and then the First Holy Communion Mass will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, 20th September.

We currently have seven children from the Corpus Christi school preparing for Baptism. It will be a great joy to welcome these children and their families into the community of the Baptised on Sunday 30th August. We pray God's special blessing on these children and the children preparing for their first Holy Communion, and for all the families of the parish-school community.

On Tuesday evening 11th August I held a gathering of over 30 parish ministry leaders, taking the opportunity to hear from them and to speak about the parish Vision and the organisational structure of our parish ministries. As a parish community, we rely on our many volunteers to build a loving, faith-filled community of missionary disciples.

About twenty of us have gathered on the last three Wednesday evenings to participate in the current Alpha course. We thank the parishioners on team who are supporting Jen Perrott, Fr Tan and I in welcoming the 16 participants who are interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Let us pray for one another and ask the Holy Spirit to be alive among us as a parish community.

Fr Paul



Parent information night for First Holy Communion.

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Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of every month · 9.00am

Corpus Christi Church, St Ives

I warmly invite you to join us for our monthly Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.

This sacrament is not only for the dying. It is for anyone facing serious or ongoing illness, preparing for surgery, or carrying the frailty that comes with age.

Perhaps you have wondered whether you are “unwell enough” to come forward. Please come anyway — there is nothing to arrange and nothing to explain.

And do bring a neighbour, a friend or a member of your family who would be helped by it.

Whatever we carry, we do not carry it alone.

Fr Paul
PARISH PRIEST

Note; next mass with anointing of the sick 10th September.



Bus transport available. For more information please contact the parish office.



The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is pleased to invite you to a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 100 years of our international community

Sunday 13th September 2026

Main celebrant:
The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start
Celebration to conclude at approximately 3pm

The day will begin with Holy Mass followed by light refreshments and a program

RSVP is required for catering purposes
by 1st September 2026



Parish bus groups are encouraged,
and registration is necessary for parking

General parking will be available onsite in the valley

An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary
will be available for viewing in the Family Hall
from 8:30am - 6:00pm

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



FEAST DAYS AUGUST

THU 20TH: **ST BERNARD**, ABBOT, DOCTOR, MEMORIAL
FRI 21ST: **ST PIUS X**, POPE, MEMORIAL
SAT 22ND: **THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, MEMORIAL
THU 27TH: **ST MONICA**, MEMORIAL
FRI 28TH: **ST AUGUSTINE**, BISHOP, DOCTOR, MEMORIAL
SAT 29TH: **THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**, MARTYR, MEMORIAL

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!

COMMUNITY MEAL at St Agatha's Catholic Parish

Everyone is welcome, especially those who may be experiencing hardship, social isolation, or would simply appreciate a warm meal and friendly company.

- **Date:** Sunday 30 August
- **Time:** 11:45am – 2:15pm
- **Venue:** Martin Hall (St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Hall), 20 Boundary Rd Pennant Hills

RSVP via QR code or email ppc@stagatha.org.au



St Agatha's SJM Community Meal

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; 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.



Help Welcome Young Families to Our Parish



We are excited to be creating new opportunities for Baptism families and other young families to connect, belong and build friendships within our parish community.



We will be hosting a **weekly music class** for babies and young children in our parish hall, led by a wonderful local music teacher. Around this, we hope to create a welcoming **playgroup** where parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea, meet other families, and feel at home in our parish.



We are looking for **friendly volunteers** to help welcome families, make tea and coffee, and simply spend time chatting and building community. If you are available for a rostered Wednesday morning (even occasionally), we would love to hear from you.



To find out more or to volunteer, please contact Sue-Anne Sherwood on **0416 141 508**

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.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO— 'Today is the feast of...'

When families and friends celebrate birthdays, graduations and anniversaries they are making a statement about a person or a value which is collectively important to them. The Catholic Church, too, is full of celebrations—saints' feast days, solemnities and holy days— that affirm certain people and truths that are important to us as a faith family. While on our own journey, celebrating the lives of the saints gives us the opportunity to give thanks for their great faith, virtue and moral courage. As a Church, we celebrate the Communion of Saints.

Are You Interested in Finding Out More about the Catholic Faith?

Have you wondered at times why Catholics do what they do?

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or don't know how to go about becoming a Catholic?



Becoming a Catholic is a big step and is not a process you can accomplish on your own. It involves joining a parish community, as well as learning about the faith and becoming committed to it.

