



# The Net

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A—13TH AND 14TH OF JUNE 2026**

**We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living 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.*

**First Reading**

**Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3**

(R.) We are his people:

the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy, (R.)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading**

**Romans 5:6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mark 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 9:36 – 10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep

without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

**The Harvest Is Abundant**

In the Gospel this week, Jesus looks upon the crowds and is moved with compassion because they were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." The heart of Christ is revealed in this simple yet powerful image. He sees beyond appearances. He sees the wounds, struggles, fears, and loneliness that people carry. His response is not judgment but compassion.

The same compassionate gaze of Christ rests upon our world today. Many people around us are searching for meaning, hope, and direction. Some struggle with family difficulties, illness, loneliness, financial burdens, or a weakening faith. They long to encounter someone who will listen, care, and walk with them. As disciples of Christ, we are called to be that presence.

Jesus then tells His disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few." These words are not merely a comment on the situation of His time; they are a challenge for every generation. The Church's mission is not reserved for priests, religious, or church leaders alone. Through our baptism, each one of us has been called and sent. Every Christian is a missionary disciple.

The first reading reminds us that God chose Israel to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Likewise, we are chosen to be a people who reflect God's love to the world. Saint Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We did nothing to earn His love. Having received such mercy, we are now called to share it generously with others.

Perhaps the greatest mission field is not far away but right where we live—in our homes, workplaces, schools, and neighbourhoods. A kind word, a helping hand, a forgiving heart, a sincere invitation to prayer, or a simple act of compassion can become a powerful witness to Christ.

Let us ask ourselves: Am I merely a spectator in the Church, or am I a labourer in the Lord's harvest? Jesus continues to call and send disciples today. May we respond with generosity, courage, and joy, becoming instruments of His compassion in a world that desperately needs the Good News.

"The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few." May we be among those who answer the Lord's call. May God bless us to be faithful to our calling,

**Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI**

**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 5.00pm**

**- 5.45pm in the Meeting Room**

**ROSARY**

**Fridays after morning Mass**

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### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER

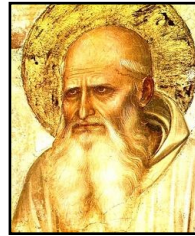
#### INTENTION FOR JUNE

*For the values of sports*

*Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.*

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

June 19th: Saint Romuald, Abbot



### LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

#### **Anniversaries:**

Michael Pace, Nazzereene Sultana, Paul Galea

#### **For those who are sick:**

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop, Joseph Cauchi.

## Parish News

### CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Our parish Corpus Christi Feast Day Celebration was a truly beautiful and blessed occasion, and we would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to making the day such a wonderful success.

We were blessed with excellent weather, a very well attended celebration, and a joyful spirit of reverence and fellowship throughout the day.

The Mass and Eucharistic procession were prayerful, solemn and deeply meaningful, and it was wonderful to see so many parishioners come together to witness and celebrate our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The procession went very smoothly, and the celebration that followed was enjoyed by all, with a warm and vibrant community atmosphere shared throughout the day.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who assisted in preparing for and supporting the celebration in so many different ways – including those involved in the liturgy, music ministry, altar serving, decorations, flowers, hospitality, setup and pack up, food preparation, hosting and the many behind-the-scenes tasks that helped the day run so smoothly.

A special thank you also to the parishioners and local businesses who generously donated prizes for our Parish Raffle, which added to the spirit of celebration and community on the day.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, purchased raffle tickets and contributed in any way towards the success of our Corpus Christi Feast Day and raffle. Your generosity, faith and active participation continue to strengthen the life of our parish.

*We thank God for a truly prayerful, joyful and successful celebration.*



### CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY PHOTOS

We extend our sincere thanks to Roel for generously giving his time throughout our Corpus Christi Feast Day Celebration to capture so many beautiful photographs of the Mass, Eucharistic procession and parish celebration.

A wonderful collection of photos was taken during the day, capturing many special moments from this very prayerful and joyful occasion. We look forward to sharing a selection of these photos with our parish through our social media platforms and also with the Diocese in the coming week.

**IF ANYONE WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT DOES NOT WISH FOR THEIR PHOTOGRAPH TO BE PUBLISHED OR SHARED, PLEASE KINDLY CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

The photos will be distributed and shared from mid next week.

