

Diocese of Broken Bay

9 August 2026, Nineteenth 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

Anointing of the Sick

Every Second Thursday of the month
August 13

Divine Will Prayer Group

Mondays 10-11:30 am &
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 10 am

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am
August 20

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays at 10am
August 13

Young Adults @ St Ives

Every Second Monday at 7 pm
August 10

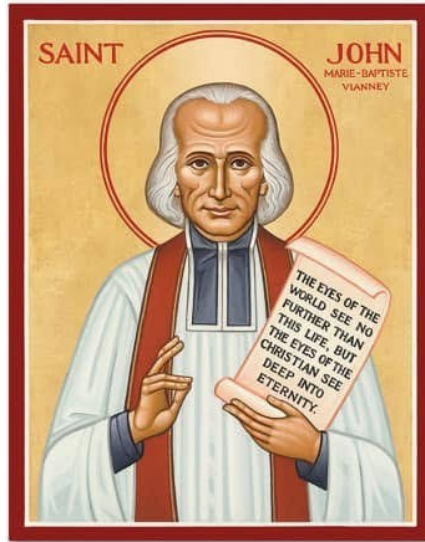
Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Morning tea after Mass

Morning Tea after the 8am Mass
TODAY

Parish Coffee Morning
At the Living Room St Ives at
10:30am
August 12

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 14th Aug 7:30 pm Vigil
Sat 15th Aug 9:00 am Mass followed
by Adoration and Reconciliation



Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday 4th August this week, we celebrated the feast day of St Jean Vianney (1786-1859), the patron saint of parish priests! He ministered in difficult circumstances. He knew human weakness, his own limitations, and the many challenges facing the Church of his day. Yet he did not allow discouragement to define his life.

Others judged Jean as weak and ordinary, frail and inadequate, but as St Paul (1 Corinthians 1:27) reminds us, God often chooses what the world considers weak and insignificant, to achieve great things.

Fr Jean Vianney was assigned the small parish of Ars, in France, (from 1818 to 1859) a village of 230 inhabitants where religious practice had declined considerably after the revolutionary years. He understood that the renewal of the parish had to begin with his own holiness. He intensified prayer, penance, and Eucharistic adoration, convinced that the conversion of souls was, above all, the work of grace. His preaching constantly revolved around the mercy of God, the necessity of conversion, and the beauty of the Christian life. His confidence rested on the quiet and transforming grace of God at work in being faithful to his life of the care of souls.

Fr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator until our next bishop is appointed, reminded the priests of the diocese this week that "our vocation is always to reveal the face of Christ. We do this each time we celebrate the Eucharist with reverence, proclaim the Word with creativity and conviction, accompany those who suffer, reconcile the penitent, visit the sick, encourage the searching, and remain close to our people in their joys and anxieties. The credibility of the Church is renewed always through holiness, integrity, compassion, and faithful service."

Whatever our calling and way of life - as priests or consecrated religious, in single life and in marriage and family life – may we be inspired by the faithful saints who have gone before us and may we support one another to stay strong in faith, hope and love.

Fr Paul

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Liturgical Music Workshop – Br Michael Herry

The beautiful liturgical music of Br Michael Herry, his fine body of Responsorial Psalms, seasonal hymns, mass settings and liturgical chants, plus special music for young people. Don't miss this lovely night of prayer and song, one you will both enjoy and remember. Intended for clergy, Music Ministers, Members of Parish Liturgy Committees and all other interested parishioners

Date: Thursday 10 September 2026. **Time:** 7pm – 8.30pm

Location: Holy Name Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga. **Cost:** Free

Registration: mission@bbcatholic.org.au



Sacramental Program

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Corpus Christi Catholic Parish St Ives

Enrolments are now open for children preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.



SCAN TO ENROL
or [CLICK HERE](#)

**Enrolments close
Sunday 9 August**

Fr Tan Nguyen, Assistant Priest
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Val Dias, Sacramental Coordinator
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New Schedule



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
& SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

**Every Saturday
9:30 am - 10:30 am**

at Corpus Christi Parish
St Ives



Corpus Christi Parish

Coffee Morning

12 August, 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.*

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention: August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone.



FEAST DAYS AUGUST

MON 10TH: **ST LAWRENCE**, DEACON, MARTYR, FEAST
TUE 11TH: **ST CLARE**, VIRGIN, MEMORIAL
FRI 14TH: **ST MAXIMILIAN**, PRIEST, MARTYR, MEMORIAL
SAT 15TH: **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, SOLEMNITY
THU 20TH: **ST BERNARD**, ABBOT, DOCTOR, MEMORIAL
FRI 21ST: **ST PIUS X**, POPE, MEMORIAL
SAT 22ND: **THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, MEMORIAL
THU 27TH: **ST MONICA**, MEMORIAL
FRI 28TH: **ST AUGUSTINE**, BISHOP, DOCTOR, MEMORIAL
SAT 29TH: **THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**, MARTYR, MEMORIAL

COMMUNITY MEAL at St Agatha's Catholic Parish

Everyone is welcome, especially those who may be experiencing hardship, social isolation, or would simply appreciate a warm meal and friendly company.

