



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

18th and 19th JANUARY, 2025

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Unsung Heroes

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory be seen.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status.



But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.

**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, we encourage you to fill out a New Parishioner 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 – Anointing Mass

Third Friday of each month - Healing Mass

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Parish News

SACRAMENTS IN 2025

Children in Year 4 and above at school are invited to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program, commencing with the Sacrament of **Penance**. Parents wanting their child to participate in the program are required to attend a Penance Information Meeting and register their child on

**WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2025
AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.**

Dates to note in your diary...

The Sacraments of Penance will take place on

Thursday 27th of March at 7pm

for our state school children and during school hours for our Corpus Christi Students

The sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on the following dates:



**Saturday 6TH September at 11am
Saturday 6TH September at 6pm
Saturday 13TH September at 11am
Sunday 14TH September at 9.30am**

Please note that the registration date for first Eucharist is

Wednesday 20th August, 2025 at 6.30pm

The sacrament of Confirmation (for children who received Penance and First Eucharist last year) will take place on the following date:

Saturday 14th June, 2025 at 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Please note that the registration date for Confirmation is

Wednesday 7th of May, 2025 at 6.30pm



BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Baptisms take place in our parish on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11am. 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.

Wedding bookings are taken by request. Please contact the parish office to discuss available dates and to make a booking.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday 14th until Friday 24th of January 2025. There will be no weekday Masses or Communion services during this time. Weekend Masses will take place as normal.

Mass times at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith are:

Monday 9:30am, Tuesday 6:45am & 9:30am
Wednesday 9:30am & 7pm Thursday 9:30am
Friday 6:45am & 12:10pm

Mass times at St Joseph's Kingswood are:

Monday - Friday 8am

Do nothing that you would not like God to see. Say nothing you would not like God to hear.

Write nothing you would not like God to read. Go no place where you would not like God to find you.

Read no book of which you would not like God to say, "show it to Me."

Never spend your time in such a way that you would not like to have God say, "what are you doing?"

— J. C. Ryle

PARISH PIETY SHOP

We are hoping to introduce a Corpus Christi Piety shop in 2025. The main aim of the shop is to provide accessible Catholic gifts and resources to our parish community as well as support the parish financially. The shop will be a valuable addition to the parish and a great benefit to parishioners.



To successfully run a piety store we are in need of volunteers. Our piety store will run after our weekend Masses. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more, please contact the parish office.



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Joe Sant (3/1/2025), Ana Damas (9/1/25)



Anniversaries:

Mary Cassar, Tone Magri, Caroline Sinnett, Julio Duarte Rodrigues, Maria Odelia Rodrigues, Cecilia Getubig, Romon Romano and all the souls in purgatory.

For those who are sick:

Ruta Pelenatino, Lorrene Gorman, Eleanor Albertyn, Rose Zahra

Parish News

WHAT'S ON AT CORPUS CHRISTI...

Parish Morning Tea



Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2025

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 or an optional gold coin donation can be made. *We kindly ask that a list of ingredients is provided for any home prepared food to support anyone with food allergies*

Corpus Christi Youth Mass

Our next youth Mass will take place on

SUNDAY 16TH OF FEBRUARY AT 5.00PM

Mass followed by refreshments.

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

For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact the parish office or Kieran Faccin.



'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. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

FRIDAY 31ST OF JANUARY, 2025

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

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 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers to Join the Parish Sacrament Team

We are in need of new members on the parish sacramental team and are asking anyone who is interested to contact the parish office. The main role is to assist in preparing children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Term 1), First Eucharist (Term 2) and Confirmation (Term 3). Preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist is two sessions each and three sessions for Confirmation.

Liturgical Ministers

Our parish warmly invites and encourages parishioners to take on liturgical ministries. We have availabilities in the following ministries:

Acolytes

Ministers of the word

senior, junior or aspiring Altar servers

If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
LITURGICAL MINISTER AT CORPUS CHRISTI.
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE



Diocesan News

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

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dy To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or

lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org . Registrations close 28th January, 2025.



