

Diocese of Broken Bay

19 July 2026, Sixteenth 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Grandparents' Day Mass**

Friday, July 24 at 9am  
The children from Corpus Christi school will be in attendance and will take carriage of the readings, singing and prayers of the faithful.

**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 30 at 10 am

**Young Adults @ St Ives**

Every Second Monday  
July 27

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass**

Children's Liturgy

Dear Parishioners,

It was good to welcome back the ten St Ives participants from the Ignite conference held Thursday 9/7 - Sunday 12/7 at the Light of Christ Centre, Waitara.

**One Participant (Faith Sherwood) summed up the whole experience:** "Ignite was four days filled with praise and worship, inspiring talks, prayer, adoration, reconciliation, testimonies, daily Mass, new friendships and so many moments where we encountered Jesus". She also thanked parishioners for their support with "subsidies and prayers to enable this kind of encounter with Jesus". **Jonathan Lee** shared how valuable he had found the three testimonies given on Saturday 11/7 from people who had learnt invaluable life lessons having come through great hardship. Another Ignite participant, **Maria Brown**, ended her wonderful testimony by saying to parishioners: "Thank you again for your generosity in financially supporting my attendance." I add my thanks to you for your prayerful and financial support and for your encouragement of our outreach to young adults, the schools and youth. They are not only "the future of our church", they are vibrant and valuable members of our parish community today.

**One of the fruits of our parish fundraising to subsidise attendance at Ignite** has been the lasting impact on the life of our parish. Over the past two years, every young adult and most of the high school students who attended Ignite with the help of these subsidies are now actively involved in parish ministry or volunteering. Many of these young adults have taken on significant leadership and service roles. They have led the Good Friday Passion Play, assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt, faithfully served in the 5pm Sunday Mass choir for the past three years, are establishing a new Youth Choir for the 8am Sunday Mass, and have joined our team of Catechists.

The St Ives participants have shared their testimonies and reflections, and we will share more of this in the coming weeks. It was great that Sue-Anne Sherwood could join participants, along with Fr Tan on the Saturday; meanwhile, I "held the fort" with Saturday morning Mass, adoration, reconciliation, and Benediction, meetings for a baptism and a wedding, and then celebrating the Vigil Mass!

I have met with Corpus Christi REC, Penny Delmage, to prepare a **Plan for Term 3** when various classes will participate in Mass each week in our parish church, and times for Fr Tan and I each week to visit the various classes, along with other special occasions, such as Grandparents' Mass, Liturgy for Father's Day and marking the solemnity of the Assumption. We will prepare talks as requested and take an active interest in the lives and Religious Education of our students.

I congratulate the group of youth from the parish, supervised by Cel Tria, who have been participating in a trial outreach visiting the BUPA residents each week.

**I wish all our school students an enjoyable and productive school term ahead.** Give it your best! I wish our HSC students well as you prepare for the trial HSC, and the final weeks of secondary schooling. May God bless you in the coming week, and may God continue to bless and guide our parish.

**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



### 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**



As we begin a new school term, we warmly welcome back all our students, teachers and support staff. We wish Liz, Penny and Daniel every blessing as they take on their new roles over the next 6 weeks. May God guide and strengthen them, and the term be a joyful and successful one for our whole community.

### WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do we have 'ordinary' Sundays?

In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call 'ordinary'. Filled with daily rituals—preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping kids at sport practice—they are an essential dimension of family life. Our Church calendar, too, has periods called *Sundays in Ordinary Time* which are numbered consecutively. In between all the 'special occasions' (the various Christian feasts and seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family.

## Prayer Zone

### Recently Deceased:

Ana-Maria Fernandes, Antonio  
Avati, Libby Cook



### Please pray for the ill:

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.

**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!

### 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.

## Sacramental Program

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Corpus Christi Catholic Parish St Ives

Enrolments are now open for children preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.



SCAN TO ENROL  
or [CLICK HERE](#)

Enrolments close  
Sunday 9 August

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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH  
ST IVES

## ALPHA

You're  
welcome  
here

Begins  
**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

Registrations due this week  
by Wed 22 July 2026

Learn more



Register Here



Alpha

Week 2 • 18/19 July

## Who is your One?

God is already at work.

Even when we don't see it,  
God is gently working in the  
hearts of the people we love.

Our part is simple:  
*Pray. Invite. Trust.*

The wheat and  
the weeds will  
grow together  
until the harvest.  
*Be patient.*  
Matthew 13:30



**Pray**

Lift up one person  
in prayer.



**Invite**

Invite them to  
come and see.



**Accompany**

Walk with them  
on the journey.



**This Weekend**

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



**We also need you!**

Help us create a warm welcome.  
Please consider joining our hospitality team...  
If you can help, please contact the  
office on (02) 9144 6998.

