

Diocese of Broken Bay

30 August 2026, Twenty-Second 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

Family Rock Mass
Sunday 30th August

First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm
followed by mass at 7:30
September 4

Anointing of the Sick
Every Second Thursday of the month
September 10

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
September 3 at 10 am

Parish Social Craft Group
Fortnight on Thursdays
September 10 at 10am

Young Adults @ St Ives
Every Second Monday
September 7 at 7pm

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

Parish Coffee Morning
Living Room St Ives
September 9 at 10:30

Morning Tea
After 8 am mass
September 13

Dear Parishioners,

30th August is Social Justice Sunday throughout the Catholic Church in Australia.

St John Chrysostom (347-407 AD) once said in a homily on Matthew's Gospel:

"Would you honour Christ's body? Do not despise him when he is naked. Do not honour him here in the church with silk vestments while outside he is perishing from cold and nakedness. For he who said: 'This is my body,' and made it so by his word, is the same who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did not do to one of the least of these, you did not do to me.'"

Throughout the Catholic Church, the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass) is formally described as the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

The Eucharist - the highest form of prayer & worship - is considered the source because all grace and spiritual nourishment for Christian living flows from Christ's sacrifice made present on the altar.

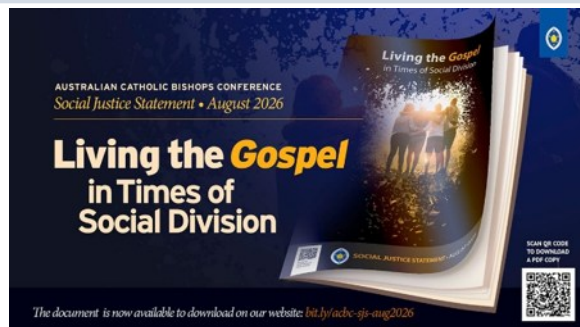
As a parish community, we proclaim and celebrate our Catholic faith. We know this faith must be expressed in action. St James reminds us that faith without works is dead. (James 2:17) St Paul teaches what counts is faith expressed in love (Galatians 5:6) St John states we must love in action and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

While we are called to show charity and practical help for all in need - indeed, that our salvation depends on it (Matthew 25:35-40) - Christian faith requires us to transform unjust social, economic, and political structures.

Remember the "Option for the Poor" emphasising solidarity with, and special concern for, the poor, marginalised, and oppressed.

Thanks to the parish social justice group who have provided us with a handout this weekend, highlighting some of the ways our Parish and diocesan community live out the call to social justice.

Fr Paul



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Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of every month · 9.00am
Corpus Christi Church, St Ives

I warmly invite you to join us for our monthly Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.

This sacrament is not only for the dying. It is for anyone facing serious or ongoing illness, preparing for surgery, or carrying the frailty that comes with age.

Perhaps you have wondered whether you are "unwell enough" to come forward. Please come anyway — there is nothing to arrange and nothing to explain.

And do bring a neighbour, a friend or a member of your family who would be helped by it.

Whatever we carry, we do not carry it alone.

Fr Paul
PARISH PRIEST

Note; next mass with anointing of the sick 10th September.

St Joseph's Appeal

for the Care and Support of our Retired Priests



Thank You, Fr Sunny

Dear Fr Sunny,

Thank you for coming back to Corpus Christi this past week. It was great to see you again, and we all really enjoyed catching up with you.

All the best, and we hope to see you again soon.



Bus transport available. For more information please contact the parish office.



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 a program

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

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745
www.schoenstatt.org.au sistersjubilee@schoenstatt.org.au

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention September 2026

For the care of water

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



FEAST DAYS SEPTEMBER

Sept 3rd—**St Gregory the Great**— Memorial
Sept 8th—**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**—Feast
Sept 14th—**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**—Feast
Sept 15th—**Our Lady of Sorrows**—Memorial
Sept 16th—**Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**—Memorial
Sept 21st—**St Matthew**—Feast
Sept 23rd—**St Pius of Pietrelcina**—Memorial
Sept 29th—**Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**—Feast
Sept 30th—**St Jerome**—Memorial

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHURCH WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We'd love your help! We're looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcoming Committee at the **Saturday Vigil Mass** and **Sunday 8am or 10am Mass**.

