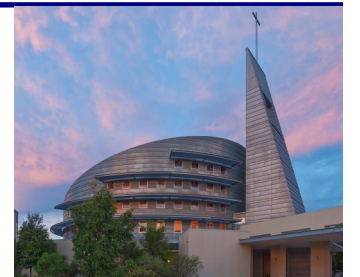




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



22nd June 2025

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at
8.15am followed by the Mass at
8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass
at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the
month 10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month
9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm -
8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Marian Bowyer - 0432 882 776

PARISH CONTACTS

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Assisting Priest (resident in Wyoming)

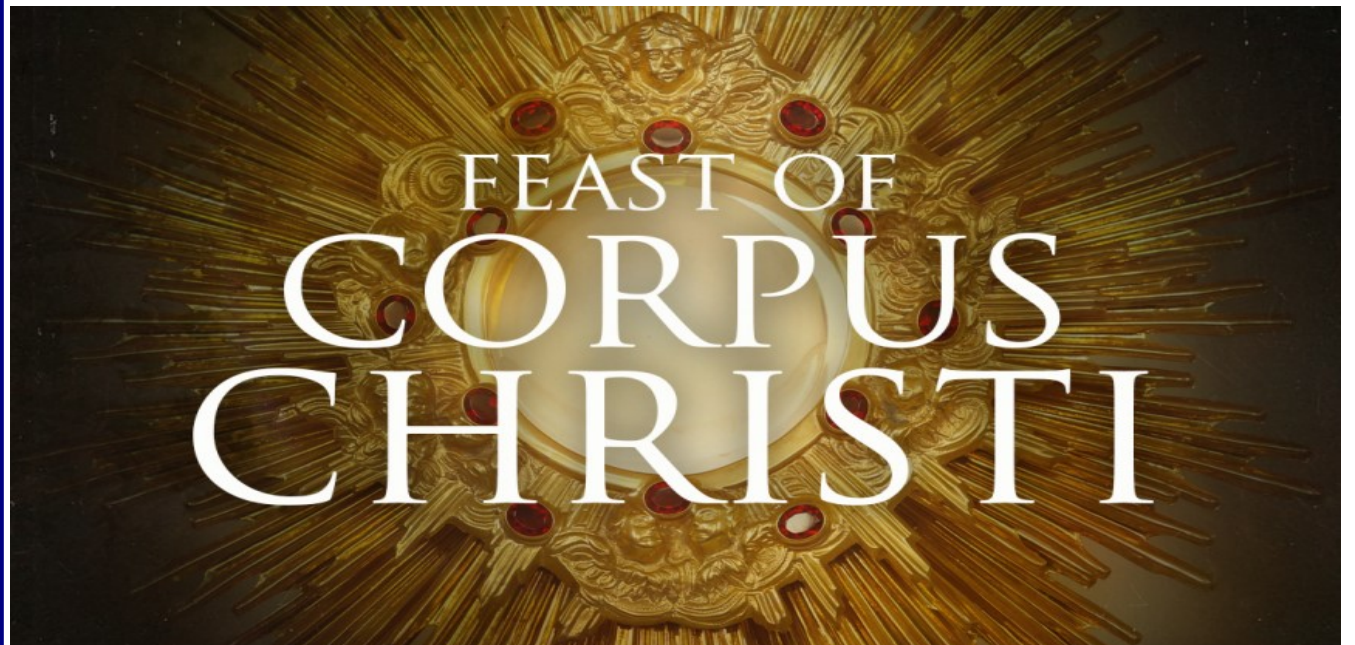
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The now traditional procession of Corpus Christi was introduced by Pope John XXII in 1316. During his pastoral visit to Orvieto, Saint John Paul II said: "Even though the construction of this cathedral was not directly connected with the Solemnity of 'Corpus Christi', instituted by Pope Urban IV with the bull *Transiturus*, in 1264, nor with the miracle that took place in Bolsena the previous year, there is no doubt that the Eucharistic miracle is powerfully evidenced here due to the corporal of Bolsena for which the chapel was specifically built and which it now jealously guards. Since then, the city of Orvieto has become known throughout the world due to that miraculous sign that reminds all of us of the merciful love of God who becomes the food and drink of salvation for humanity on its early pilgrimage. Because of the cult rendered to such a great mystery, the city preserves and nourishes the inextinguishable flame."

