

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 2nd of August 2026 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



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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

Regular Events

Rosary

Fridays after morning Mass

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Morning tea

Last Friday of the month after morning Mass

Parish Morning Tea

Second Sunday of the Month after the 9.30am Mass

Parish Woman's Group

Exclusive group with new members always welcome. Contact the Parish Office if you wish to be a part of the group



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

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

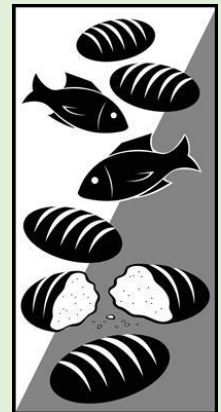
Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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(currently on annual leave)

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Xavier College –

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Principal - Mr Michael Pate

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Feast Days this Week

August 3rd: Saint Dominic, Priest

August 4th: Saint John Vianney, Priest

August 5th: The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

August 6th: The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7th: Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs and Saint Cajetan, Priest

August 8th: Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Anniversaries:

Bernardo Chanyungco, Anthony Mallia, Anthony Vella

For those who are sick:

David Fisher, Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop, Joseph Cauchi, Bartolo Barca.

Safeguarding Training – August

Safeguarding training helps us ensure that our parish is a safe and welcoming environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities are available at various parishes throughout August, with online training also available for your convenience.

To view upcoming face-to-face and online training opportunities and register, please

visit: <https://parracatholic.org/connect-events/?series=safeguarding-training> For more information, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

From Parish Priest's Desk

The Gospel of this Sunday presents the familiar miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples saw only scarcity: "We have only five loaves and two fish." Jesus, however, saw an opportunity to reveal the power of generous hearts. He took what was offered, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the people. In the hands of Christ, a little became more than enough. This Gospel reminds us that God's miracles often begin with human generosity. Where sharing happens, the wants and needs of people are more easily taken care of. The problem in our world is not always the lack of resources but often the lack of willingness to share. When each person clings tightly to what they have, someone else goes without. But when hearts are opened, God's blessings multiply in surprising ways.

A story is told of a little girl who brought her lunch to a school picnic. Seeing another child who had forgotten to bring food, she quietly divided her meal into two. She went home that day with an empty lunchbox but a heart full of joy. Her mother asked if she had enough to eat. The little girl smiled and replied, "I had less food, but I think I had a bigger lunch." That is the joy of sharing. We never become poorer by giving; instead, we become richer in love. Jesus continues to ask each of us, "What do you have?" He is not asking whether we have plenty. He simply asks us to place what we have at His disposal—our time, our talents, our compassion, our resources, and our love. He can multiply even our smallest acts of kindness.

As a parish community, let us become people who notice the hungry, the lonely, the struggling, and the forgotten. A shared meal, a listening ear, an encouraging word, or a helping hand can become a miracle in someone's life. This week, let us ask ourselves: **Am I willing to share what God has entrusted to me?** When we place our gifts in the hands of Jesus, there will always be enough—and even baskets left over.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Be a Steward

BE INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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

CALL TO SHARE **STEWARDSHIP**

Your support helps our parish grow and flourish.
Every gift is a blessing – Thank you!

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SCAN TO GET INVOLVED

All are welcome!

PRAYING

Grow in faith together

GIVING

Your generosity builds our parish

SERVING

Share your gifts and make an impact

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS!

Your support helps build a stronger parish community.
Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – PARENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
Wednesday 12th of August | 7:00pm | in the Church

Parents wishing to register their child for First Holy Communion are warmly invited to attend this important session. Parents only are required to attend, with the session running for approximately 45 minutes.

Program requirements:

- 4 weeks of weekly formation – Wednesdays 7:00pm OR Thursdays 4:00pm
 - Compulsory weekend Mass attendance during the 4 weeks
- Child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to First Holy Communion.

Dates for First Holy Communion Masses are listed on page 4.



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What's happening in our parish...