If you can spare a little time before Mass commences, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact our Parish
email: office@corpuschristi.com.au

Prayer Zone

Recently Deceased:

Margot Traill

Anniversary:

Eugenia Alba Amador

Please pray for the ill:

Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; 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.



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!

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO—

Why do we recite the Profession of Faith?

Why do people pledge allegiance to their national flag?
Why do married couples renew their wedding vows?
They do so as a public declaration of their commitment to a particular relationship and to ideals which guide their lives. Similarly for Catholics, the profession of faith ('We believe in one God...') is a declaration of commitment. Having listened to God's Word through the readings, we stand and declare our assent to the message proclaimed. We believe in God. We belong to this community that professes to live by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

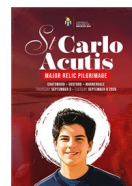
Young Adults Events at Chatswood & Gosford

Join young adults (aged 18+) from around the Diocese for an evening of fellowship, prayer and formation at both Chatswood and Gosford, as we reflect on St Carlo Acutis' life and devotion to the Eucharist. Both events will feature food, praise and worship music, an inspiring talk and the opportunity for veneration of the major relic of St Carlo.

Chatswood Night 4th Sept.

Gosford Night 6th Sept.

Please see the e-news for more information and to register.



First Friday of the Month
September 4th
Exposition/ Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm



Baptisms

We look forward to welcoming primary school children:

Maverick & Hudson Millar
Ethan & Jayden Zeng

Harrison & Anderson Nieland
Michael Giannattasio

to God's family and to our parish community as we keep them in our prayers.

Are You Interested in Finding Out More about the Catholic Faith?

Have you wondered at times why Catholics do what they do?

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or don't know how to go about becoming a Catholic?



Becoming a Catholic is a big step and is not a process you can accomplish on your own. It involves joining a parish community, as well as learning about the faith and becoming committed to it.

If you would like to explore further, you are invited to join the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

where you journey together with others also seeking to become members of the Catholic Church.

To find out more, please contact the Parish Office on:
office@corpuschristi.com.au (02) 9144 6998

PROGRAMME STARTS MID SEPTEMBER



Mass for

BISHOP DAVID WALKER'S

30th Episcopal Anniversary

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS,
CHATSWOOD

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026
7.00PM

Hospitality following Mass. All Welcome.



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY

Please join us for Morning tea

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday 13 September, 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

9th September, 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.*

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday 25th August, the following announcement was sent to the Corpus Christi school community. On behalf of the parish community, I have sent best wishes to Jayne Wheen, Anna Montgomery and the school staff.

Fr. Paul

25 August 2026

Announcement – Change in Principal Leadership Corpus Christi, St Ives

Dear Members of the Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, St Ives Community,

Prior to commencing leave, Jayne Wheen asked to meet with me to discuss possible next steps in her leadership journey. Over a series of conversations, we explored a range of opportunities within Catholic Schools Broken Bay. Following careful consideration, Jayne has decided to pursue opportunities beyond the Diocese as she continues her professional career.

Jayne has been a valued and dedicated leader, and on behalf of Catholic Schools Broken Bay, I thank her for the significant contribution she has made to Catholic education during her time with us. Her leadership has enriched the communities she has served and reflected a deep commitment to faith, excellence and the flourishing of every student. She has strengthened an already vibrant school community at Corpus Christi and positively influenced the lives of students, staff and families. We are grateful for her service and wish her every success and happiness in the next chapter of her professional journey.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Anna Montgomery, currently serving as the Principal at St Agatha's Catholic Primary School, Pennant Hills, as the next Principal of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, St Ives.

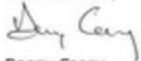
Anna will commence in the role on Monday, 7 September 2026, providing an opportunity to work alongside Jayne and ensure a smooth and well-supported transition for the school community.

Anna brings extensive leadership experience gained through senior roles within Catholic Schools Broken Bay and previously with Sydney Catholic Schools. Her strong commitment to Catholic education, together with her dedication to our *Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith* strategy, positions her exceptionally well to build upon the strong foundations established under Jayne's leadership and to lead Corpus Christi into its next chapter.

In the coming weeks, prior to Jayne's last day with us on Friday, 18 September, there will be an opportunity for the community to thank and farewell Jayne and to formally welcome Anna to Corpus Christi.

