

Diocese of Broken Bay

5 July 2026, Fourteenth 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (next July 9)

**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  
July 9 at 10 am

**Parish Social Craft Group**

Every fortnight on Thursdays  
July 16 at 10 am

**Young Adults @ St Ives**

Every Second Monday  
July 13

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass**

Children's Liturgy  
Morning tea after Mass

**Parish Morning Tea**

Morning tea after 8am mass  
July 12

**Corpus Christi Parish Coffee Morning**

The Living Room St Ives Village  
at 10:30  
July 8



*Dear Parishioners*

Today is designated as **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** in the Catholic Church, part of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week.

Corpus Christi community celebrates NAIDOC Week to honour the cultures, histories, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This reflects Jesus' call to love our neighbour, pursue justice, and seek reconciliation. Our commemoration today is a way to acknowledge the whole range of aboriginal history and experience within both the Church and the broader Australian society.

We do not have a special Sunday for simply political reasons, although the work for justice does often times involve working through federal, state and local government. There will be a range of political views within our parish community when it comes to indigenous issues.

**Most of us would acknowledge** that, throughout the world, indigenous people are among the most disadvantaged and poor. Many have had their lands and culture occupied, overtaken, colonised and invaded by force.

*We acknowledge that terrible wrongs have been committed in the past, and that these wrongs have had consequences over many years. We acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia have suffered greatly in the past and this continues today. Sadly, indigenous people have been treated as strangers in their own land.*

**In the Gospel**, Jesus calls us to be people of hospitality – always ready to welcome the stranger, especially the poor and the least. In his Rule, St Benedict (whose feast day is 11<sup>th</sup> July) says: “welcome all as Christ”.

Christ calls us all to be brothers and sisters. As followers of Christ, we should take the lead in abolishing discrimination and fostering reconciliation, called to be a ‘disciple of love’.

**Jesus calls on us** to work for justice and peace, to abolish inequality, hunger and poverty – especially for our indigenous brothers and sisters. I acknowledge that this is very challenging, despite our best efforts. There are many perspectives on understanding and interpreting our history, and on adopting the most just and life-giving way forward.

**Today is an opportunity** to honour and celebrate the indigenous people of our country, to pray for them and for our nation, and to commit ourselves to continue the work of reconciliation among all Australians.

*Fr Paul*

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## Pope Leo XIV's July 2026 Prayer Intention

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 God.

## Prayer Zone

**Recently Deceased:**

Libby Cook

**Anniversary:**

Douglas Hendricks

**Please pray for the ill:**

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.



## Rev Fr David Ranson Elected Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay

Rev Fr David Ranson has been elected the Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay by the College of Consultors.

This follows the appointment of the Most Rev Anthony Randazzo as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts and Archbishop by Pope Leo XIV.

Archbishop Randazzo flew out of Australia on 24th June to take up his new ministry with the Roman Curia at the Vatican.

Fr David will assume the role of Diocesan Administrator immediately while also maintaining his role of Parish Priest at Chatswood.

### BBNeighbourhoods – New Issue Available.

The latest issue of **BBNeighbourhoods** is now available in the church foyer. Be sure to pick up your free copy, which features an article and photographs from **Fr Paul's Installation**. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on this special occasion in the life of our parish.

### FEAST DAYS - JULY

SAT 11TH—**ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, MEMORIAL**

WED 15TH—**ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR, MEMORIAL**

WED 22ND—**ST MARY MAGDALENE, FEATS**

SAT 25TH—**ST JAMES, APOSTLE, FEAST**

WED 29TH—**STS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS, MEMORIAL**

FRI 31ST **ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST, MEMORIAL**

## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

### Why do we offer the sign of Peace?

Before receiving communion, the celebrant invites the congregation to 'offer one another a sign of peace,' usually in the form of a handshake, smile or embrace. By this action we affirm our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a genuine sign of reconciliation that prepares us for the profound act of intimacy which is signified when we share at the one eucharistic table. So, the sign of peace is more than a 'nice' thing to do. It is an expression of the bond that unites us as Christians. Think about it next time you offer this sign. Remember the first greeting of the risen Lord to his apostles is "peace be with you".

## 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

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*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.

### 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.



## Corpus Christi Parish

### Coffee Morning

8 July, 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.*

## Please join us for Morning tea

After 8:00am Mass  
Sunday 12 July, 2026

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.



Please bring a small plate to share if you can

We have great news! Our parish has reached our PWBB quota.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for your generous support and contributions. Your commitment to our parish and those in great need has made this possible.

Thank you for your generosity and for your support. May God bless you abundantly for your faithful giving.

Fr Paul

## EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTRY



We warmly invite parishioners to consider joining our **Extraordinary Communion Ministry** for Sunday Mass at 10:00am and 5:00pm.