The Living Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

18th and 19th January, 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in
the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in
the hand of your God; no longer are you
to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land
'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My
Delight' and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you and your
land will have its wedding. Like a young
man marrying a virgin, so will the one who
built you wed you, and as the bridegroom
rejoices in his bride, so will your God re-
joice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all
the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
(R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the
same Spirit; there are all sorts of service
to be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is
working in all of them. The particular way
in which the Spirit is given to each person
is for a good purpose. One may have the
gift of preaching with wisdom given him
by the Spirit; another may have the gift of
preaching instruction given him by the
same Spirit; and another the gift of faith
given by the same Spirit; another again

the gift of healing, through this one Spirit;
one, the power of miracles; another,
prophecy; another the gift of recognising
spirits; another the gift of tongues and
another the ability to interpret them. All
these are the work of one and the same
Spirit, who distributes different gifts to
different people just as he chooses.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.
The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus
and his disciples had also been invited.
When they ran out of wine, since the wine
provided for the wedding was all finished,
the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They
have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why
turn to me? My hour has not come yet.'
His mother said to the servants, 'Do what-
ever he tells you.' There were six stone
water jars standing there, meant for the
ablutions that are customary among the
Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty
gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the
jars with water,' and they filled them to
the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told
them, 'and take it to the steward.' They
did this; the steward tasted the water,
and it had turned into wine. Having no
idea where it came from – only the serv-
ants who had drawn the water knew – the
steward called the bridegroom and said,
'People generally serve the best wine first,
and keep the cheaper sort till the guests
have had plenty to drink, but you have
kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by
Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He
let his glory be seen, and his disciples be-
lieved in him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why do you think Mary brings the
wine issue to Jesus' attention?

Q. Why might Jesus have been reluctant
to perform a miracle at this time?

Q. Why does Mary seem to force the
issue when Jesus has tried to side-step
it?

Q. What might the servants have said to
one another after the wedding ban-
quet?

Q. What evidence is in the passage that
suggests John's gospel was written for
non-Jewish Christians?

Questions for Adults

Q. How appropriate to you does the
image of bride and groom for the peo-
ple and God seem?

Q. What does this event tell us about
the relationship between Jesus and his
mother?

Q. What do you think is the significance
of Mary's involvement in this incident?

Q. What does the final sentence of the
passage suggest to be the purpose of
Jesus' actions?

Q. Why might this event have been cho-
sen by the gospel writer to appear as
Jesus' first act of ministry?

Learning moments

Use a cartoon strip or story board to
illustrate the story. Use thought bubbles
to suggest the thoughts and feelings of
different participants (e.g. Jesus, Mary,
disciples, servants, steward, bride and
groom, wedding guests, kitchen staff)

Use a think-pair-share process to identi-
fy cultural practices and social struc-
tures revealed within the story.



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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus isn't interested in listening to his mother at first. But he seems to rethink the situation. After some thought, he goes ahead and does something that she probably would approve of. When was a time that your mother or father or some older relative was trying to get you to consider an option, and you just didn't want to go along with their idea? But later, when you thought about it, you came to understand his or her point of view and did what he or she wanted you to do? How did it work out? Jesus' first miracle wasn't very splashy. Most people didn't even know what had happened. The waiters kept it low-key and didn't make a big deal about the wine that had just been water in the six jars only moments before. Mary doesn't seem to say anything more about it, and Jesus also plays it cool. Yet the needs were met – without a lot of fuss. When was a time that you took matters into your own hands to take care of a pressing need, but did it in a very low-key way? Was there a kind of delight to such a secret act of kindness – a kind of self-satisfaction that comes from inside? Why is that?

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

REFLECTIONS by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery – bride and groom – to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast – at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat

and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people. The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

From the perspective of ... The servants

What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

Different View – Use of alcohol

Sadly, this text is sometimes used by people to show that Jesus legitimises drinking alcohol. If there was anything wrong with drinking, they say, Jesus wouldn't have made wine out of water! This argument is used to not only justify consumption of alcohol (sometimes to excess) but also to berate and ridicule those who, for religious and other reasons, abstain from alcohol. It is, of course, a feeble attempt to misappropriate scripture and use it completely out of context and for their own purposes. One could not even justify this argument on the grounds of a literal interpretation of scripture!

Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For the right to an education



Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Children's Worksheet



We put our faith in Jesus

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

When the wine ran out at a wedding at Cana, Jesus performed his first miracle by turning the water in six stone jars into wine. After seeing this, Jesus' disciples put all their faith in him. Write down some of the ways that you show your faith in God.



Find the stream of water that turns into wine.



At the wedding at Cana, Jesus performed many more miracles. Draw Jesus performing three other miracles.



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