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27 July 2025, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday 31st July
Fr Sunny's Bible Study
Church—7:30pm

First Friday of Every Month
- 1st August
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Sunday 3rd August
Movie Night

Thursday 14th August
First Eucharist Parent
information night at 7.30pm in
the Hall

Sunday 30th August
Praise & Worship Afternoon



***“Lord, teach us to pray
just as John taught
his disciples.” (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

If we've ever wondered 'how to pray', we can find words of guidance in Jesus' instructions to the disciples. He invites us to call God 'Father', an intimate term which indicates how God sees us, as his children. The words 'may your name be held holy' could also be termed: 'Father, may we always honour you, and know how special you are. There is no-one else like you.' Jesus encourages us to acknowledge and voice our desire to do God's will in our lives, that God's kingdom of love, goodness, mercy, compassion and salvation be our reality. We pray that our needs are met, and that our sins are forgiven. And just as God the Father forgives our sins, we too are called to forgive the sins of others. 'And do not put us to the test' could also sound like, 'we pray that we can bear what life brings us, with your grace and with the help of the Holy Spirit'.

God wants to hear from us, to speak to us in our hearts. May we always find time to pray to God, to speak to God our Father who loves us more than we can imagine, and who wants to give us all we ask for, in the name of his Son.

May God bless you, Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Join us on Friday the 1st August
for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month

Eucharistic Adoration

at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7.30pm



**Please join us for
Morning Tea
After the 8am
Mass
Sunday,
10 August**

**Please bring a small plate to share if you
can. Catch up with old friends and meet
new friends.**

We look forward to seeing you!



*You're invited to a
Parish Coffee Morning*

RSVP: Just turn up

**At: The Living Room Café Outside Verandah
(please note the new location)**

St Ives Shopping Village

On: Wednesday 13 August, 2025

At 10:30am

For more information:

Andrena Brewer: 0438 698 993



Social Justice Corner - Homelessness

A new snapshot analysis published this week reveals an alarming 20% increase in women and girls who were already homeless when seeking help. Homelessness in Australia is now at its worst levels in living memory and we now have one of the highest rates in the OECD. Since May 2022:

- Women and girls accessing services increased 14%
- Nearly half of women and girls seeking help were fleeing family violence
- Men and boys seeking help rose 9%.
- Homelessness Australia has launched a three-point action plan, calling on the Government to pledge to reverse rising homelessness this parliamentary term.
- Those already homeless when they sought help rose 20%
- First Nations women and girls seeking help increased 19%

[Fixing Australia's homelessness emergency: Three critical actions](#) are called for:

A National Housing and Homelessness Plan to establish homelessness reduction targets and guide major reforms across government.

New investment in homelessness services in partnership with the states

Action to reduce the number of homeless people by increasing social housing to 10% of all dwellings and increasing income support so people can afford rent.

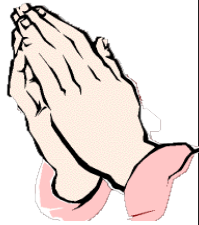
Dear Lord,

*Your Word often talks about people in need finding safety. We pray today for people experiencing homelessness,
that children and families in need with no place to call home will be guided to places of peace and security.*

Amen

Prayer Zone

Anniversary:
Bob O'Connell



Recently deceased:

Janet Laurent

Brenda Lawrence

Please pray for the ill:

Luigia Bressi; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; 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.

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 Daniela or Davina know.

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.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Brenda Lawrence

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Brenda.

Brenda's funeral will be held on **Thursday 31 July at 10:30am.**

May Brenda experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Janet Laurent

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Janet Laurent.

Janet's funeral was held on **Thursday 24 July at 11:00am.**

May Janet experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

FEAST DAYS - JULY/AUGUST

Tues 29th, Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Thurs 31st, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Fri 1st, St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

Mon 4th, St Vianney, priest

Wed 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord

Fri 8th, St Mary of the Cross, virgin



Help Us Reopen the Church Piety Store

Many parishioners have asked why the Church Piety Store isn't open on a regular basis. I've spoken with Father Greg and offered to assist with restocking the store and coordinating a volunteer roster to help keep it open more often.

If you attend Mass regularly and could spare a short time afterwards—perhaps just 10 to 15 minutes—we'd love your help. A sign-up form is available at the back of the church. Please take a moment to add your name and preferred Mass time, and I'll be in touch to put together a roster. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for everyone.

I attend most weekday Masses and the 5pm Sunday Mass, and I'll happily share these times with those who are available. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact me directly on **0412 373 668**. Thank you for considering this simple but valuable way to serve our parish.

Warm regards, **Karin Hull**



EXPLORE LIFE FAITH MEANING

Registrations due
this week

**EVER WANTED TO BRING YOUR LOVED
ONES TO KNOW GOD'S LOVE?**

An Alpha Invitation To You, Your Family and Friends

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where you can explore life's big questions in a relaxed, open environment. Each session includes a meal, a short talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts and questions. Whether you have a deep faith, exploring faith, new to church, or just curious, Alpha is for everyone.

This Alpha experience is a pilot, similar to our 2019 launch. If you've done Alpha before and want to join again or bring a friend, please contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbccatholic.org.au at your earliest.