### PARISH FAITH FORMATION RETREAT DAY SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026

We warmly invite all parishioners, along with your family and friends, to join us for a special Parish Faith Formation Retreat Day on Saturday 4th July. **The retreat will run from 1pm –5pm, with the option of remaining for Confession, Adoration and reflective journaling and prayer leading into the 6pm Vigil.**

This afternoon of prayer, reflection and fellowship will focus on the theme of discipleship and living a sacramental life. The program will include inspiring talks, discussion groups, praise music, opportunities for prayer and reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and conclude with Holy Mass.

The day will be led by Alison Ryan (Mission Enhancement Team) together with members of our parish leadership and ministry teams. It promises to be a meaningful opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our parish community and reflect on how we are each called to live as disciples of Jesus in everyday life.

A sign-on sheet is available in the church foyer and we ask anyone interested in attending to please register add their name to the sheet. Please and feel free to invite family members and friends along as well.

We are also considering providing child minding during the retreat for children aged 4–12 years if there is sufficient interest, and we are able to find enough volunteers. If this is something your family would benefit from, please indicate this on the sign-on sheet when registering your interest.

*We encourage all parishioners to prayerfully consider attending this special parish event.*

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Two Sundays ago, three families from our parish had the opportunity to attend the special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Parramatta.

The celebration was a very joyful and prayerful occasion, bringing together clergy, religious and parishioners from across the Diocese in thanksgiving for the many blessings received over the past forty years. It was lovely to see such a strong sense of faith, unity and community shared throughout the afternoon.

We thank the families who represented our parish at this significant diocesan celebration and for sharing in this important milestone in the life of our Diocese.



Special thanks once again to our raffle prize sponsors....



**Bishop's Good Works Appeal—Next Weekend 20th and 21st June**

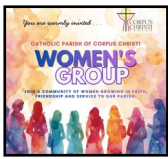
Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call.



Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. **Donation envelopes will be available in the church from next weekend.**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP**

Corpus Christi Parish Women's Group warmly welcomes new members. Women of the parish are invited to join us as we grow together in faith, friendship and fellowship. To register your interest, please use the QR code provided.



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

Thank you to all parishioners who so generously serve in our liturgical ministries. Your faithful support and willingness to assist in the life of the parish is greatly appreciated.

The July and August Liturgical Ministry Roster will be prepared shortly. If you have any dates of unavailability during these months, please notify the Parish Office via email only at [cranebrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:cranebrook@parracatholic.org) as soon as possible to assist with roster preparation.



Thank you again for your continued generosity and service.

**PARISH WORKING BEES**

Parishioners are warmly invited to come along and assist in caring for and preparing our parish grounds and spaces. Whether you can stay for a short time or the whole working bee, all help is greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming Parish Working Bees:**

- Saturday 26th September – Garden Refresh after Winter
- Saturday 12th December – Preparing for Christmas

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.



**Be a Steward**

BE INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Our parish thrives when we **PRAY, GIVE** and **SERVE** together.



Grow in faith together



Your generosity builds our parish



Share your gifts and make an impact



All are welcome!



Your support helps our parish grow and flourish.

Every gift is a blessing – Thank you!

[corpuschristi.org.au/stewardship](http://corpuschristi.org.au/stewardship)

**Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates 2026**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)**

This sacrament has already taken place for 2026. Dates for 2027 will be published later this year.

**CONFIRMATION**

Our Confirmation preparation program has now begun in our parish, and we warmly thank, but also keep in our prayers, all the families, children, and sacramental team who are part of this journey.

**Sacrament Dates:**

Saturday June 27th at 10am  
Sunday June 28th at 9.30am



**FIRST EUCHARIST**

**Parent Information and Registration evening:**

Wednesday August 12th at 7pm

**Parent and Child Formation Sessions:**

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from August 19th until September 10th (Four sessions per child)

**Sacrament Dates:**

Saturday September 12th at 10am  
Saturday September 12th at 6pm  
Saturday September 19th at 10am  
Sunday September 20th at 9.30am



**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child 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. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)



Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request. Please contact the Parish Office.

*Together in Faith, Walking in Hope*

What's coming up in our parish

<p>THIS SUNDAY <b>14 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Morning Tea</b> after the 9.30am Mass</p>
<p>SATURDAY <b>20 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Bishop's Good Works Appeal</b> Saturday 20th &amp; Sunday 21st June</p>
<p>FRIDAY <b>26 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Seniors Group Morning Tea</b> after the 9.10am Mass Parish Office Meeting Room All are welcome, bring a plate to share if you can.</p>
<p>SATURDAY <b>27 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation Mass</b> 10am</p>
<p>SUNDAY <b>28 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation Mass</b> (Together with our 9.30am Mass) 9.30am</p>
<p>SATURDAY <b>4 JULY</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Faith Formation Afternoon</b> 1.30pm – 6pm</p>

All are welcome!

# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A—13th and 14th of June 2026

## Gospel Reflection

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

### Scriptural context – The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

### Have you thought? – The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

### Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

### Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What does Jesus mean by 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few'?
- Q. What are the apostles commissioned by Jesus to do?
- Q. Why might Matthew's gospel have Jesus sending the apostles only to the Jews at first?
- Q. Why might this passage be used to talk about vocations to the priesthood and religious life?
- Q. What message can you take from this passage for your own life?

## Questions for Adults

- Q. Why has the gospel writer included the description of the crowds before the sending out of the Twelve?
- Q. What might it mean that the apostles were to 'proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'?
- Q. In what way does this commissioning apply to you today? What are you 'sent' to do?
- Q. How do you understand the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

## Learning moments

Design a job advertisement or a duty statement for a modern-day apostle.

Complete a Frayer Concept Model for the term 'Vocation': identify examples of vocation; identify non-examples; name five characteristics of a vocation; and finally, develop a definition of vocation.

Develop arguments for and against the proposition: A vocation is not what you do but how you do it.

Compare this commissioning with the commissioning at the very end of the gospel of Matthew.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Guts in a Knot

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie

### Calderone-Stewart

God's love has been abundant in our lives. Moses, Paul and Matthew all want us to be aware of that.

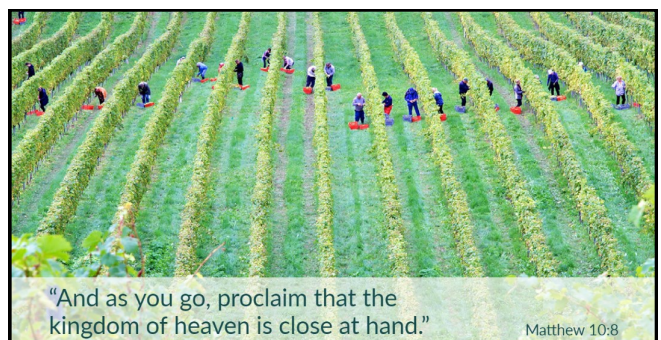
How has God's love been abundant in your life?

How have you given back to God without thought of being paid? Jesus asked twelve inexperienced, uneducated people to travel all over the countryside preaching, healing and spreading the good news about God's love. It must have seemed like an impossible task.

Would you have gone along with this plan if you had been alive during those days and had been invited to be an apostle? Why or why not?

What are some ways of spreading the good news about God's love that are available to us today but were not available to the original twelve Apostles two thousand years ago?

Which task seems more impossible – for the twelve Apostles to go out and preach and heal and bring people back to God's way, or for today's church members to go out and preach and heal and bring a modern people back to God's way? Explain your answer.



# The **Living Word**

## For Children

### **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —14TH JUNE**

#### **FIRST READING**

##### **At Mount Sinai**

The Israelites left Rephidim and arrived at the desert. Then two months after leaving Egypt, they arrived at the desert near Mount Sinai, where they set up camp at the foot of the mountain. This was two months after they had left Egypt.

Moses went up the mountain to meet with the Lord God, who told him to say to the people:

You saw what I did in Egypt, and you know how I brought you here to me, just as a mighty eagle carries its young. Now if you will faithfully obey me, you will be my very own people. The whole world is mine, but you will be my holy nation and serve me as priests.

Moses, that is what you must tell the Israelites.

#### **SECOND READING**

Christ died for us at a time when we were helpless and sinful. 7 No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. 8 But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.

9 But there is more! Now that God has accepted us because Christ sacrificed his life's blood, we will also be kept safe from God's anger. 10 Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us. Yet something even greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, we will be saved by the life of his Son. 11 And in addition to everything else, we are happy because God sent our Lord Jesus Christ to make peace with us.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

When Jesus saw all the people, He felt great love and compassion for them because they were tired, worried and needed help, like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus said to His disciples,

“There are so many people who need to hear about God's love, but there are not enough workers to help them. Pray to the Lord to send more people to share His message.”

Then Jesus called His twelve disciples together and gave them power to help people, heal the sick and bring peace and hope to others.

These were the twelve apostles: Peter and his brother Andrew, James and John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot.

Jesus sent them out with this message:

“Go and tell everyone that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, care for those in need and share God's love freely. Remember, you have received God's gifts freely, so give freely to others.”

#### **CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS**

Who has been on a farm?

What is it like at harvest time?

How is the crop gathered or picked?