In the Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Paul narrates the account of the Last Supper and the "canonical" words: *"This is my body that is for you.... This cup is the new covenant in my blood..."*. These words do not contain just a ritual – they manifest a life that has been broken and given. Someone made himself Bread for us, which produces fraternity. Only if we understand the dynamic of the gift inherent in the Eucharist will we be able to understand what Jesus actually accomplished with the multiplication of bread and what he taught his disciples. It is not enough to dwell on the words *"This is my Body"* if we do not learn to emphasise what follows: *"Do this in memory of me"*. This does not mean the "repetition" of a few words, but it means living out the truth of these words. By responding, *"Give them some food yourselves"*, Jesus provokes his disciples. He invites them to come out in the open, so they can see how narrow-minded they are, how selfishness still has a hold on them – *"Five loaves and two fish are all we have"*. That is, "we have just enough for ourselves", a response backed up by the second part of their response which seems rhetorical given the lack of funds – *"unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.' Now the men there numbered about five thousand"*. What Jesus did was to bring out how much they were still reasoning according to human standards. Once the people sat down, Jesus took the "little" there was at hand, "blessed it", "broke it" and gave it to his disciples to "share" with the crowd. And the text says that they filled twelve baskets with leftovers – in other words, it was abundant. This reveals what the Eucharist is. Jesus is the One who asks us to stop calculating and to know how to take what we have, and give it back to the One who gave it to us in the first place: God. The prayer of blessing is a thanksgiving to the One who has given everything. This truth leads to learning how to share, to divide what we have with others, recognising them all as our brothers and sisters.

The Eucharist is certainly the Bread of Heaven, Bread for the journey. But this Bread requires that it be shared with all those who journey at our side. The logic of fellowship can never be separated from the logic of the gift. The one explains the other, as John recalls in Chapter 13 with the washing of the feet.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ--corpus-chri.html>

Parish News:

Fr Timothy: Fr Timothy will be on leave overseas from 28th June until 6th August. Fr John Prince (VC) will be available to assist in Fr Timothy's absence. We wish Fr Timothy a safe and enjoyable trip.

Feast of St John the Baptist: There will be a barbecue after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 22nd June to celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist. All welcome. On the Feast Day, 24th June, there will be Mass at 8.30am at the Church and at 12.30pm at the school.

Urgent Call for Volunteers: We are in urgent need of the following volunteers: Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Piety Stall, Readers, Senior Servers, Sacristans. If you would like to volunteer please register your details on the list in the Gathering Area. Full training will be provided.

Confirmation Programme 2025: Preparation lessons have begun and will continue for three weeks. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church at 6.00pm on Thursday, 7th August.

Brown Scapular: Interested in being enrolled in the Brown Scapular? Want to learn more about this devotion? Brown Scapular investiture Sunday, 20th July during 9.15am Mass followed by morning tea welcoming our new enrollees. To learn more about this devotion and/or register to be enrolled, please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401.

Cleaners for 27th June: Rosalind Stewart, Pam Hickey, Andrew Hopkins, Anthony Kearns.

Readers for 28th & 29th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Somerville, Leonie King, Kate Bravo

Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan, Phoebe Glacken, Dorothy Fulton

Sunday 9.15am—Violetta Chol, Dawn Torrens, Don Matheson

Sunday 5.00pm—Marian Bowyer, Peter Smith, Armella Dogillo

Servers for 28th & 29th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Joel Bajo, Darrin Patterson

Sunday 7.30am—Bernie French, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

Vinnies Winter Appeal: There will be a Vinnies Winter Appeal this weekend. Envelopes will be available for donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Craft Group: The craft group meets each Thursday in the Walter Baker Hall from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Bring yourself and your craft items. All welcome. Please contact Pat Savage for further information 0402 153 650.

Why should I be a Catechist's Assistant?

Here are 10 reasons why:

1. You will help guide the children towards an encounter with Jesus with your example in the classroom.
2. The best way to learn is to part of teaching team.
3. To take part in proclaiming the Good News that Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead, conquering sin for us.
4. Sharing the faith is an honour.
5. Your own faith will come alive.
6. You become an active part of the most active part of your parish.
7. Catechists and catechist assistants are role models.
8. You show your own family that you value religious education.
9. It's what we are called to do.
10. And it's fun.