In the meantime, please join me in thanking Jayne for her contribution to Catholic education and in congratulating Anna on her appointment. We wish them both every blessing as they embark on these new chapters.

Yours sincerely



Danny Casey
Director of Schools

Social Justice Action Report

This week is Social Justice Week and the Social Justice Group have updated *Taking Action for a Just Society* from the 2025 version and placed it in this week's Bulletin. This draft seeks to summarise all the social justice actions by our Church reaching out to the community and beyond.

We have amended the document from updates provided by many of those groups in the Parish and we continue to separately show the initiatives being carried out for example, by the schools, Vinnies and directly through Corpus Christi.

It is an opportunity to consolidate the great programs we do into one meaningful report. The Social Justice group is only one of many groups and individuals reaching out to the community. People have commented, 'I had no idea of the many social justice activities that the Catholic Community is involved in'.

We are encouraging members of the parish to view the draft and comment where appropriate. We'd like to hear from you, especially if we have missed an activity or if there is an activity we could be more involved with. Once finalised, we can print copies for the church notice board, our schools and perhaps the wider St Ives community, via community noticeboards.

You'll find our email addresses below and look forward to your comments: John Lenehan:
jslenehan@optusnet.com.au

Social Justice Corner

Social Justice Sunday

Today is Social Justice Sunday, marking the start of a week-long period dedicated to reflection and action on societal inequalities and to inspiring initiatives towards a more equitable world. Catholics across Australia are invited to reflect on this year's Social Justice Statement, [*Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*](#).

Social Justice Sunday reminds us that justice cannot remain a topic we discuss from a distance. Catholic Social Teaching calls us to uphold human dignity, pursue the common good, stand in solidarity with those made vulnerable by unjust structures, and ensure that those pushed to the margins are not forgotten. This year's Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops reminds us that these principles are not abstract ideals but practical ways of living the Gospel.

If you would like to connect with other parishioners who are passionate about putting social justice into action, please join our Social Justice Group.

For further information, contact John Lenehan on 0402 291 355.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT PRAYER

You created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family.

In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding,
fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ.

Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents,
but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion.

Give us the courage to build bridges where there is distrust,
to seek encounter where there is separation,
and to work for justice with humility and mercy.

Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and walk together in the way of peace.

May your Holy Spirit guide us to welcome the stranger,
stand beside those on the margins,
reject all forms of hatred and racism,

and become instruments of reconciliation in our communities.

Through the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and all the saints,
strengthen us to live the Gospel through sacrifice, generosity and love,
so that your light may shine through us and bring hope to our nation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Word

Sunday 30 August 2026:
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Jeremiah
Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 16: 21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on the Word Year A Week 22 prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9). Even though speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiah nothing but insults, he is unable to remain silent, such is the power of God's call.

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2). St Paul urges the Romans not to live like the people around them, to not be conformed to the world.

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27). Jesus foretells his suffering and death, and tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to suffer.

Both the first reading and the Gospel remind us that true discipleship, true love of God and truly following the call of God all require a real degree of sacrifice. It is a costly love!

Jeremiah cries out: "you have seduced me Lord." He is saying: I am powerless to resist your love, the strength of your call. No matter how much I want to block you out or run from your call, I cannot deny the fire burning in my heart.

Similarly, Jesus calls his disciples to follow him. He is not the triumphant, military Messiah many had hoped for. Rather he warns them that he would suffer and be put to death. Jesus is calling them (and us) to the same faithfulness and love which cost him his life.



Jeremiah, painted by Michelangelo

The Catholic Community of St Ives
2026 Social Justice Activities

TAKING ACTION FOR A JUST SOCIETY

Individual parishioners, parish groups, our
local Catholic Primary School,
Brigidine College and our local Vinnies store
are actively involved in social justice issues in
St Ives, assisting in at least ten locations in
Sydney and two overseas countries.

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ST IVES



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Brigidine College
St Ives

CatholicCare
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*God tells us how he wants us to love our neighbour:
to live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.*

The Catholic Community of St Ives

2026 Social Justice Leadership

Pope Leo XIV on Social Justice

Here are some of the most powerful quotes from Pope Leo XIV in the last year that speak directly to social justice — which is rooted in compassion, inclusion, human dignity, and the Church’s mission to act for the common good:



1. “For the Christian community, social justice is a concrete way of following Jesus and remaining faithful to the Gospel.”

— Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, no. 77, 15 May 2026.

2. “Social justice is, therefore, characterized by the capacity of a social, economic and political order to allow everyone — particularly the weakest — to live a truly dignified life, without leaving anyone behind.”

— Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, no. 77, 15 May 2026.

3. “Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions.”

— Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te, no. 119, 4 October 2025

4. “We are speaking, above all, of people created in the image and likeness of God, rather than legal categories or problems to be managed.”

— Pope Leo XIV, address in Tenerife on Migrants and Refugees, Spain, 12 June 2026

5. “The way a society treats them reveals whether its sense of justice is driven by fear or by the spirit of fraternity.”

— Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, no. 81, 15 May 2026.

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2026 Social Justice Activities

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH ST IVES

The parish community and various prayer groups pray for justice and peace among people, and for God's blessing and guidance on all who work for peace and justice.

Helping Families in Need

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

For over 38 years, our Parish community, our Catholic Primary School, together with Brigidine College, have contributed over 150 hampers each year to families in need at our sister parish, Holy Family, Mount Druitt. These families are experiencing food, income and energy insecurity.

Helping Mothers and Babies

PREPARING BABY GARMENTS

Our Craft Group knits baby garments for parents of premature and stillborn babies at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, The Children's Hospital at Westmead and other Sydney hospitals.

Team Young Adults Sleep-out

SPOTLIGHT ON HOMELESSNES

The parish's Team Young Adults held a sleep-out at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Strathfield Campus on August 28, 2026. The event helped raise funds and awareness for Vinnies programs supporting people experiencing homelessness.

Educating Primary & Secondary School Students

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

The Parish is active in educating students in Christian social justice principles and cultural values, emphasising the importance of addressing social injustices.

Supporting Refugees

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR MEDICAL SUPPORT

Our Parish and the Social Justice Group support the Northern Beaches Tibetan refugee community. Funds are donated to provide essential medication, medical aids, blankets and nappies for newly arrived families.

Supporting Children with Disabilities

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN RWANDA

Through the Social Justice team, our Parish supports the Franciscan Sisters in Rwanda in their work with children and youth with disabilities. Previously, we have funded building and agricultural projects and vocational training. The current focus of fundraising is on disability support, including physiotherapy and occupational therapy to help children achieve greater mobility and independence.

The Catholic Community of St Ives

2026 Social Justice Activities



CORPUS CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
St Ives

Helping the Homeless or Those Needing a Helping Hand

Corpus Christi Primary School is nurturing young people to understand that our Catholic faith calls us to care for others, especially those experiencing hardship or disadvantage. Through age-appropriate learning and practical acts of kindness, generosity and service, students discover that even at a young age they can make a real difference in the lives of others.

SUPPORTING VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Our Catholic Primary School fundraises to support its Vinnies Winter Appeal Pyjama Day. Students and staff wore pyjamas, onesies, and oodies to school, brought in a gold coin donation, and purchased hot chocolates to support Vinnies Australia and Mary Mac's Place. Located in Woy Woy, Mary Mac's Place supplies a nutritious lunch Monday to Friday. It offers a place to shower and wash clothes, and a pathway to other services such as Legal Aid, homelessness support services, and health assistance.

Helping Those Who Are Socially Isolated

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR SOCIALLY ISOLATED

Our Catholic Primary School also supports Gethsemane Homes by preparing Christmas hampers, bringing festive cheer to socially isolated individuals in boarding houses and people living in rented rooms in Sydney.

Helping the Homeless (including Ex-Prisoners Transitioning)

PURCHASING CANA FARM PRODUCTS

Our Primary School and parishioners support Cana Farm, a part of Cana Communities, by buying Cana Farm products to give as gifts for Father's Day and Mother's Day. All pantry, hamper and candle sales provide transitional employment for people making significant changes in their lives.

Supporting Seniors in Aged Care

VISITATIONS AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

Students at our Catholic Primary School have built close bonds with seniors at the BUPA Aged Care Facility at St Ives through a variety of initiatives, including choir music, artworks, letters, cards and poetry.

