

Diocese of Broken Bay

2 August 2026, Eighteenth 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

St. Mary McKillop's Feast Day and First Friday of the Month

7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 Mass
August 7
Saturday 8th 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick
Every Second Thursday of the month
August 13

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 6

Parish Social Craft Group
Fortnight on Thursdays at 10am
August 13

Young Adults @ St Ives
Every Second Monday
August 10

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

Morning Tea after the 8am Mass
August 9

Parish Coffee Morning
At the Living Room St Ives at 10:30am
August 12

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 14th Aug 7:30 pm Vigil
Sat 15th Aug 9:00 am Mass followed by
Adoration and Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,



This week is Vocations Awareness Week 2-9 August 2026. On Friday 24th July, we celebrated a Mass to honour grandparents and to pray for the families of our parish-school community. It was great to have about 200 family members attend – mainly parents and grandparents, along with the whole school. It was a reminder that the vocation of marriage and family life is the most foundational vocation in church and society. Does anyone influence us, guide us and love us as a parent or grandparent?

Without strong families as its foundation, society will gradually disintegrate. Saint Pope John Paul II reminded us the "future of humanity passes by way of the family", and that "as the family goes, so goes society and the world". Good and faithful families help nurture vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

We remember that Jesus grew up in a special family, the holy family. The biblical models for grandparents are Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. May they (St Joseph, Blessed Mary, St Joachim and St Anne) intercede for us.

As a Diocese, we are blessed to have had three men ordained in April: Fr Huy Tran, Fr Shayne D'Cunha and our own Fr Tan Nguyen. We have eight young men in formation for the diocese: Matthew French, Victor Atuhura, Alfred Soliman, Joseph Nicholls, Bryce Gonlin, Nicholas Gomez, Tam Nguyen, and Lucas Lopez-Rizo. Vocations' Director, Fr Joey Frez, is hopeful that we shall have three more apply for 2027.

A young man, who has been living overseas and now in the inner city, came recently with his fiancée for their first wedding preparation interview. When he entered Corpus Christi Church he shared what fond memories he had of the church, how much he loved attending Mass as a child and how much he valued his education at Corpus Christi school.

We recall Pope Benedict's words to the youth in Sydney at WYD2008: "Do not be afraid of Christ. He takes nothing away from you, and gives you everything that is true and good and beautiful..." Let us pray to the Lord especially during this week for one another, and for all who seek to follow the Lord's call.

Fr Paul

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Liturgical Music Workshop – Br Michael Herry

The beautiful liturgical music of Br Michael Herry, his fine body of Responsorial Psalms, seasonal hymns, mass settings and liturgical chants, plus special music for young people. Don't miss this lovely night of prayer and song, one you will both enjoy and remember. Intended for clergy, Music Ministers, Members of Parish Liturgy Committees and all other interested parishioners

Date: Thursday 10 September 2026. **Time:** 7pm – 8.30pm

Location: Holy Name Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga. **Cost:** Free

Registration: mission@bbcatholic.org.au



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.



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or [CLICK HERE](#)

**Enrolments close
Sunday 9 August**

Fr Tan Nguyen, Assistant Priest
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Please join us for Morning tea

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday 9 August, 2026

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.



Please bring a small plate to share if you can

Corpus Christi Parish

Coffee Morning

12 August, 2026

at 10:30 am

On the Verandah
at The Living Room
St Ives Shopping Centre

Everyone welcome.

*Come and catch up with old friends,
meet new friends.*

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

MON 3RD: **ST DOMINIC**, PRIEST, MEMORIAL
TUE 4TH: **ST JOHN VIANNEY**, PRIEST, MEMORIAL
THU 6TH: **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**, FEAST
SAT 8TH: **ST MARY OF THE CROSS**, SOLEMNITY
MON 10TH: **ST LAWRENCE**, DEACON, MARTYR, FEAST
TUE 11TH: **ST CLARE**, VIRGIN, MEMORIAL
FRI 14TH: **ST MAXIMILIAN**, PRIEST, MARTYR, MEMORIAL



Our Deepest Sympathy **JOSEPHINE CLOCCIATTI**

The Corpus Christi parish family extends its prayerful sympathy to family, relatives and friends of Josephine

Clocchiatti. Josephine's Requiem Mass was held at Corpus Christi on Thursday 30th July. May Josephine experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Having been nourished through the scripture readings at the Liturgy of the Word, we turn to the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. At this part of Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and we begin the Eucharistic Prayer which is one of the most ancient prayers from our tradition. We ask the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. By re-enacting the eucharistic words and actions of Jesus we remember and live anew the great events of his death and resurrection.