Parish Census Form: Welcome to all new parishioners. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of the Church. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box

or email to woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. If you have submitted a form in recent times and your details haven't changed there is no need to complete another one.

Funeral Announcement: The life of David Hopkins will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 24th June at 10.30am. We wish David's family and friends our sincere condolences.

Introduction to Pastoral Care Course 2025: 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. 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 will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 between 9.00am and 3.00pm at CatholicCare Central Coast Family Centre (10/10 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah). Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please speak to Fr Timothy for more information, or contact Peter Brown, Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Gen 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: "Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet."

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. "You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Reading 2: 1 Cor 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Alleluia:

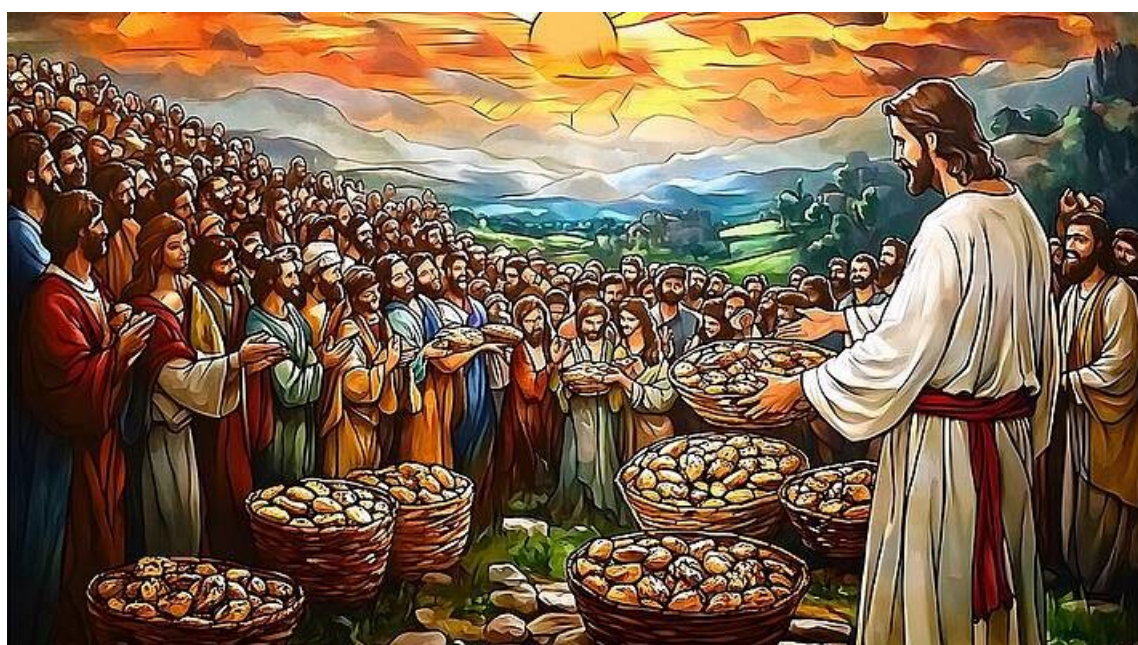
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 23rd June:

Tuesday, 24th June:

Wednesday, 25th June:

Thursday, 26th June:

Friday, 27th June:

Saturday, 28th June:

Sunday, 29th June:

Gen 12:1-9/Ps 32:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5

The Nativity of St John the Baptist - Is 49:1-6, 15, 17/Ps 138:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 104:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20

Gen 16:1-12, 15-16/Ps 105:1-5/Mt 7:21-29

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Ezek 34:11-16/Ps 22:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7

St Irenaeus - Gen 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17

Sts Peter & Paul - Acts 12:1-11/Ps 33:2-9/2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Pat Anson, Carole Bakewell, Colleen Bracher, Peter Gernetzky, David Hopkins, Mary Mowle, Brian Wilson
Anniversary: Hilda Andrews, Tom, Tommy & Peter Beebar, Betty Cavanagh, Joseph Kasunic, Albert Moroney, Lynn Rudd, Frank Vella
Remembrance: Louis & Rose Aloisio, Charlie Grima, Beverley Taylor, Timothy Thurlow
Sick: Jackie Asic, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Rae Busby, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Marie Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Bill Hunt, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Joseph Svanberg, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's June Intention:

Pope Leo XIV releases his first monthly prayer intention for the month of June, inviting the faithful to pray "that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: Goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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