

Diocese of Broken Bay

7 June 2026, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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: every 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 (8:30am)

Corpus Christi
Installation of Fr Paul as Parish Priest
Sunday June 7 at 10 am

Anointing of the Sick
Every Second Thursday of the month
June 12 at 9 am

Exposition/ Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
July 3 at 7pm followed by mass at 7:30

Divine Will Prayer Group
Mon 10-11:30 am & Tue 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina
Every Friday at 10 am

Carmelite Conversations
Fortnightly on Thursdays, 10am

Young Adults @ St Ives
Every Second Monday
June 16

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

Parish Social Craft Group
Every fortnight on Thursdays
June 18 at 10 am

Every Second Sunday of the Month
Morning tea after 8am mass
June 14

Corpus Christi Parish Coffee morning
The Living Room, St Ives
June 10 at 10:30am

Dear parishioners,

I wish every parishioner and every family in the parish a special blessing for our patronal feast day, celebrating Corpus Christi.



The institution of the Holy Eucharist in the New Testament is first recorded by St Paul (1 Corinthians 11.23-27) and is recorded in each synoptic Gospel (Matthew 26.26-30; Mark 14.22-26; Luke 22.14-20). Then there is St John's 'Bread of Life' discourse, from which we read today (John 6.51-58). "He took bread saying: *This is my body, which will be given up for you.* He took the chalice saying: *This is the chalice of my blood, which will be poured out for you...*"

Benedictine Dom Gregory Dix reflects: "**Was ever another command ("do this in memory of me") so obeyed?** For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacles of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth.

Men and women have found no better thing than this to do for kings in their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a school boy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America;... because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna... [and] on the beach at Dunkirk;... tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonization of S. Joan of Arc- one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them.

And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinchingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this, to make holy the people of God." quoted in *Preaching: the Art and the Craft* by Walter J. Burghardt SJ

"**Lord Jesus**, thank you for coming into my heart. I adore you and love you. Please help me to carry your peace, grace, and love into the world, and guide me in serving others today. Amen." *Again, May the Eucharistic Lord bless you and all those most in need of his mercy. Fr Paul*

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Magnifica Humanitas Formation Series

With Pope Leo XIV releasing his first Encyclical, titled *Magnifica Humanitas*, Mission Broken Bay will be holding the following formation and reflection sessions in June and August. The *Magnifica Humanitas* sessions will be facilitated by Rebekah Griffin from Mission Broken Bay team, who worked in Information Technology for 18 years and is currently nearing completion of her doctoral studies in Theology.

For more information or to register please follow the link in the e-news.



Ignite Conference 2026 | Ascend proudly hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay Light of Christ Centre, Waitara -

Thursday 9 July – Sunday 12 July 2026

Tickets are selling fast, don't miss out: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

We pray for our 4 Young Adults who have registered



Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar. Please pray for those in formation or already serving the Church

1/6	Fr Paul Finucane & Fr Paul Durkin
2/6	Fr Bogdan Skupien & Fr Eliseus Shin
3/6	Fr Chima Ofor & Fr Marek Woldan
4/6	Sister Agnes Dinh
5/6	Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
6/6	Fr Pawel (Paul) Szczur SDS
7/6	Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietreusiewicz SDS

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Liturgical Formation Series II : Accompanying in Hope: Care of the Sick, Funerals and Ministry to the Bereaved

Clergy, Parish Teams, Parish Bereavement teams, Ministers of the Sick, and all interested parishioners are invited to attend this Formation

Day. *Accompanying in Hope* offers a liturgical and pastoral exploration of the Church's ministry of accompaniment in times of illness, death, and grief. Participants will deepen their understanding of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Funeral Rites, and the ministry of compassionate accompaniment of the bereaved.