A Warm Welcome Begins With You

For the past few weekends, we've invited parishioners to help welcome people at the church entrances before Mass. A warm smile and friendly greeting can make a real difference, especially for visitors and those attending alone. A few wonderful ladies have already come forward, and we are grateful for their generosity. We would love to see more parishioners—men, women and youth—join them so we can form a simple roster and share this ministry among our community. No experience is needed—just a welcoming heart and a willingness to help others feel at home.

If you can help, please contact the parish office or add your name to the expression of interest sheet in the church foyer.

Parish Pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a Parish Pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, on **Saturday, 5th of September, from approximately 10:00am to 1:00pm** (exact times to be confirmed).

The pilgrimage will include Holy Mass, a spiritual talk, and a BYO picnic lunch to enjoy together on the beautiful shrine grounds.

Further details, including the final schedule and an option for transport to and from the shrine from Corpus Christi Parish, will be provided closer to the date.

TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SHEET LOCATED IN THE CHURCH FOYER.



YOU'RE INVITED!

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Parish Event

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to the Holy Land

An afternoon of faith, discovery and spiritual renewal as we journey through the places where Jesus was born, walked with his disciples, died on the Cross and rose to new life.

Immersive Video & Music | Scripture Reflections | Guided Prayer | Small Group Discussion

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026
2:00PM – 5:00PM
Followed by **ADORATION & CONFESSION 5.00PM IN THE CHURCH**

Come and be a pilgrim with your parish family!

ON OUR JOURNEY WE'LL VISIT...

JORDAN
• Mt Nebo
• Bethany Beyond the Jordan
• The Jordan River

JUDEA
• Bethlehem
• Jericho
• Jerusalem
• Mount Zion
• Mount of Olives

GALILEE
• Nazareth

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."
Matthew 28:19

PLEASE RSVP BY **FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026**
Parish Office: 4730 1249
cranebrook@parracatholic.org
Add your name to the sign on sheet in the foyer

A parish event for all parishioners and friends.
Everyone is welcome!

A New Look for Our Parish Bulletin

You may have noticed that The Net has a fresh new look! With Microsoft Publisher being discontinued, we have moved to new software and taken the opportunity to refresh the design and layout of our parish bulletin.

In the spirit of being a synodal Church, we would love to hear your thoughts. If there is anything you would like to see included, changed or improved, please share your suggestions with the Parish Office at cranebrook@parracatholic.org.

We hope this new look continues to help The Net inform, connect and serve our parish.

Fr Abraham's Annual Leave

Fr Abraham will be taking annual leave from Wednesday 15th of July until Thursday 13th of August.

During this time our weekend Masses will be celebrated by visiting priests and our weekday Masses will be replaced with Communion Services. If you wish to attend weekday Masses the following are available at our neighboring parishes:

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Monday: 9:30am

Tuesday: 6:45am & 9:30am

Wednesday: 9:30am & 7pm

Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 6:45am & 12:10pm

St Joseph's Parish Kingswood

Monday to Friday at 8.00am

If you require a priest in an emergency situation during Fr Abraham's absence, please call 0423 725 148 to contact a priest from Kingswood parish.

We wish Fr Abraham a safe and restful holiday

THIS WEEKEND WE WARMLY WELCOME FR. DENIS WHO WILL CELEBRATE OUR VIGIL MASS AND FR. SEBASTIAN THEKKINIETH CMI WHO WILL CELEBRATE OUR 7.30AM AND 9.30AM SUNDAY MASSES.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us for Mass as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, 15th August at 9.10am**. All are warmly welcome to come together in prayer and celebrate this beautiful feast of Mary.

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US FOR

THE BIG PARISH DINNER

A NIGHT OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

24TH OCTOBER

OUR PARISH. OUR HOME. | TOGETHER AT ONE TABLE. | ALL ARE WELCOME!

TICKETS ON SALE 29TH AUGUST 2026

Further details to come

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Sacrament Dates 2026

First Reconciliation & Confirmation

The 2026 programs have now concluded. We thank our children, families, Sacramental Team and parish community for their support and prayers.

2027 program dates will be announced later this year.