**Register here**



Alpha begins again  
**Wednesday 29 July**  
7pm sharp in the hall

Registrations due this  
week Wed 22 July

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

— + —  
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

We warmly invite parishioners to consider joining our Extraordinary Communion Ministry. This is a beautiful opportunity to serve by helping distribute the Eucharist during weekend masses. If you feel called to take part, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Parish Office or leave your detail on the sign-up sheet in the Church foyer. No prior experience is needed, and formation and training will be provided. Phone: 0291446998

email: [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au).

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 handiwork if you wish.

**Thursday 16th July 10am in the Parish Hall.**

Contact: Angela—0405 507 982



## Social Justice Corner

### World Day for International Justice

The World Day for International Justice is held annually on 17 July. It commemorates the adoption of the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Based in The Hague, the Netherlands, the ICC is the first independent and permanent international court that can hear

cases involving the most serious alleged violations of international humanitarian law. These include genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.

The ICC complements, not replaces, national criminal justice systems. It can prosecute cases only if national justice systems do not carry out proceedings, or when they claim to do so but are, in reality, unwilling or unable to do so genuinely.

The World Day of International Justice unites those who strive to support justice, promote victims' rights, and help prevent crimes that threaten the world's peace, security, and well-being. As Australia is one of 125 countries that have ratified the Rome Statute, it serves as an important reminder for Australia to fully uphold its obligations and to establish stronger institutional frameworks for accountability.

International Justice Day should go beyond a mere calendar occasion. It reminds us of the importance of reflecting on what we can do in our family, parish, community, or career to help build a more peaceful, more just world. For ideas on how to get involved, visit: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/get-involved/more-just-world>.

*'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*

*We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.'*

*Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Letter from Birmingham, Alabama jail, April 16, 1963.*

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**6 August, 2026**

**10:00–11:30 AM**

**Registration required by 4 August**

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**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.

**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!

**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. Book early to avoid disappointment. Limited places available.

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## The Word

### Sunday 19 July 2026: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

#### Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 book of Wisdom Wis 12:13.16-19

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

*(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:26-27

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 13:24-43

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **Reflections on the Sunday Readings (Year A, Week 16) prepared by Fr Paul**

### **First Reading (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).**

God has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired. This reading talks of God's mercy, and how we are called to imitate it.

### **Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27).**

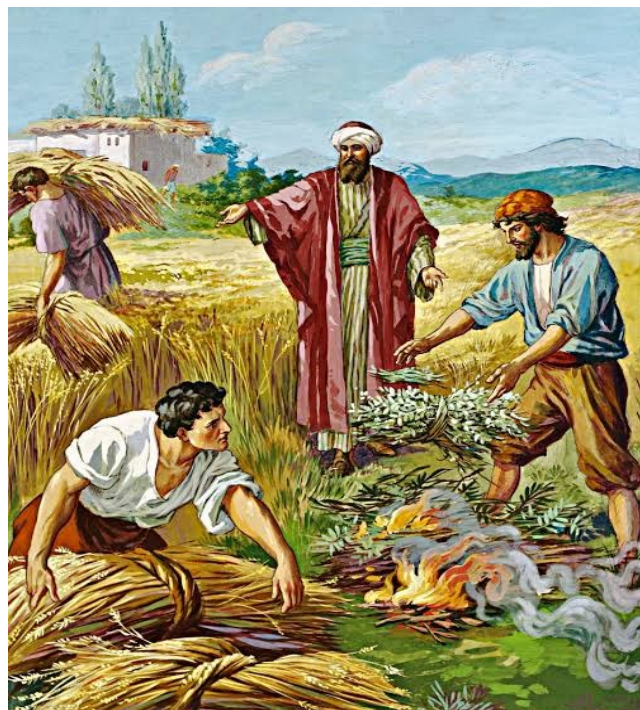
The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we can't find the words to express what is on our minds and hearts.

### **Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43).**

The church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time. Furthermore, this really applies to each person.

The Church always seeks to reflect the goodness, truth and beauty of Christ, to be people of holiness and virtue but we are also sinners in need of God's mercy. We mustn't despair. The world is a mixture of light and darkness, good and evil. Wheat and weeds grow side by side in the same person, indeed, in ourselves.

But all is not lost - there is good there too. No one understood this better than Jesus. Even in the twelve apostles whom he guided carefully for three years, the weeds persisted, yet he never despaired of them.



The late Pope Francis reminds us: "...the Church is called on to pour its mercy over all those who recognise themselves as sinners, who assume responsibility for the evil they have committed, and who feel in need of forgiveness. The Church does not exist to condemn people but to bring about an encounter with the love of God's mercy.... I like to use the image of a field hospital to describe this 'Church that goes forth'.....Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life, and the Church has an endless desire to show mercy."



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