

Diocese of Broken Bay

26 July 2026, Seventeenth 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
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
August 6 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
Morning tea after Mass

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome back all the school children of the parish (& their families) as you begin Term 3 of the school year. We are mindful of our Year 12's as you prepare for Trials and then the HSC.



Since beginning here at Corpus Christi, I have worked with Sue-Anne Sherwood and Jen Perrott to update and think through our Baptismal program. I have interviewed twelve parents in preparation for their child's baptism. Among them were a wide range of backgrounds, lifestyles and religious beliefs. The three stages of our program are: (i)

meeting with parents to share their story of family, marriage and faith, and to explain the meaning & significance of Baptism; (ii) exploring the person and mission of Jesus Christ, and what it means to have faith in Jesus and belong to his Church; and (iii) reflecting on how the family can build friendships & support one another, and can grow in belonging to the church and expressing their faith.

Recent Popes have spoken of Baptism: Paul VI said his Baptism was "the most important day of my life"; John Paul II, when he visited the church of his childhood, walked first to the Baptismal font and declared "from this font, all else in my life has flowed"; Francis said: "Know the date of your Baptism and celebrate it each year". Benedict XVI reminded us that Baptism is not a quaint old fashioned empty ritual, but truly transformation and new life in Christ and his Church.

Fr Tan and I concelebrated Mass at Estia Aged Care, where around 25 Catholic residents gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. The Mass was warmly received, and it was a joy for the residents to once again share in the celebration of the Eucharist. Featured in this week's photograph is our oldest parishioner, who is an incredible **105 years young**—a wonderful witness to a life of faith.



Friday the 24th was marked by a mass giving thanks for

Grandparents. 200 members from Families from Corpus Christi Primary School joined parishioners for this special occasion, giving thanks for the love, wisdom and guidance that grandparents bring to our families and community. It was a joyful celebration enjoyed by all who attended.

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/AUGUST

WED 29TH: **STS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS,**
MEMORIAL
FRI 31ST : **ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST,**
MEMORIAL
SAT 1ST: **ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR**
MEMORIAL
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

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do we say 'AMEN' when we receive communion?

"Amen" is much more than a simple response—it is a
profession of faith.

When the priest or Extraordinary Minister says, "**The Body of Christ,**" and we reply, "**Amen,**" we are affirming our belief in the great mystery of the Eucharist. We are saying, "**Yes, I believe this is truly the Body of Christ.**"

St Augustine offered a beautiful reflection on this moment. He suggested that, in our hearts, we say a **double "Amen."**

The first "**Amen**" means: "*Yes, I believe this is the true Body of Christ.*"

The second "**Amen**" means: "*Yes, I believe this gathering of people is the Body of Christ—the Church, called to live in love, unity, and communion with one another.*"

Each time we receive Holy Communion, our "**Amen**" is both a declaration of faith in Christ's Real Presence and a commitment to live as members of His Body, united in love and service.

Prayer Zone

Recently Deceased:

Ana-Maria Fernandes,
Antonio Avati, Libby Cook



Please pray for the ill:

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.



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.

explore
life
faith
meaning

**Begins This Week
Register Now!**

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

Learn more



Register Here



Alpha

Life is
better
together

Week 3 25/26 July

Who is your One?

**The Kingdom of God
is a treasure worth
sharing.**

We plant the seeds of love and
invitation. God will do the rest.



Keep praying.
God is always at work.



Keep inviting.
Be bold. Be kind. Be you.



Trust God with the rest.
He writes the story.



The Kingdom of
heaven is like a
treasure hidden in
a field.

Once found,
it is worth
everything.

Matthew 13:44



This Weekend

Take a prayer card.
Continue praying for the
person you've written
down. Trust God with them.
Never stop loving them.

I am praying for...

Commit your way to the Lord:
trust in Him and His God.
He will bring forth your
righteousness like the dawn.
Psalm 37:5-6



Leave the
fruit to God.
Our part is to
love, invite
and trust.



God is writing a beautiful
story in the heart of the
person you love.
He is faithful.
He is good.

Alpha is coming

Begins This Week!
Wednesday 29 July
Scan the QR code
to find out more or
sign up.



We need you!
Join us for Alpha
on Wednesday 29 July
at 7:00pm in the church foyer.