First Eucharist

Parent Information & Registration: Wednesday 12 August, 7.00pm

Formation Sessions:

Wednesday evenings & Thursday afternoons, 19 August–10 September. Families are required to attend all four sessions, along with weekend Mass each week throughout the preparation period.

First Eucharist Celebrations:

- Saturday 12 September, 10.00am
- Saturday 12 September, 6.00pm
- Saturday 19 September, 10.00am
- Sunday 20 September, 9.30am



Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11.00am**. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office to book a date and attend the **Rite of Welcome & Information Meeting**, held on the 4th Sunday of the month prior to Baptism.



Weddings & Funerals

Bookings are arranged through the Parish Office.

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Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish 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 the Parish Office (02 4730 1249) if you are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit or would like to join the Planned Giving Program.



Together in Faith,
Walking in Hope

What's coming up in our parish



	SUNDAY 9 AUGUST	Parish Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass
	WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST	First Eucharist Registration 7pm in the Church For children in Grade 4 and above. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate.
	FRIDAY 28 AUGUST	Seniors Group Morning Tea after the 9.10am Mass Parish Office Meeting Room • All are welcome, bring a plate to share if you can.
	SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER	Parish Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt 10.00am – 1.00pm (approx.) Time and details to be advised. More information to come.
	SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER	Parish Event – Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land More information available in parish bulletin.
	SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER	Parish Working Bee 9am – 12pm Light refreshments will be provided.
	SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER	Big Parish Dinner More information to come.

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Gospel Reflection

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs. The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he took the bread and fish, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

Scriptural context – Food for all

This miraculous feeding is the first of two such accounts in the gospel of Matthew. (It also appears twice in Mark and once in both Luke and John.) In this account, there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one who provides nourishment and satisfaction for the entire Jewish population. The imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and satisfies the gentile people. Between them, the two accounts present Jesus as the one who provides spiritual food for all.

Living the Gospel – Grieving John

The passage begins with Jesus receiving the news that his cousin, John the Baptist's death. In response, Jesus immediately withdraws to a lonely place where he can be alone with his disciples. His response to this terrible news is to take time out. He wants to go away to a quiet, lonely place to pray and grieve. He doesn't just take the news in his stride and carry on regardless; he steps back from the busy-ness of life to mourn. It's a lesson for us in times of stress and grief: the response Jesus models is to take time to grieve the loss.

Different View – A different miracle

A very different interpretation of this miraculous feeding suggests that what Jesus did was actually shame people into pulling out from under their cloaks the little bits of food that each of them were carrying. The scripture tells us that the event takes place in a 'lonely place'. People didn't tend to travel very far at all from home without taking with them a bit of food. This interpretation suggests that by his own generosity and willingness to share what little he had, Jesus shamed the crowd into sharing their own morsels of food and produce enough to feed the multitude that were gathered there.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. What are three different emotions Jesus might have experienced in the course of this passage?

Q. Why might the people have been so determined in following Jesus?

Q. How might the disciples have felt when Jesus told them to feed the loaves and fish to the people?

Q. What message can you take from this passage that is applicable today?

Questions for Adults

Q. What is the difference between the reaction of the disciples and the reaction of Jesus to the crowd?

Q. When have you had to respond to the needs of others when you just wanted time alone?

Q. When have you experienced a 'Eucharistic' meal outside the context of the Mass?

Q. How do the words of Jesus, 'Give them something to eat yourselves', speak to us today?

Learning moments

Read the six different accounts of feeding the multitudes (Mk 3:30-44; Mk 8:1-10; Mt 14:13-21; Mt 15:32-39; Lk 9:10-17; Jn 6:1-14). What similarities and differences can you detect? What conclusions can be drawn from the fact that all four gospel writers included a miraculous feeding account?

Compare the language of the feeding of the five thousand (Mt 14:19) with the words of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Mt 26:26). Why might the gospel writer have used this similar language in the feeding of the multitudes account?

Use a printout of today's gospel passage and identify the different emotions Jesus might have been feeling throughout the passage. Highlight these different emotions on the text of the passage.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Feeding of the Hungry Crowd

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that they can buy.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; give them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, commands us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, will be satisfied.