Supporting Those In Need Overseas

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR MALAWI

Our Catholic Primary School participates in the Socktober campaign organised by Catholic Mission, held during World Mission Month in October. This year, we are raising awareness and funds for communities in Malawi to help ensure children have access to food and education, giving them the chance to build a brighter future.

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2026 Social Justice Activities



Brigidine College
St Ives

Educating Young Women to Turn Faith into Action

At Brigidine College, young women are being encouraged to understand injustice, stand alongside people experiencing disadvantage, advocate for change and develop a lifelong commitment to serving others. Through practical experiences of service, volunteering and leadership, students discover that they have the capacity—and the responsibility—to make a difference.

STANDING ALONGSIDE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Brigidine's longstanding partnership with Dignity gives students practical opportunities to respond to homelessness. Their contribution has now reached 62,000 meals, including more than 2,000 during Homelessness Week 2026. At the Winter Sleepout, which involved 50 students, seniors heard Sunny share her lived experience of homelessness in Kings Cross, while juniors prepared meals for people in need. Together, students watched The Beautiful Game and experienced sleeping rough at school.

TAKING ACTION AGAINST PERIOD POVERTY

Through its support for Days for Girls, Brigidine students address an inequality that can easily remain unseen: period poverty. Students learn how lack of access to menstrual products can affect the health, dignity, education and opportunities of women and girls. By turning awareness into practical action, the program encourages students to recognise an injustice affecting women around the world and understand that seemingly simple interventions can help restore dignity, opportunity and equality.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP

Each year, Brigidine's Year 12 students support a Kildare Ministries Community Work, with Saltbush at Balnarring Beach chosen as their 2026 charity. Established by the Presentation Sisters in 1989, Saltbush provides restorative holidays, programs and retreats in a peaceful environment for families and individuals experiencing hardship. Since opening, it has welcomed more than 30,000 people, offering opportunities for rest, connection, growth, and renewal. Through their support, Brigidine students are helping continue a remarkable tradition of practical compassion—providing respite and restoring hope to people when they need it.

DEVELOPING YOUNG WOMEN WHO LEAD THROUGH SERVICE

Social justice at Brigidine is about forming young women to become leaders for change. Through the Community Involvement Program, volunteering, the Social Justice Forum and student-led initiatives, students move from learning about injustice to actively addressing it through service, advocacy and action. This year's Social Justice Forum featured Melbourne social activist and Moroccan Soup Bar founder Hana Assafiri, whose work empowers marginalised women and builds understanding across communities. Students attending Kildare Ministries seminars in Melbourne have also shared dinner and conversation with Hana at the Moroccan Soup Bar.

TAKING SOCIAL JUSTICE INTO THE DIGITAL AGE

In 2026 Brigidine extended its social justice focus to two defining challenges for young people: human dignity in the digital world and care for our common home. The College hosted the inaugural National Mental Health and Social Media Symposium, bringing together more than 120 school leaders and wellbeing professionals to address online behaviour, harmful content and mental wellbeing. Students are also taking action on environmental responsibility, including participation in a recent Kildare Ministries Net Zero Seminar.

"Learn to do good: seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:17

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2026 Social Justice Action



Vinnies

188 Mona Vale Road, St Ives. Call us on 9144 6307

Our volunteers help anyone in need, regardless of their background, culture, religion or political opinion. You do not need to be Catholic to volunteer. While the Society is a Catholic lay organisation, we welcome people of all backgrounds and beliefs who support our mission to help people who are disadvantaged and living in poverty.

SERVING IN OUR ST IVES VINNIES STORE

Our retail volunteers make a huge difference for people in need, helping to raise over a third of the income that supports our homelessness and community programs across NSW. They also help the planet by giving pre-loved goods a second life and keeping millions of items out of landfill each year. Our community supports Vinnies by volunteering in our local St. Ives store. We welcome new volunteers – this is a chance to use your skills and experience to give back to the community.

SERVING IN OTHER VOLUNTEER ROLES

Volunteering is a fantastic way to expand your skills and experience, increase your employability and stay engaged with the community. Many St Ives residents serve as Vinnies volunteers, providing support in the following ways: helping in one of our soup vans; tutoring refugee families; working in a call centre or support centre; working in a family support, aged care or youth program; taking disadvantaged children out on outings; and helping with day-to-day admin.