- **Date:** Sunday 30 August
- **Time:** 11:45am – 2:15pm
- **Venue:** Martin Hall (St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Hall), 20 Boundary Rd Pennant Hills

RSVP via QR code or email ppc@stagatha.org.au



St Agatha's SJM Community Meal

ALPHA

You're welcome here

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER

Began
Wednesday, 29 July 2026
Corpus Christi Church Hall
7:00-9:15pm

Registration required
Use the QR Code or registration form in foyer of church

Learn more Register Here

Alpha

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—Why do we have a Prayer of the Faithful?

In these prayers (also called the General Intercessions) the congregation intercedes for all humanity. We pray that the Church will be a life-giving sign of salvation to the world. We pray for Church leaders and public authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, and for all people. In making these petitions we are conscious that the Church exists for others rather than simply for its own sake. United at the eucharistic table as the body of Christ, we are powerfully equipped to reach out as a loving and liberating force in the world.

Help Welcome Young Families to Our Parish



We are excited to be creating new opportunities for Baptism families and other young families to connect, belong and build friendships within our parish community.



We will be hosting a **weekly music class** for babies and young children in our parish hall, led by a wonderful local music teacher. Around this, we hope to create a welcoming **playgroup** where parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea, meet other families, and feel at home in our parish.



We are looking for **friendly volunteers** to help welcome families, make tea and coffee, and simply spend time chatting and building community. If you are available for a rostered Wednesday morning (even occasionally), we would love to hear from you.



To find out more or to volunteer, please contact Sue-Anne Sherwood on **0416 141 508**

9/10 August



Combating Homelessness Together



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 15 August 2026

Holy Day of Obligation

This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Saturday, resulting in two separate Mass obligations that weekend:



The Feast of the Assumption (Friday, 14 August 7:30pm or Saturday, 15 August 9:00am)



The Sunday Obligation (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - the normal Mass times)

Please note that attending the Saturday evening Vigil Mass only on 15 August does not fulfill both obligations

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful Solemnity of Our Lady together and thank you for planning ahead to fulfil both Holy Days of Obligation.



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

The Diocesan Administrator, **Fr David Ranson**, recently distributed a letter to the People of God in the Diocese, which encouraged all to identify as Catholic if they feel that represents their identity, even if they are not regularly practising.

The **Census** will take place next **Tuesday 11 August 2026**. The religion question is of particular importance as it relates to planning for services, allocation of funding, and understanding the cultural and religious life of the nation.

To read the letter please follow the link in the news.

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

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 13th August 10am in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Angela—0405 507 982





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 an official program

Mt Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa 2745

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



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

www.schoenstatt.org.au

and

sistersjubilee@schoenstatt.org.au

Parish Ministry Leaders Gathering



All parish ministry leaders are warmly invited to our **Parish Ministry Leaders Gathering** on **TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2026 at 7PM.**

An invitation has already been emailed to our ministry leaders. However, if you are involved in leading a parish ministry and did not receive it, we may simply have missed you—**please accept this as your invitation to join us.**

During the evening, Fr Paul will reflect on our shared vision and mission and invite us to consider the important role of each ministry leader. It is also an opportunity to deepen our connection with each other.

Together, we will explore how we can continue to grow in

- **Celebrating Our Catholic Faith**
- **Strengthening our Community**
- **Becoming Missionary Disciples**



This will be an encouraging evening as we come together—not simply as leaders of different ministries, but as **one parish family**, united in our shared mission of helping people encounter Jesus, grow in faith, and become missionary disciples.

We look forward to seeing every parish ministry represented!

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated, volunteered, stopped by our stall, or kept us in your prayers over the weekend. Your generosity and encouragement mean so much to us.

Every purchase is helping support our Young Adults community as we continue creating opportunities for young people to connect, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships.

We're so grateful to be part of such a supportive parish, and we're excited for all that's ahead as we continue to grow and serve both our parish and the wider community.

Thank you for being part of it.



Young Adults @ St Ives

Connect • Grow • Belong



The Word

Sunday 9 August 2026: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Collect

Almighty, ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the first book of the Kings 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord
God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us
your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that
speaks of peace. His help is near for those who
fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace
have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the
earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall
yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and
peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed!

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection on the Word for 19th Sunday of Year A prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13). Fleeing for his life, the prophet Elijah takes refuge in a cave where he encounters God in silence and stillness.

Second Reading (Romans 9:1-5). St Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33). When they are caught in high winds and rough seas, Jesus comes to the apostles; he calms their fears and brings them peace.

Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at you and me, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with difficulties and setbacks.



Conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week

Let us consider Saint Joseph, who, despite the mysterious and unexpected pregnancy of the Virgin, trusted the divine message revealed in a dream and welcomed Mary and her child with an obedient heart (cf. *Mt* 1:18-25; 2:13-15). Joseph of Nazareth is an example of complete trust in God's designs. He trusted even when everything around him seemed shrouded in darkness and uncertainty, when events appeared to diverge from his own plans. He trusted and abandoned himself to God, certain about the goodness and fidelity of the Lord. "In every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (yes to God), like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane." (Pope Leo XIV)

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop (1842-1909). Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary of the Cross took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We prayed this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious, in single life and in marriage and family life.



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