The Living Word

For Children

First Reading:

The Lord's Invitation
If you are thirsty,
come and drink water!
If you don't have any money,
come, eat what you want!
Drink wine and milk
without paying a cent.
Why waste your money
on what really isn't food?
Why work hard for something
that doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me,
and you will enjoy
the very best foods
Pay close attention!
Come to me and live.
I will promise you
the eternal love and loyalty
that I promised David.

Discussion Questions:

In today's gospel what did the disciples want the crowd to do after Jesus had healed those who were sick?

- What was Jesus' reply?
- What food did they have to share?
- What did Jesus do to the food?
- How much was left over?
- Why didn't Jesus turn the crowd away?
- Jesus doesn't turn us away and he gives us all we need.
- What can we thank God for?
- This week we pray that we can share with others the good gifts that God has given us.

Second Reading:

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble, suffering, and hard times, or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death?

In everything we have won more than a victory because of Christ who loves us. I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Gospel Reading:

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

After Jesus heard about John, he crossed Lake Galilee to go to some place where he could be alone. But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw the large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick.

That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This place is like a desert, and it's already late. Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food." Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?" But they said, "We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish." Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him, and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and handed it to his disciples, and they gave it to the people. After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.

There were about 5,000 men who ate, not counting the women and children.

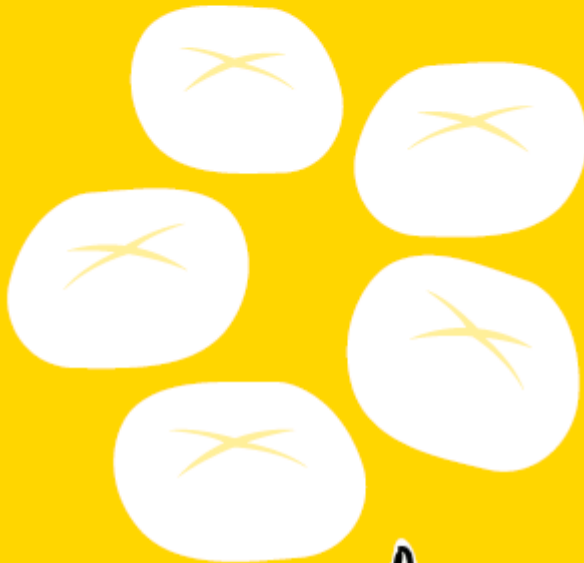




Everyone had plenty to eat

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Jesus fed the crowd of more than 5,000 people because they were hungry and needed food. In each loaf write down something else that people need and are "hungry" for.



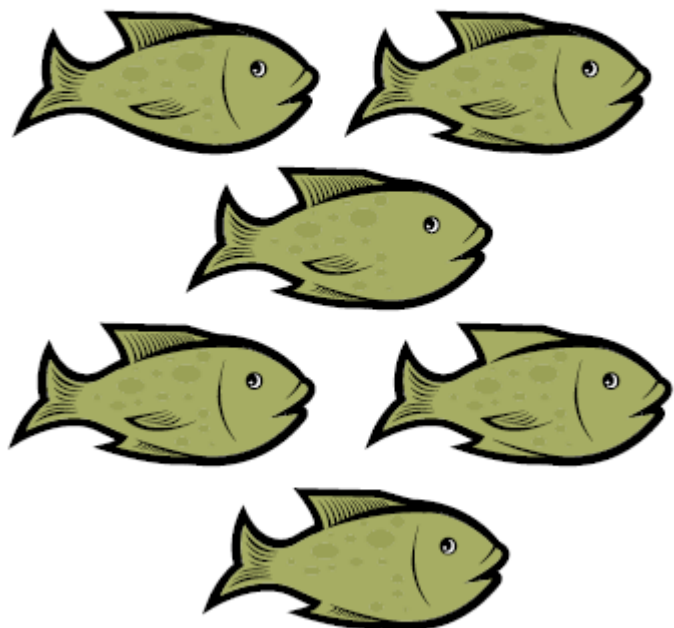
Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



LOAVES AND FISH

How many words can you make from the letters in LOAVES AND FISH?

