

Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008

1 June 2025, The Ascension of the Lord

Parish Mass Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm
Public Holidays: 9am
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: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am or by request

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Monday
(during term time)**

Divine Will Prayer Group
10-11:30am

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy

**Every Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick - 9am

Wednesday 28 May
Wild Goose - Parish Hall

Sunday 1 June
Fr Greg's 80th birthday
Morning Tea in the Parish Hall
following 10am mass

Sunday 15 June
10am—Mass with Brigidine
College

Save the date!!

Sun 27th July
6:15pm—Movie Night Fundraiser

Sunday 30th August
Praise & Worship Afternoon



***As he blessed them he
parted from them and
was taken up to heaven.
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The two men in white who challenge the disciples are the same ones who in Luke's version of the women at the tomb of Jesus say: "*Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?*" Today's feast is in one way also about our mission, sent as we are like them, clothed with the promised gift of the Spirit. Jesus is among us inviting us to spread his message of reconciliation and forgiveness, especially to those closest to us – family, friends, workmates and colleagues. We will always find him in the mix and muddle of daily life. Is this why those disciples were so full of joy when they returned to Jerusalem even though their friend and teacher was no longer physically with them? May their joy be infectious as we celebrate today's feast and continue to seek the living but often unrecognisable risen Lord Jesus.

It is this gift of wisdom, with perception and knowledge, that Paul wishes upon the community at Ephesus. The power given to believers becomes a potent force in and through them and us and will help us to discover how we can be effective witnesses to the saving power of mercy and forgiveness through Christ.

God Bless,
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Christina Surjan, Administrative Assistant

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WHY WE DO

The Things We Do

Why do we shake hands?

Before receiving communion, the celebrant invites the congregation to 'offer one another a sign of peace', usually in the form of a handshake, smile or embrace. By this action we affirm our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a genuine sign of reconciliation that prepares us for the profound act of intimacy which is signified when we share at the one eucharistic table. So, you see, the sign of peace is more than a 'nice' thing to do. It is an expression of the bond that unites us as Christians. Think about it next time you offer this sign. Please. No 'dead fish' handshakes! Extend your hand with warmth and conviction.

JOIN THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Catenian Association is an international group of Catholic laymen founded in Manchester in 1908.

Internationally they are in Ireland, U.K., India, Malta and Australia. The groups are called circles and there are a number in Sydney.



CATENIANS
FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH

Our local Ku-Ring-Gai circle meets at Turramurra Club on the second Monday of every month for a meeting and dinner.

We support each other, the parishes, charities and clergy. In addition, we have social outings like river cruises, theatre, opera, cinema etc.

There are already members from this parish and if you would like to attend a no obligation circle meeting, including a free meal, please contact the following:

President: Harry Hull 0411818132.
Membership: John White 049851910.

There will be some speakers this weekend at two masses to take enquiries.

Please join us!

Fr Greg turns 80 on Wednesday 28 May! Join us for a birthday morning tea in the Parish Hall following the 10am mass on Sunday 1 June to celebrate!



We warmly invite all parishioners to bring a plate to share and come together in fellowship as we give thanks for Fr Greg's life and ministry.

Let's make this a joyful and memorable occasion for Fr Greg!



You Are Invited!

Please join the Ku-ring-gai Interchurch Group for a special ***Prayer for Christian Unity*** service.

Date: Thursday, 5 June

Time: 11:00 am (1 hour service)

Location: Gordon Pymble Uniting Church
1 Livingstone Avenue, Pymble

Come together in faith and fellowship as we pray for unity among Christians.



CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION LEADERS GATHERING 2025

**WEDNESDAY
9 JULY
12:30PM - 4:30PM**

Starting with Mass followed by lunch and gathering.
Caroline Chisholm Centre
2/423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills



SCAN TO REGISTER

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Singing Up Country 2025

6 July 2025 | 3:30pm to 8:30pm

Northern Beaches Unique Festival showcasing Aboriginal musicians, their culture, music and community spirit, led by Yaegl man Michael Birk. Featured musicians are: Stiff Gins, Michael Birk and The Recognisers, Aunty Cyndy Drummond, Black Turtles, Nadeena Dixon, and Magpie.

It is a good start to kick off NAIDOC WEEK 2025. Enjoy a warming soup supper. Before the music, join in a free story-telling and walk in the regenerating bush.