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 30th July 10am in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Angela—0405 507 982



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. ♥



MISSION BROKEN BAY INVITES YOU TO:



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
FORMATION SERIES, SESSION 2

ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF AI IN PRACTICE

VENUE 1
CAROLINE CHISHOLM CENTRE
Wednesday, 26th August at 6pm,
2/423 Pennant Hills Rd,
Pennant Hills

VENUE 2:
AMBROSE CENTRE
Thursday, 27th August at 6pm,
12 Ashton Avenue,
The Entrance

This is a REPEAT of the session at the CCC, not a separate event.

Light refreshments provided.

This formation session will explore a range of considerations on both the supply chain side (machine learning and human training of AI, data centres, etc), and the consumer side of AI.

Factors considered will be the impacts to human flourishing, including human interaction, welfare of young people and work, as well as broader considerations such as economic and ecological impacts, with a focus on concrete things that we can do in our everyday lives and local communities to promote and build a world where people continue to thrive.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:



Enquiries: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

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.

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY ON RECENT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Diocesan Administrator Very Rev Dr David Ranson has written a letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay, mindful of the concerns and questions many carry regarding events presently unfolding in the life of the Church in Australia.

To Read this letter please follow the link
provided in the 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**

FREE WILLS SEMINAR & Morning Tea

Plan Well FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Join us for a **free seminar** with legal expert **Cecilia Castle**, Principal of Castle Lawyers, who will cover essential estate topics like:

- Writing a Will
- Power of Attorney
- Enduring Guardianship

Attendees may be eligible for a **complimentary will***

CECILIA CASTLE
— PRINCIPAL OF CASTLE LAWYERS —

Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

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

* Terms and conditions apply.

Social Justice Corner

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Instituted by the late Pope Francis in 2021, it is observed on the fourth Sunday of July (the celebration is separate from the secular Australian Grandparents Day, which is held on the last Sunday of October). It is fitting that in 2026, the World Day falls on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.



The theme for the 2026 World Day is **"I will never forget you"** (Isaiah 49:15). Vatican News notes that this theme is both a message of comfort and hope for grandparents and older people, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even amid the frailties of old age. The World Day is also a reminder for parishes not to forget their senior parishioners, but rather to recognise them as "precious presence and a blessing."

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life is asking parishes and diocesan communities in to reach out directly in 2026 to those who live alone, are staying in aged care homes, or isolated and alone. In his World Day message, Pope Leo has urged the young to "revive the beautiful custom" of visiting their grandparents and elderly relatives, and those who have no one to visit them: [Message from His Holiness Leo XIV for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2026: I will never forget you \(Is 49:15\)](#).



The Social Justice Group wishes all the Grandparents and Seniors in our parish a very special day. Thank you for your prayers, wisdom and actions that nurture and strengthen our families, parish and community.

The Word

The Word

Sunday 26 July 2026: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, noting is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 first book of the Kings 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. *(R.)*

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. *(R.)*

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. *(R.)*

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on the Sunday Readings prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12). The youthful Solomon had only just been chosen to succeed David as king, and felt inadequate to the task. Then God appeared to him in a dream and told him that he could have any gift he wanted. Solomon didn't ask for anything for himself. Instead he asked for the gift of wisdom, so that he might make a wise and discerning ruler of God's people. God was pleased with his choice and promised to give him wisdom in abundance. Sadly, the graced Solomon was unable to live up to his promise. This story is telling us that wisdom is the most precious gift anyone can have, that it belongs to God alone.

Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30). God turns everything to the spiritual advantage of those who love him. God's plan for people is that they should be 'conformed to the image of his Son', and share in his glory, but this doesn't happen without human cooperation.

Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52). The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price have the same message: the inestimable value of the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it, but we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. The parable of the net has the same message as that of the wheat and the weeds.

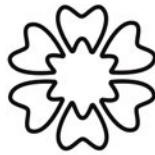
Today's Readings invite us to re-examine our goals in life. What am I living for? What do I want in life, for myself? For those I love? Is there something still hidden that if I found it I would give everything up for it? Among the broken and unexplored shells, is there a precious pearl waiting for me that would make all the searching and all the suffering worthwhile? The Gospel says: Yes, there is. And it is God himself calling me into a close communion of love - a love for which I am made.



Further reflection on the Word

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. ***The Catechism of the Catholic Church***

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. ***Saint Augustine***



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