Date: Saturday 27 June 2026

Time: 9:30am – 3pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre

Satellite Hub: Ambrose Centre, The Entrance

Presenters: Fr Alex Peter Selvaraj MSFS, Chris Ohlsen and Libby McManus

For more information or to register please follow the link in the e-news.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

FEAST DAYS JUNE

THU 11TH—ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE, MEMORIAL
FRI 12TH— THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, SOLEMNITY
MON 29TH— STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES, SOLEMNITY

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.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Today's feast (*Corpus Christi*) focuses on the Eucharist as a symbol and sacrament of unity. Although we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, today we pause to give special consideration to the Bread of Life nourishing our lives. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall that sacred meal between Christ and his disciples just before he sacrifices his life on the cross. We know that, like those disciples, Christ's death and resurrection has bonded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is never a private affair but always a call to unity As you receive communion today, be conscious not only of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic host, but his presence in those who are receiving with you.

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 !

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Thursday 18th June 10am in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Angela—0405 507 982



Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Devarajan Jayarathnam

Anniversaries:

John McEwen

Please pray for the ill:

John Gordon, 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;

Please join us for Morning Tea after 8am Mass, 14 June 2026

Catch up with old friends and meet new friends. Come and meet Fr Paul and Fr Tan

Please bring a small plate to share if you can.

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.



Corpus Christi Parish Coffee Morning

10 June, 2026 at 10:30 am

Verandah of The Living Room St Ives Shopping Centre

Everyone welcome

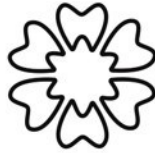
Come and catch up with old friends, meet new friends

No need to book just turn up

For more information contact Andrena Brewer: 0438698993

We wish those new to the Catholic faith all the best as they continue the "Introduction to the Bible" series.





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The Word

Sunday 7 June 2026: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the book of Deuteronomy Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. *(R.)*

He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. *(R.)*

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflections on today's readings from Fr. Paul:

First reading (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16).

The author exhorts the Israelites to remember their past history and especially the period of wandering in the desert. It was there in particular that God's care for them was made manifest. The manna with which they were nourished was the special sign of God's care.

The desert experience taught the Israelites the importance of bread, but it also taught them that they couldn't live on bread alone. They needed the word of God. They must never forget that they are God's chosen people.

The manna prefigures the Eucharist, the food Jesus provides for the new people of God on their journey to the promised land of eternal life.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Here St Paul stresses the role the Eucharist plays in uniting the community. Through their sharing in the body and blood of Christ, believers are united with him and with one another. Sharing the one bread signifies and strengthens the unity among Christians.

Gospel (John 6:51-58).

John's account of the multiplication of the loaves (6:1-14) is followed by two discourses on the 'bread of life'. In the first (6:35-50) the 'bread' is the revelation of Jesus. The second discourse (6:51-58) is clearly eucharistic.

In the Hebrew idiom the term 'flesh and blood' stands for the whole person. 'Eating and drinking' implies communion. Eucharistic eating and drinking is a personal encounter with Jesus who shares his life and the life of the Father with us. A source of life here and now, Jesus is the pledge of eternal life beyond death.

The Eucharist (The breaking of bread) has been celebrated for over 2000 years, from the time of the infant church. I invite you to reflect on the words of the early Fathers of the Church in these Quotes for Corpus Christi:

We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do.
It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did.
No. It is precisely an act of Christ!
It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar.
It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him,
to nourish us with his Word and with his life.
General Audience Pope Francis 12 February 2014

Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross,
and in this chalice what flowed from his side.
St Augustine of Hippo (354-43)

I have no taste for the food that perishes
nor for the pleasures of this life.
I want the bread of God,
which is the flesh of Christ,
who was the seed of David;
and for drink I desire his blood
which is love that cannot be destroyed.
St Ignatius of Antioch (50-117)

St John Chrysostom (349-407) reminds us that Jesus who said "This is my Body" also said "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." We are nourished and strengthened by the Body of Christ that we may be the Body of Christ for others.