This is a beautiful opportunity to serve our community by helping distribute the Eucharist during weekend Masses. If you feel called to take part, we would love to hear from you.



Please contact the **parish office** or leave your details on the **sign-up sheets** in the church foyer.



No prior experience is needed—formation and guidance will be provided.



**SERVE • SHARE • BE CHRIST**  
*Your service makes a difference.*



### COMMUNION TO THE SICK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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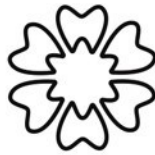
Phone: 0291446998, email: [office@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:office@corpuschristi.com.au).

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. Your willingness to partake in this ministry will be a blessing to many.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this invitation to



As Term 2 comes to an end, we would like to wish all our children, teachers, and school staff a very happy and restful school holiday break. Whether you are travelling or enjoying some quiet time at home, we pray that you have a safe, relaxing, and blessed holiday. May this break be a time of rest, joy, and renewal. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the new school term. Safe travels, God bless, and enjoy your holiday!



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## The Word

### Sunday 5 July 2026: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

#### Collect

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Zechariah Zec 9:9-10

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:  
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'  
The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. *(R.)*

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.)*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. *(R.)*

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9.11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleuia!  
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 11:25-30

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Reflection on the Readings prepared by Fr Paul

**First Reading** (Zechariah 9:9-10). The prophet announces the joyful news that the messianic king is coming. He portrays him, not as a proud warrior, but as a humble and gentle leader, who will put an end to war and establish peace - the messianic peace spoken of by Isaiah 11:1-9.

It was as such a Messiah that Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion (Matthew 21:5). His action was not a sudden inspiration but something wholly in character with his life and ministry. The humble and gentle Jesus came to usher in a peace the world cannot give (John 14:27).

**Second Reading** (Romans 8:9, 11-13). Here St Paul contrasts life 'in the spirit' with life 'in the flesh'.

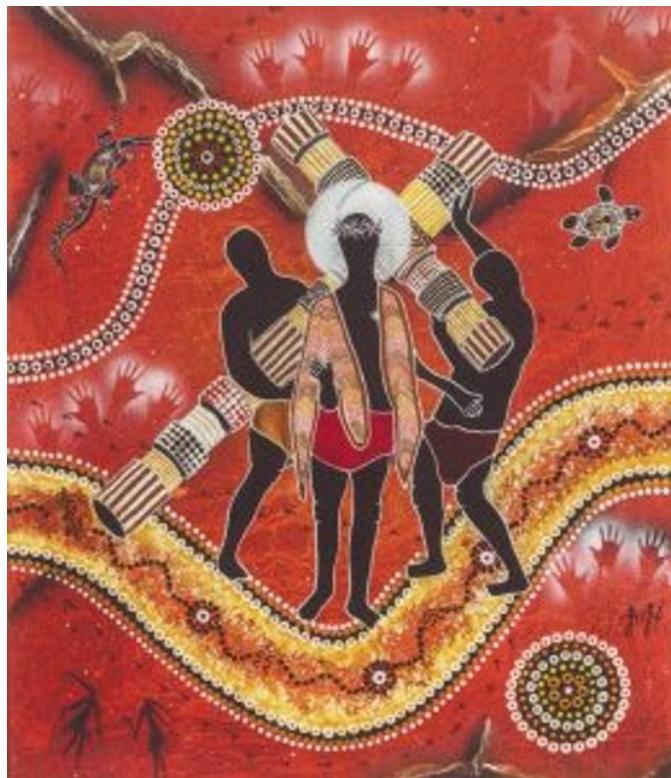
'Flesh' means human beings in their frailty and transience. 'Spirit' means the power that comes from God through Jesus Christ. If we choose to obey the Spirit rather than the flesh, we are choosing life over death.

**Gospel** (Matthew 11:25-30). The first section contains part of a prayer of Jesus in which he praises God for hiding the mysteries of the kingdom from the learned and the clever (that is, proud religious experts such as the scribes and the Pharisees) and revealing them to the childlike (that is, his disciples), those who are humble of heart.

The prayer reminds us of the discourses and prayers of John's Gospel. It's a celebration of the unique relationship of Jesus with the Father, a relationship that he (the Son) makes possible for those who believe in him.

The second section consists of a two-fold invitation that is matched by a two-fold promise. The Jewish rabbis spoke of the 'yoke of the Law', a yoke that had become an intolerable burden because of the rules and regulations added to it.

The yoke of Jesus is easy: it is the demand for love of God and neighbour. The humble and gentle Jesus (echoing the First Reading) lightens the burdens of the poor, and brings peace to the humble.



Stations of the Cross was commissioned by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria in 2017