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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

**28TH & 29TH SEPTEMBER,
2024**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Beyond the Boundaries

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.



But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

**We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.**



**A very warm welcome to anyone who
is new to the parish.**

*So that we can get to know who you are,
please introduce yourself to the priest or acolyte after Mass
and fill out a Census Card, which is available in the foyer.*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm -
5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ADORATION AND DEVOTION

First Friday of each month after
9.10am Mass.

This is also an anointing Mass.

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Break open the word books for 2025 are available for order now. If you'd like to order a copy please place your contact details on the sheet in the foyer. The books are \$26 each



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Congratulations Sacrament Children...

Over the past two weekends over 90 children received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We congratulate all our children and their parents and we warmly encourage them to be active in their faith by receiving Jesus often in this most wonderful Sacrament.



Sacrament of Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of Baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting.



PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

The parish office continues to be understaffed due to our office staff, Marie and Sue being on leave. If you need to contact the office and it's unattended, please leave a message and it will be returned as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience during this time.



CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY 20TH OF OCTOBER AT 5.00PM

Mass followed by refreshments.

Please note that parents are welcome to attend the Mass and registration is not necessary.



CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH

MASS DATES

Parish Youth Masses will take place on the following Sundays at 5.00pm:

17th November and 15th December

For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact Fr Jessie or Kieran Faccin.



PARISH MORNING TEA

Our parish will be hosting a community morning tea after our 9.30am on the second Sunday of each month starting from Sunday 13th of October, 2024.

Everyone is welcome. We warmly encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us both for Mass and morning tea

To support our parish with catering, you are most welcome to bring a plate to share alternatively an optional gold coin donation can be made.

SAVE THE DATES

Parish Morning Tea

Morning tea will take place after 9.30am Sunday Mass on the following dates:

13th October; 10th November; 8th December

Junior Altar Serving Training

Children interested in becoming a junior altar server are invited to attend training on

Wednesdays 23rd & 30th October at 7pm in the Church.
Please note that children must have already received their First Holy Communion before becoming a junior altar server.

PARISH GIVING

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950
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Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish



Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Clayton Briggs (30/08/24)

Anniversaries:

Alina Zawadzki, Carmen Attard (26/09/2014) Nenita Mangcucang (12/09/2016), Vanessa Smith (07/09/22), James William Sinnott

For those who are sick:

Max Ducasse, Barbara Kemp, Werner Rauker, Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti

Parish News

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce the launch of our **Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028: 'Behold, I am with you'**. This plan marks the culmination of our 16-month Synod journey, a time of listening, discernment, and envisioning the future of our Diocese. Now, we have a shared roadmap to revitalise our local communities and guide our mission in the years ahead. To explore and download the Pastoral Plan, visit <<https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Behold-I-Am-With-You-Always-Pastoral-Plan-for-a-Synodal-Church-2024-2028-WEBv.pdf>>

Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Plan Meeting

On Wednesday 18th of September our parish held a meeting to reflect upon, discern and discuss how our new Pastoral Plan can support the needs of our parish and guide us on our path to synodality. If you wish to read the notes taken at this meeting there are copies available in the foyer

Corpus Christi Parish Questionnaire

Over three weekends, beginning from next weekend 5th/6th of October, all parishioners and visitors of our parish community will be invited to complete a short questionnaire. This will provide everyone an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on our parish both now and into the future, helping us to be a more synodal community. The questionnaire will be attached to the bulletin starting from next weekend.

'YOUNG IN SPIRIT' SENIORS GROUP

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The modules are available to complete online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>
Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)
Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)
Should you prefer to complete the modules in face-to-face meetings, the following dates are available:

Cycle 1 (Initial)

Saturday 28th September (Modules 1-3) 10am-3pm at St Marys Parish

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catechist News... Are you able to help?

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the Parish Office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Adopt a Garden

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to adopt a section of the parish gardens. If you are experiencing any problems with the work you are doing in your section, if you have any queries or would like to join this group, please contact the Parish Office, who will put you in touch with Greg Hall, the coordinator.



Diocesan News

World Day of Migrants & Refugees: 29 September

This Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrate the annual World Day of Migrants & Refugees (WDMR). The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is "God Walks with His People". The Church throughout the world walks with the most vulnerable, with those in whom she encounters the Risen One. You can access inspiring resources coming from the Vatican and the "Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office", including a message from Pope Francis and a beautiful WDMR song, at linktr.ee/met.pje

Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider



applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code or visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>. Applications close 18 October

The Living Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

29th September 2024

First Reading

Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account?

Who decrees that all people may prophesy? The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R.)*

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. *(R.)*

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from great sin. *(R.)*



Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for

you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why might the disciples have been upset to see someone healing in the name of Jesus?
- * Why is Jesus not concerned by this person's actions?
- * What is the message of Jesus' teaching about cutting off what causes one to sin?
- * Are there circumstances in which you are a negative influence in someone's life?
- * How could you be a more positive presence in the lives of others?

Questions for Adults

- * How would life be different if we all adopted a position of 'anyone not against us is for us'?
- * Why would someone using a literal interpretation of this text find it problematic?
- * How might the teaching about cutting off what causes sin be relevant to your life?
- * How do the people we mix with impact our ideas and actions?



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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In both the first reading and the Gospel, the same situation occurs. Joshua and John are concerned because an outsider is doing the kinds of things they are supposed to be doing. Moses and Jesus reassure them: There is nothing to worry about. The more, the merrier. Do not be jealous or insecure.

When have you been jealous of someone else? When has someone's actions, talents, accomplishments or friendships worried you? When have you begun to feel concerned that someone else's success might make your success less important or impressive?

When has someone shut you out of their circle of friends? What was it like? How did you deal with it?

Have you ever tried to shut someone out of your circle of friends? Why? What was the problem? What happened?

Jesus says that whenever we give someone even just a cup of water in his name, we will have our reward.

What do you think it means to give something or to do something 'in Jesus' name'?

Have you ever decided to serve Jesus in that way? What was that like?

Have you had the opportunity to serve Jesus in that way but chose to put it off, or decided to do otherwise? What influenced your decision?

Do you think most teenagers would see serving Jesus as a worthy goal or priority? Why or why not? If not, what do you think of that opinion? How is serving Jesus any different from making the world a better place?

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Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we



Children's Worksheet

Whoever is not against us is for us

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

One day the disciples saw a man working miracles in Jesus' name. Because he was not one of them, the disciples told him to stop. Use the words below to find out why Jesus did not want the disciples to stop the man.



No one who does a _____
of _____ in my _____ will
say something _____ about me.
Whoever is not _____
us is _____ us.



power
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Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...

- _____
- _____
- _____



Jesus rewards my good deeds by...

- _____
- _____
- _____

Jesus performed many miracles.
Draw a picture about one of the miracles
you have read about in the bible.



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Solutions

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