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Women's Group – Upcoming Gatherings

Our Women's Group is a wonderful opportunity for women of our parish to come together, build friendships, share faith and enjoy some time in good company. We warmly invite all women to join us at our upcoming gatherings!



Upcoming Schedule

August

- Aug 1 : Start of our 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Aug 15 : **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**. Attend mass on this Holy Day of Obligation
- Aug 30 2-4pm : Women's Group Talk
Topic : Mary, Our Pilgrim Mother
By Sr. Rita from Mt Schoenstatt
(More details to follow)

September

- Sept 5 : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Sept 5 : Parish pilgrimage to Mt. Schoenstatt. Sept month marks 100 years of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.
- Sept 8*: Start of Women's Group Bible Study with Fr. Abraham. Succeeding study dates to be discussed on the day.
* **Feast of the Nativity of Mary**
- Sept 26 : Caring for God's House Day (Keeping our parish church clean and welcoming for all!)

October

- Oct 3 : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Oct 2- 11 : 10-day rosary novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (7pm weekdays/Saturdays and 10:30am Sundays)
Note : Oct 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 10 : Parish Retreat
(More details to follow)
- Oct 24 : The BIG Parish Dinner! (More details to follow)

November

- Nov 7 : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Walking Group - around Jordan Spring's Village Center Lake
(Date to be confirmed)
- Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park
(Date to be confirmed)

What's happening in the diocese and beyond...

You are invited to attend a

Married Couples' RETREAT

"Reflect, Renew & Reconnect"

Saturday 5th September 2026
Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1 Marion Street, Blacktown
8:30am to 4:30pm

\$45 per couple
Bookings essential
Places strictly limited
Register at:
parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/

Sessions
Expressions of Love
Living your Vocation of Marriage
7 Principles of making Marriage Work
Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit
Couple Prayer + Commitment Ceremony + Mass with Bishop Vincent

Included
Lunch + refreshments



be the witness

A MUSICAL
By Carol & Jimmy Owens
ON THE LIFE OF JESUS
THROUGH THE EYES OF PETER
Directed by Joe Cordio
10 - 13 SEPTEMBER, 2026
RIVERSIDE THEATRE, PARRAMATTA
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Deepen your experience with the
HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION
Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
6 - 9 September: Open all day
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AUGUST 12TH 2026 | 6:30PM
NAGLE COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



14th Annual Pilgrimage

Annual Walk on the SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, 15th AUGUST 2026

Shrine of the Holy Innocents -- St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

- Beginning with 11.00 am Mass at Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville)
- The walk starts from the Shrine 12.30pm (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville) Along Windsor Road to Parramatta Cathedral - 14km in total
- First refreshment stop at St. Michael's, Baulkham Hills - (approx 2.00pm)
- Second refreshment stop at St. Monica's, North Parramatta - (approx 4.00pm)
- Finishing at Parramatta Cathedral with final prayer & readings - (approx 6pm)

BANNERS AND STATUES ARE WELCOME.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN AT ANY POINT OF THE WALK.

For further information, please contact
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office (9629 2595)

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS

GERARD O'CONNELL & ELISABETTA PIQUÉ

WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC:
FROM FRANCIS TO LEO AN INSIDERS ACCOUNT OF AN HISTORIC PAPAL TRANSITION

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026
6.00PM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CLOISTER HALL,
1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

REGISTER HERE:
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PLACED ARE LIMITED!



A Table Talk on Homelessness: A Choice to Address the Housing Crisis

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how the Parramatta Diocese can respond to the housing and homelessness crisis.

Sunday 09 August | 1:00pm-4:00pm
Bethany Centre
470 Church St, North Parramatta NSW

What to Expect
• Light Refreshments
• Guest Speakers
• Table Conversations
• Practical Actions

What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta?
What strategies can we put in place?

Register Now
<https://parracatholic.org/events/14c-table-talk-homelessness>



Scan / click on the QR code to register