This event brings together many communities. It is run in collaboration with the Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group and the Kierans Creek Landcare Group, supported by Mona Vale Music.

\$55 online bookings (Concession \$35)
\$60 on door - Raffle \$5 - Under 16 free

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1361816>



Anniversary: Donald Richard Jambu

Please pray for the ill:

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

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let Michelle or Christina know.

FEAST DAYS - JUNE

Sun 1st, The Ascension of the Lord
Sun 8th, Pentecost Sunday
Mon 9th, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Wed 10th, St Barnabas, apostle
Fri 13th, St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor
Sun 15th, The Most Holy Trinity
Sat 21st, St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
Sun 22nd, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Tues 24th, The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 27th, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sun 29th, St Peter and Paul apostles

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

FOR JUNE

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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.



AUS TRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
MELBOURNE 2025

DIocese OF BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE
SAT 29 NOV- WED 3 DEC
FLIGHTS + 4 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION + REGO
\$1,630 PER PERSON, INCL GST
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The Varroville MGL Sisters are holding a Jubilatio Pentecost Intensive



Wednesday 4th June - Sunday 8th June.
"Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit"

Come and encounter the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Experience a time of deep renewal and joy as we celebrate and embrace the gift of the Spirit through fellowship, inputs, prayer and practical workshops.
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BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

There is no more joyous time to be Catholic and what more sacred time to visit Rome with our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV than in this **Jubilee Year of Hope!**

We warmly invite you to journey with our very own Fr Hien Vu for an extraordinary, faith-filled ten day pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. Breathe in the beauty of Assisi, walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, visit the tomb of Bl Carlos Acutis.

Whilst in Rome, participate in Mass with Bishop Anthony, pay a personal tribute at the resting place of Pope Francis, walk through the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas, and join in the Holy See celebrations for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life 8-9 October and Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

Registrations for this once in a lifetime trip closing soon. To join our next online information gathering, please email mission@bbcatholic.org.au



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of Holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS
Rome Airport vicinity (11) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome • Jubilee (6 nights)

Accompanied by **Fr Hien Vu**

"The Jubilee Year 2025 calls us to rediscover the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives and to deepen our relationship with Him, as the Door through which we enter into the fullness of life."
- Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest journeys



Join us on Friday the 6th of
June for Friday Holy Hour.

The first Friday of every month
*Eucharistic
Adoration*
at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7:30pm



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encounter with Christ

FUNDRAISING FOR IGNITE 2025

AND FUTURE CONFERENCES

14/15 JUNE

WAYS YOU CAN HELP?

Pray
Donations
Prepare meal dishes

Containers are available at the back of the church from this weekend. Please bring food in a cooler bag. List ingredients.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Lasagnes
- Curries
- Savoury baked goods
- Fried Rice
- Noodles
- Stir Fries



For more information on the Carmelite Retreat Program, please visit www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

When: June 7, 10am - 4pm

The Roses of St Therese

Presenter: Ms Jill Ditton, OCDS

When: June 12-13 or 13 June

The Artistic and Spiritual Dimensions of the Christmas Story

Presenter: Mr John Charadia & Artist Tutors

When: June 20-22 6pm (Fri) to 12:30pm (Sun)

Let yourself Be Loved

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

IGNITE CONFERENCE

10-13 JULY



IGNITE CONFERENCE 25
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What is influencing your child today?

Young people are searching for something more and so many are struggling.

Looking for social and emotional wellbeing?

A safe space filled with love, tolerance and acceptance.
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Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country sending them out with passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.

Experience four days of real world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful workshops.

If this interests you, please contact the Ignite team at ignite@corpuschristi.com.au for more information.

THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU

YOU'RE INVITED

At Alpha, you can ask anything! Alpha is a safe place where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning.

And, the great news is, Alpha runs here! Right now, a seat at the table has been prepared for you. All you have to do is come.

**Begins Wednesday, 6 August 2025
at 7:00pm in the church hall**



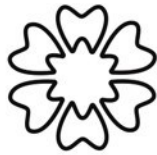
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Catenians meet every month to pray
together, to enjoy each others'
company and to support their
Clergy and Parishes.

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The Word

Sunday 1 June 2025: The Ascension of the Lord

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exultation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.