Jesus says that we are like the workers at harvest time – he sends us into the field to announce the Good News.

What is the Good News about Jesus?

What good things can we do in Jesus name?



# Children's Worksheet



**Proclaim the  
Kingdom  
of God**

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Can you name the  
12 Apostles?**



Jesus calls each of us to continue his mission as the Apostles did.  
What are some of the things that Jesus needs us to do?

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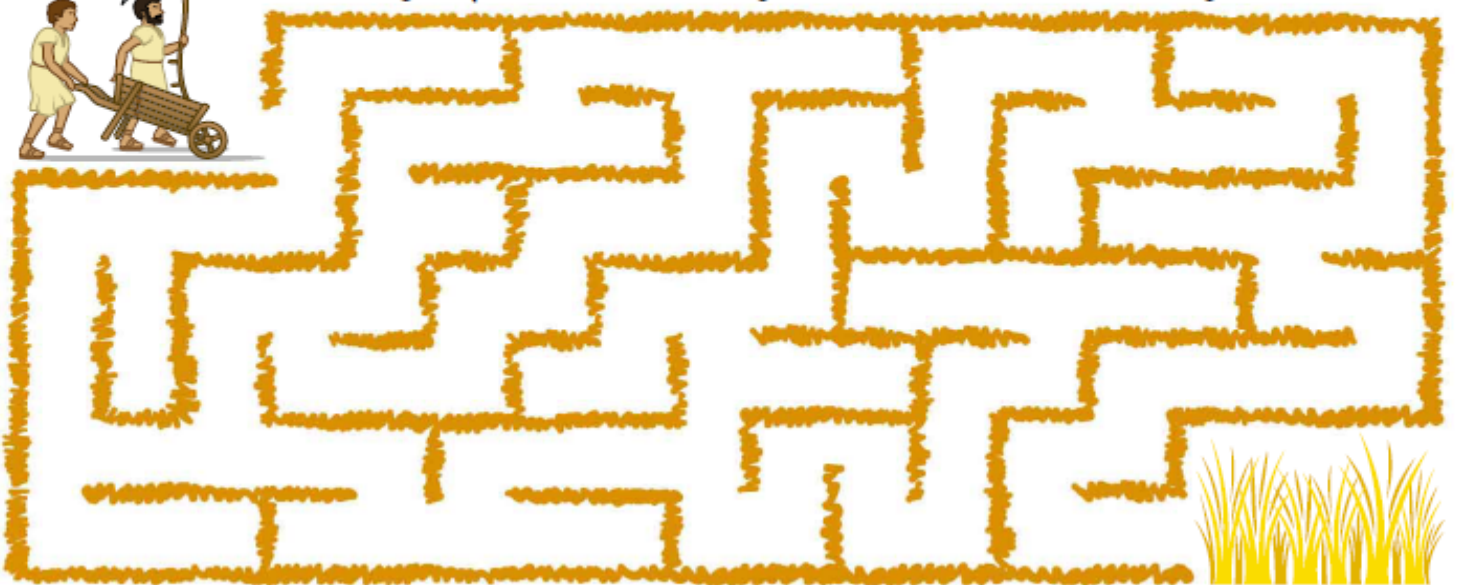
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There's a large crop in the field but not enough workers! Send these workers out to gather in the harvest



# Diocesan News

# LIFTED RETREAT *Abundance*

**3-5 JULY 2026**  
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## Online Information Session



Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)



Registration is essential! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.

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# NAIDOC DAY

THURSDAY 9 JULY, 2026  
10AM - 4PM AT WHALAN RESERVE  
**'50 Years Deadly'**

**FREE FAMILY EVENT!**  
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## Other Notices

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for June 2026

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout June at several parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### Sing a New Song – Music Workshop for Children: 14 July

Do you have a child in Year 4-12? Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. When: Tuesday 14 July 2026, 9.30am-2pm Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place Parramatta Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19 July at 6pm. Register here: [parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/](https://parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/)

### CYP Annual LIFTED Retreat for year 10-12's: 15 July

You're invited to LIFTED Retreat! A one-day retreat for 16-17 year olds from across the Diocese at St Paul's, Winston Hills on Thursday, 15 July. Together we will enter a weekend of connection, prayer and reflection on the theme of Abundance, inspired by John 10:10. Whether you're just beginning your faith journey, looking for community or need a mid-year renewal, the LIFTED Retreat welcomes you with open arms. Limited spots available. Registrations close 19 June. [parracatholic.org/events/lifted-high-school](https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-high-school)

### Nominations closing soon for the 2026 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals – both religious and lay – who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](https://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/)

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