If you would like to explore further, you are invited to join the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

where you journey together with others also seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

To find out more, please contact the Parish Office on:
office@corpuschristi.com.au (02) 9144 6998

PROGRAMME STARTS MID SEPTEMBER



BISHOP DAVID WALKER'S

30th Episcopal Anniversary

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS,
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THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026
7.00PM

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Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2027 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Rather than "helping," we walk in solidarity with young people, creating opportunities for mutual learning and growth. Cagliero volunteers work in the Salesian way, placing young people at the centre of all they do and approaching life with joy, compassion, and respect. While the focus is on those we serve, the experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers as well.

Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

Young Adults @ St Ives



Hi lovely community ❤️
Team Young Adults @ St Ives
are sleeping out at Australian
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homelessness and raise much
needed funds for
Vinnies!!
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Baptisms

We look forward to welcoming primary school children:

Maverick & Hudson Millar
Ethan & Jayden Zeng

Harrison & Anderson Nieland
Michael Giannattasio

to God's family and to our parish community as we
 keep them in our prayers.

Social Justice Corner

Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has launched its latest Social Justice Statement, **Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division**, calling on Australians to respond to growing social division with compassion, dialogue and a commitment to human dignity.

The statement explores recent developments in Australia, including the Bondi Beach attack of December 2025, as well as the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism.

At the launch of the statement, Bishop Harris, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, reminded us that the Church has a key role in building a culture of listening and inclusion.

For further information, please see the e-news.



Young Adults Events at Chatswood & Gosford

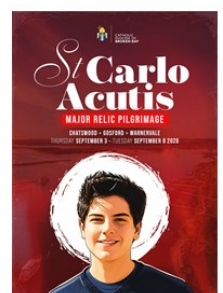
Join young adults (aged 18+) from around the Diocese for an evening of fellowship, prayer and formation at both Chatswood and Gosford, as we reflect on St Carlo Acutis' life and devotion to the Eucharist.

Both events will feature food, praise and worship music, an inspiring talk and the opportunity for veneration of the major relic of St Carlo.

Chatswood Night 4th Sept.

Gosford Night 6th Sept.

Please see the e-news for more information and to register.



WYD27

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

Every pilgrimage begins with a single step. This year, the Diocese of Broken Bay invites its community to step into an experience of faith, hope, and connection, as pilgrims from across the diocese—including Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) students—journey together.

*"Take courage!
 I have overcome the world."*
 In 16:33



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The Word

Sunday 16 August 2026: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

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 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on Readings for Year A Week 20 prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 1, 6-7). This reading reflects a time during the period of restoration after the return from the exile in Babylon (538 BC onwards). Since the returned exiles constituted a small group, they tended to be inward looking. The prophet encourages them to embrace foreigners because God intends his house to be 'a house of prayer for *all* the peoples'. The theme of inclusiveness forms the link with the Gospel.

Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32). St Paul declares that he has been sent as apostle of the pagans—at this time, meaning the Gentiles, who practised polytheism and idol worship, or were of no faith. The pagans have benefitted from the Jews' refusal that caused St Paul to turn to the Gentiles. The witness of the pagan converts will prove a testimony to the Jews of the power of God. St Paul hopes that the Jews will see the light through a salutary 'jealousy' of the Gentile Christians.

Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28). The early Church faced a similar problem with regard to the Gentiles (as seen in first reading). St Matthew sees Jesus as having broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile. Even though his own mission was restricted to Israel, Jesus did reach out to individual Gentiles such as the centurion (8:5-13) and the Canaanite woman. Hence, after the resurrection of Jesus, the early Church extended its mission to the Gentiles.

This story resembles that of the healing of centurion's servant in showing us the great faith of a Gentile. Though a member of a tribe that had been ancestral enemies of the Jews, she had more faith in Jesus than his own people. They wouldn't believe in him unless they saw signs and wonders. Indeed, they saw signs and wonders, yet still refused to believe. This nameless pagan woman has remained an example of great faith for over 2,000 years.



“The faith of the Syrophenician woman teaches believers about the power of persistent faith and the importance of humility before God. Her account encourages Christians to approach God with confidence, knowing that His grace extends to all who believe, regardless of their background. It also challenges believers to recognize and embrace the inclusivity of the Gospel, reaching out to all people with the love and message of Christ.”



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