



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

# The Net

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER, 2024**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

- Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

*O God, Trinity of love,  
from the profound communion of your divine life,  
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.  
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,  
in his family of Nazareth,  
and in the early Christian community.*

*Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,  
discovering Christ in each human being,  
recognising him crucified  
in the sufferings of the abandoned  
and forgotten of our world,  
and risen in each sister or brother  
who makes a new start.*



*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves. AMEN.*

**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)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900  
(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 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.

### First Holy Communion Photos

The photos taken during First Holy Communion last month are currently being printed and should be ready for collection in two weeks time. Further information will be given once photos are ready.

## '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.



## 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 Mass on the second Sunday of each month starting from next 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**  
**Acct No: 100000698**  
**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:

Max Ducasse, Dianne Mannion.

### Anniversaries:

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

### For those who are sick:

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



## Parish News

### Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

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 Questionnaire

Over three weekends, beginning from this 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. We warmly encourage everyone to take up the opportunity and to share your thoughts.

## 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.

## 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)**  
For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## Diocesan News

Ongoing formation for those already certified in this ministry

Ministry of Communion  
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Practicalities of this Ministry  
**& Maria Kervin**  
Dealing with Boundaries and Respect

MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

**REGISTER NOW - RSVP 14 OCTOBER**  
[HANNAH.PORTELLI@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

### 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

### "Girls Day Out At The Shrine"

Wed. 9th Oct. (15-18 years) OR Thurs. 10th Oct. (11-14 years). Both days will run from 9.30am-5.00pm at the "Home of Light" at Mount Schoenstatt and costs \$22. There is the opportunity for leaders (15+ years) to stay overnight for \$55. Contact Sr. M. Rita to register: 0493 026 628, [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### Calling all Year 12 Students!

With your HSC exams just around the corner, we invite you to attend your local HSC Mass, where you'll join countless other students from across the Diocese in prayer, support and solidarity. During the Mass, you will receive a special blessing along with a small gift. Keep an eye on your parish bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.

### CYP LIFTED GO: 17 October

"LIFTED Go" is an exciting new initiative in Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED series, co-created with the Peace, Justice, Ecology team. You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers: 17 October 2024, 7-9pm, WestHQ. Find out more and register at [parracatholic.org/liftedgo](https://parracatholic.org/liftedgo)

# The Living Word

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

6th October 2024

## First Reading

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

**(R.)** *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

## Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why might the Pharisees have been trying to 'test' Jesus with their question about divorce?
- \* Why do you think the gospel writer followed the question about divorce with the teaching about children?
- \* What does it mean to welcome the kingdom of God?
- \* What characteristics of little children might Jesus be encouraging us to adopt?

### Questions for Adults

- \* How does this passage help explain the Church's position on divorce?
- \* Is the clash between the church's position on divorce and society standards helpful or harmful?
- \* Why does the gospel writer include this passage in a section about what it means to be a disciple?
- \* In what ways does the teaching about children challenge us today?

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## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is enjoying the presence of the children coming to him for hugs and blessings. He makes it clear that we must imitate children and become like them in order to enter the Reign of God.

Obviously Jesus is calling us to not be childish but to be childlike. How do you see the difference between being childish and being childlike? What exactly are we being called to?

Not all characteristics of children are good for older people to imitate, but many are. What are some children's habits we should not try to pick up? What are some ways of children that we should try to remember and imitate?

Do you ever babysit younger children? If so, what is your favourite part and your least favourite part of that responsibility? If you have never babysat before, what parts do you think you might look forward to, and which parts would you not look forward to? © St Mary's Press

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Counter-cultural on Marriage

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: *Marriage*. Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradise' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today.

But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church? We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.



## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Like a little child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Writ of dismissal

In Jewish tradition, a man could divorce his wife but a woman could not divorce her husband – she could only seek a court ruling to force her husband to divorce her. The grounds for divorce under biblical law were *ervat devar* – meaning 'some fault or indecency'. One legal tradition held that *ervat devar* applied exclusively to adultery while another applied it to anything that was 'offensive' to the husband. To divorce his wife, a man simply had to renounce his wife and ask a court to authorise a writ, or bill, of dismissal – his wife had no chance to challenge his decision.


## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Discipleship

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

#### For a shared mission



We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

# Children's Worksheet

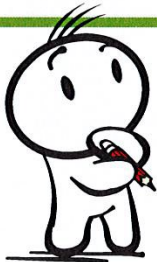
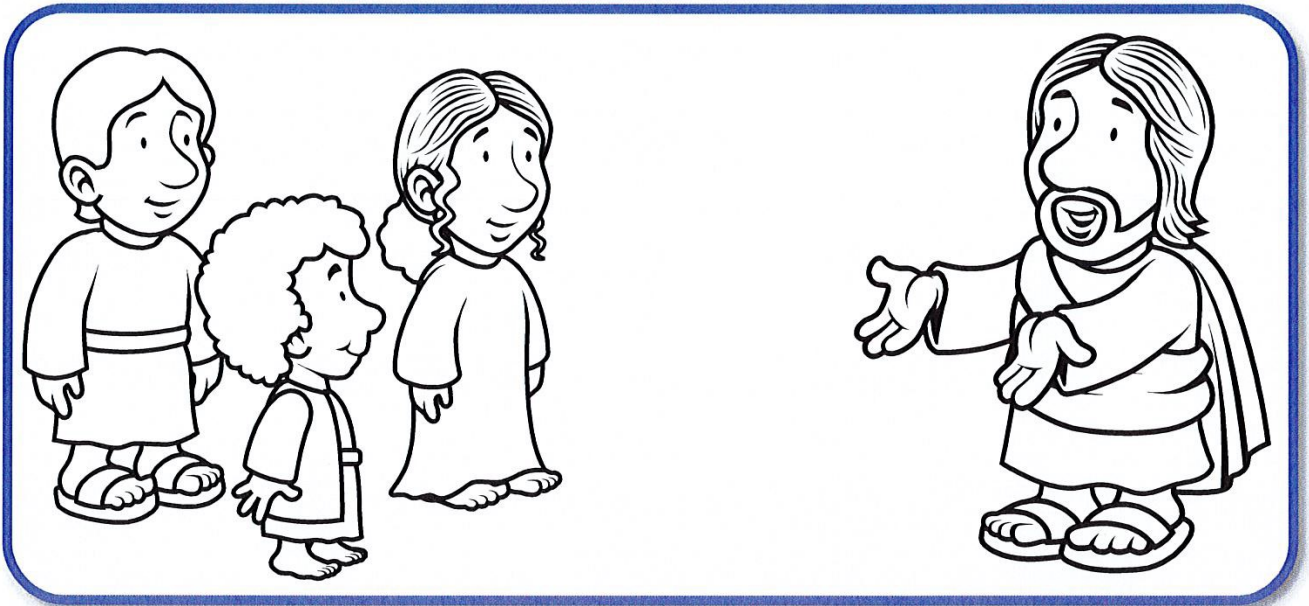
## Blessed are the children



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them.

Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.



What do you think the kingdom of God is really like?

Write or draw your answer



**CHILDREN**

How many words can you make from the letters in CHILDREN?

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# **Corpus Christi Cranebrook Parish Questionnaire – October 2024**

*We invite all parishioners and visitors to complete the following questionnaire to help guide our parish in becoming a more synodal and inclusive community.*

1. What do you believe Corpus Christi Cranebrook excels at? We would love to hear your thoughts on the strengths of our parish community
  
2. In what areas do you think Corpus Christi Cranebrook could grow or improve? We welcome your insights on how we can better serve our parish community
  
3. In three years, what kind of church community do you envision Corpus Christi Cranebrook becoming? We invite you to share your ideal vision for our parish and how you see yourself contributing to making that vision a reality.

Would you like a member of the Parish Pastoral Council to reach out to you regarding your responses, or to discuss opportunities for becoming a valued volunteer within our parish community? Y/N

If yes, please provide your details below:

Contact Name (Optional)

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*Thank you for your time*

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