Prayer Zone

Recently Deceased:

Josephine Clocchiatti

Please pray for the ill:

Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chaurira; 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;



Social Justice Corner

Social Cohesion: Justice and Peace Gathering



The Australian Catholic Bishops will now be issuing two social justice statements each year. The second social justice statement for 2026 is titled **Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division**. The Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is warmly inviting parishes to attend a free event to launch the statement and discuss its implementation.

Date: Saturday 8 August

Time: 10.00 am-1.30 pm

Where: University of Notre Dame, Darlinghurst Campus, 160 Oxford St, Darlinghurst

Speakers at the event will include:

Dr Julie Macken about the relationship between political polarisation and economic justice.

Cailey Thurlow about plans for the next Picnic for Peace (to be held on Saturday 22 August) and how this initiative helps build trust and community, and

Paolo Alacqua from Acceptance Sydney, about their work for a more inclusive church.

There will also be the opportunity to discuss the application of the statement in our own parishes and communities.

To register for the gathering, go to the [Social Cohesion: Justice and Peace Gathering 2026](#) website or follow the link in e-news.

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**

New Schedule



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday
9:30 am - 10:30 am

at Corpus Christi Parish
St Ives



The Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER AND ADORATION with Fr Tan & Young Adults St Ives



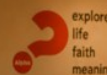
Saturday 8th August
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm
Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel
7 Mount Street
North Sydney NSW

All are welcome. Music will be led by a young adult community, with a particular invitation extended to those aged 18–35. Participants are warmly invited to remain in the Chapel and join the 6:00 pm Feast Day Mass that follows.

If you would like to join our young adult group led by Fr Tan, please meet us at **Gordon Station** at **3:15pm** on **Sat 08 Aug.**

ALPHA

You're
welcome
here



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

!! You Can Still Register !!
Began this Week

Learn more



Register Here



Alpha

St Mary McKillop's Feast Day

Friday 7th August 7:00pm Adoration
7:30 Mass

Saturday 8th August 9:00am Mass



9/10
August

CatholicCare



Combating Homelessness Together



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 an official program

Mt Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa 2745



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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PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning.

Every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

**Thursday 13th August
10am in the Parish Hall.**

Contact:

Angela—0405 507 982

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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.



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6 August, 2026 **10:00-11:30 AM**

Registration required by 4 August

6 August, 2026 **10:00-11:30 AM**

Registration required by 4 August

For enquiries, please contact Mona Saouma on (02) 9410 9024

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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The Word

Sunday 2 August 2026: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and
guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to
eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *(R.)*

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:35. 37-39
*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which
is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted,
or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even
attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph,
by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel,
no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not
any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can
ever come between us and the love of God made visible
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he
stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity
on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said,
'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go to the villages to
buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no
need for them to go: give them something to eat
yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is
five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he
said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on
the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish,
raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And
breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who
gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they
wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve
baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on the Word for 18th Sunday of Year A prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3). This contains an invitation, addressed to the exiles in Babylon, to come to a banquet at which the food and drink are both free and fully satisfying. The banquet is a metaphor for the new covenant God wants to make with his people in place of the old one that had been broken by the people's infidelities. The banquet image is the connection with the Gospel.

Second Reading (Romans 8:35, 37-39). No matter what bad times we may have to go through, we remain undaunted, because we are certain that Christ loves us. Nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God that we have experienced in Christ Jesus. St Paul endured many severe physical trials (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-29). He was frequently imprisoned. It was whipped to the point of death. Five times he received 39 lashes from the Jews. Three times he was beaten with sticks. Once he was stoned and left for dead. Three times he was shipwrecked, spending a day and a night adrift in the sea. He travelled thousands of kilometres, often narrowly escaping death from robbers and bandits. He suffered hunger and thirst, cold and nakedness. Yet he overcame all these through the power of God, who loved him in Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21). After receiving the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdrew to a lonely place where he and the apostles could be by themselves. This is the context for the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

For Matthew and his readers the miracle recalled the Old Testament story of how, at the intercession of Moses, God provided manna for his people in the desert. Jesus is the new Moses who feeds his people in the desert. In this feeding they saw an anticipation of the Eucharist. The gestures and words used are the exact same ones that are used in describing the institution of the Eucharist at the last supper: 'He took the bread..... blessed it..... broke it..... and gave it to them.'

The Eucharist in turn anticipates the final banquet of the kingdom.



(Jesus' Miracle of feeding the 5000)

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood – especially for our Diocese of Broken Bay

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy. In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.

May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen.



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