DONATING QUALITY CLOTHING & GOODS

When you drop off quality clothing or household items to Vinnies, you are supporting Australians doing it tough and reducing our impact on the environment. Vinnies shops support over 1.3 million vulnerable Australians through a wide range of services and programs, including emergency relief, food and essential items, financial assistance, homelessness and housing support, disability and community services, and advocacy efforts. <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw/get-involved/donations-of-goods-nsw>

FIND US ONLINE

You can now find Vinnie online. "Vinnies Finds" is your new favourite place to shop sustainable second-hand fashion. A curated collection making it easier to find what you're seeking, or feel-good fashion made to be re-loved – have a browse through. <https://www.vinniesfinds.com.au>

JOINING VINNIES YOUTH

Are you between 16 and 35 years old and interested in joining Vinnies? Or are you a young person looking for opportunities to volunteer or gain work experience? Vinnies Youth is for you! As a volunteer or member with Vinnies Youth, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to your local community, NSW initiatives and national programs.

Matthew 25:40: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

The Catholic Community of St Ives

2026 Social Justice Action



CatholicCare is the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. CatholicCare has people at its heart. Whilst we are a Catholic agency, we provide services to the entire community, regardless of religion, circumstance, ethnicity, economic situation, age, gender or ability.

Helping Those Facing Crisis or a Life Crossroad

Professionals in our Family Centres offer counselling, domestic and family violence support, family dispute resolution and mediation, parenting education, emergency relief and housing and homelessness support. We also provide hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care, crisis support, and much more.

Foster Parents: Supporting Children and Young People unable to live with their Families

Catholic Care provides foster care and residential care services supporting children. Our foster care program connects a child with carers who can provide a home and meet the child's everyday needs with empathy and kindness. Depending on the needs of the individual child, foster care can be provided on a short- or long-term basis. Throughout their journey with a child, our foster carers are provided with training and support from our team of highly skilled caseworkers and a network of therapy and counselling experts.

Helping Those with a Disability

CatholicCare supports people with disabilities in developing the skills and accessing the support they need to maximise their independence, get out and about in the community, and achieve their personal goals. CatholicCare is accredited by the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission to provide services and offers dedicated disability centres in Brookvale and Waitara, with options for individual and group activities and pathways to inclusion and independence.

Helping provide Child Care Services

CatholicCare offers services to support children's brightest futures, including early learning and care centres, out-of-school hours care, and vacation care centres. Our dedicated teams of educators embrace a child's right to play and facilitate rich learning environments that are relevant, meaningful, and full of possibilities, so children are safe, happy, healthy, and included. We offer a range of services for children, tailored to their ages and family preferences.

"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9

Catholic Community of St Ives

How can I be involved in social justice?

1. Join our Social Justice Group

We are a team of individuals who passionately believe in practical, tangible ways to address the key social justice issues we face as a Parish living in Sydney, across Australia and internationally. We lead various initiatives, such as supporting our local Tibetan refugee community and people with disabilities in Rwanda.

2. Connect with Social Justice Action Organisations

The Parish and individual parishioners are actively working with other faith-based organisations to address critical social injustices. This includes the Catholic Diocesan of Broken Bay Social Justice Committee, "Around the Bay." We work closely with other faith communities working on committees, programs and campaigns.

3. Keep Informed with our Social Justice Corner

We update parishioners on social justice issues in our regular Social Justice column in the parish weekly newsletter and highlight ways for parishioners to stay informed about social justice issues through events, lectures, conferences, and films.

4. Promote Recognition, Interaction and Awareness of our First Nations Peoples

Join us at our Aboriginal Masses to celebrate NAIDOC Week, attend guest speaker functions, mentor First Nations students, and reach out to local leaders.

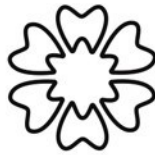
5. Through Your Individual Activism

There are many other parishioners who are active in social justice through individual action, community groups, or their child's school. Parishioners also contribute towards Caritas, Catholic Missions and other social causes. Other parishioners are active in social justice issues for the local community, within our Diocese and on national commissions, including First Nations, homelessness, climate and world conflict zones.

See a social injustice we need to address?

Interested in joining our Social Justice Group or any of our programs?

***Contact John Lenehan, our Social Justice Leader,
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email: office@corpuschristi.com.au***



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