Why Attend?

Explore life's big questions.
Discover the basics of the Christian faith.
Engage in open and honest discussions.
Connect with a welcoming community.
No pressure, just curiosity

Alpha Schedule

When: Wednesday, 6 August 2025

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075

Cost: FREE

Register: bit.ly/40JnIFP **OR**
In the foyer **OR**
Scan QR Code

RSVP: Wednesday, 30 July 2025



Scan me



Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction, *and love*

Rooted in St Paul's letter to the Romans (8:15-30) and illuminated by the wisdom of Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes* (Joy and Hope), this reflection invites us to consider how faith endures through suffering with conviction, belief, and love.

Morning tea provided, BYO lunch, no cost.

All are welcome!



9:30am - 2:10pm
Wed. 30 July



RSVP and questions to
ministries@mmp.org.au
02 8912 4846



Joachim Forbes Room
Mary MacKillop Place
Meet in Museum Entry
7 Mount St, North Sydney



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH
SISTER VIRGINIA BOURKE



Ft. Sunny's Bible Study Group

Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group has recommenced and will continue on **Thursday 31st of July at 7:30pm in the church**. You are all welcome to join, please bring a notebook and your bible. See you there!



Introduction to Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The *Introduction to Pastoral Care Course* (IPCC) meets this requirement, is **FREE** and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

As well as being prepared by your Parish to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone who may be considering being part of this hospital ministry are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise.

*The course runs for five consecutive **Mondays: September 1st and 8th** at St Leonard's Catholic Church Hall, Naremburn and **15th, 22nd and 29th** at Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, between 9:00am and 3:00 pm.*

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact:

Peter Brown, *Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care*,
CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on
0418 616 602.



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When: August 2 10am-4pm

The Beautiful Book

Presenter: Fr Bernard Hancock, OCD

When: August 22-24 6pm—12:30pm

Spirituality and the Life of Jesus

Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

When: September 6 10am—4pm

Called to Be

Presenter: Ms Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

What is The Culture Project?

The Culture Project is a movement of university students who volunteer their time to promote chastity and authentic love to high school and other university students.

You are invited to join us for a night of dinner, socializing, a keynote by renowned Catholic theologian, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, auction and raffle draw prizes.

It will be a night to dress up in cocktail attire to celebrate the past decade of The Culture Project in Australia and to look forward with hope at the doors the Lord is opening for us to build a movement of young Australians on fire with the message of love and life through the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Come and join us at the Epping Club on Thursday 28th August for a 3 course meal and unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks at \$99 per person or \$990 for a table of 10. Thousands of young hearts and lives are waiting for this message, and the families and parishes of the next generation depend upon them hearing it. Be part of the change and register now!

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

*For Formation in
Discernment*

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the gospel.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Why do we have a church calendar?

Life can be hectic. So many dates to juggle: school holidays, birthdays, grand final day, election day... As a Church family, too, we have a busy calendar. We call it the liturgical year because it is comprised of the various Christian feasts and seasons celebrated over the course of a year. The church year begins with Advent. Easter is the pinnacle. The readings in the Sunday Mass vary according to a three year cycle (A,B&C). This calendar allows our faith community to focus on the mysteries of our faith in some kind of systematic and unified way.

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NAGASAKI PEACE DAY in Sydney

Prayer and Mass for Peace



平和を実現する人々は幸いである、その人たちは神の子と呼ばれる (マタイ 5・9)
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (Mt. 5・9)

The Japanese Catholic Community of Sydney

invites you to join us in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the
atomic bombing of Nagasaki and praying for world peace through the
celebration of Mass.

Date: Saturday, 9th August 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Venue: Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall

Corner of Mary St & Gladesville Rd,
Hunters Hill, NSW 2110

Mass Celebrant – Fr Brian Vale SSC

Registration is required for event
preparation and catering purposes
Please RSVP by 2nd August 2025



Contact: Michi

Email: jpcathsyd@outlook.com



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<https://stikateriinstitute.org/nagasaki-bell-project/>

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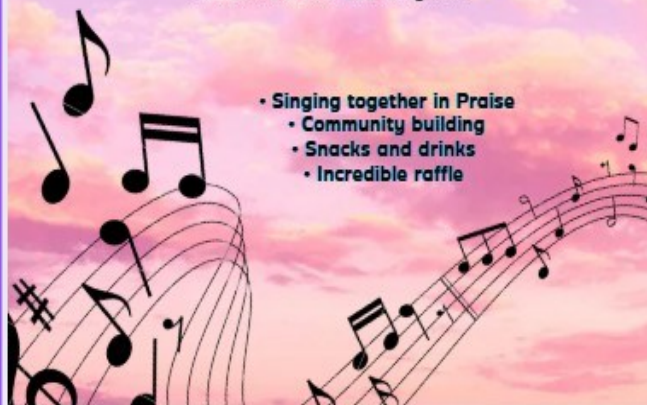
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Worship*

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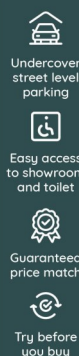
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The Word

Sunday 27th July 2025: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing 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 book of Genesis Gen 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v. 3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. *(R.)*
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, Col 2:12-14.

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' "

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' The Gospel of the Lord.