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FOURTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A—4TH AND 5TH OF JULY 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

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

2. 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.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

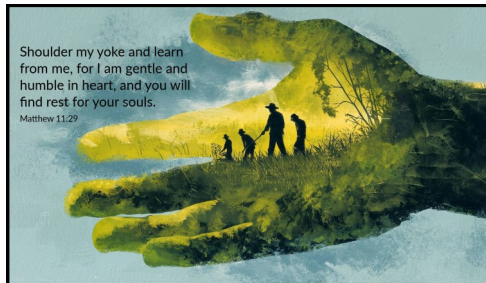
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Not an Outsider but an Insider

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

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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

ROSARY

Fridays after morning Mass

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

July 6th: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

July 7th: Blessed Peter To Rot, martyr

July 9th: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

July 11th: Saint Benedict, Abbot



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Frances Hooton

Anniversaries:

Gino Vassallo, Dioscoro Sampaga, Paul Galea

For those who are sick:

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose

Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop, Joseph Cauchi.

From the desk of parish priest

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus says, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." These words are not merely an invitation to find comfort in Him; they are also a call to become people who make life lighter for others. Those who walk with Christ should never become an additional burden to others but rather a source of hope, encouragement, and compassion.

The first reading presents a King who comes in humility, not with force or intimidation. Jesus fulfils this prophecy through His gentle and compassionate way of living. He reaches out to the weary, welcomes the forgotten, forgives sinners, and restores the broken. His life teaches us that true greatness lies not in exercising power over others but in lifting them up with love.

St. Paul, in the second reading, reminds us to live according to the Spirit and not according to selfish desires. A life led by the Spirit moves us beyond ourselves. It opens our eyes to the struggles of those around us and gives us the courage to stand beside them. Christian discipleship is not simply about seeking our own peace; it is about becoming instruments of God's peace for others.

There is a saying: "Shared joy is doubled, but shared sorrow is halved." Every act of kindness – a listening ear, a word of encouragement, a forgiving heart, or a helping hand – lightens someone's burden. We may not solve every problem, but we can ensure that no one has to carry their cross alone.

This Sunday, Jesus challenges each of us with a simple but demanding question: Whose burden am I helping to carry? In our families, parish, workplace, and neighbourhood, are we making life easier or harder for others? Do our words heal or wound? Do our actions encourage or discourage?

May we become disciples with the heart of Christ, always ready to shoulder the burdens of others with love. In doing so, we fulfil the law of Christ and become living signs of His gentle presence in our world.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Parish News



PARISH Faith Formation RETREAT DAY

HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND!

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026



1.30pm ARRIVAL
Retreat begins
2.00pm



Stay for Reconciliation, Adoration & personal prayer leading into the
6.00pm Vigil Mass

A meaningful afternoon to grow in faith, strengthen our parish community and reflect on how we are called to live as disciples of Jesus in everyday life.

Theme: Discipleship and Living a Sacramental Life



INSPIRING TALKS & DISCUSSION GROUPS



PRAISE MUSIC (Possible)



PRAYER & REFLECTION



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Run by our Children's Liturgy Facilitators for children aged 4-12 years across two sessions:

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Theme: Jesus calls us to follow him

3.30pm – 5.00pm

Theme: Jesus is always with us

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Inspiring talks to deepen your faith
- Small group discussion and sharing
- Time for prayer, reflection and Adoration
- Opportunity for Reconciliation
- Hospitality and connection with our parish community



All are welcome!

Come along, be refreshed in your faith, and grow as disciples of Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS THIS WEEKEND

We are pleased to announce that Children's Liturgy resumes this weekend at our 9.30am Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy is designed specifically for children aged 4-8 years, providing them with an engaging and age-appropriate opportunity to hear and reflect on the Sunday Gospel.

Please note that, due to our Parish Retreat and the children's sessions taking place as part of the retreat this weekend, Children's Liturgy will not be held during the 6.00pm Vigil Mass. From then on, Children's Liturgy will be offered at both the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and 9.30am Sunday Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our volunteer Children's Liturgy facilitators—both those who have faithfully served in the past and those who have recently joined the ministry. Your generosity and dedication to nurturing the faith of our young parishioners is greatly appreciated.



DID YOU KNOW? – CATHOLIC CARE

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is the official social welfare agency of the Diocese of Parramatta. Working alongside our parishes, they provide professional, compassionate support to people of all backgrounds, regardless of their faith or circumstances.

WHETHER YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS EXPERIENCING CHALLENGES WITH RELATIONSHIPS, PARENTING, MENTAL HEALTH, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, FAMILY LIFE, CARING RESPONSIBILITIES, DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE, OR SIMPLY NEEDS SOMEONE TO TALK TO, CATHOLIC CARE OFFERS A RANGE OF CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES DELIVERED BY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS.

If you or someone you know could benefit from their assistance, please speak with our parish office or visit Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to learn more: catholiccarewsbm.org.au.

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WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



Our Confirmation Masses last weekend were a wonderful celebration of faith and a great success. Congratulations to the 70 young people from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We sincerely thank the families, facilitators, volunteers, photographers, clergy, musicians, and everyone whose generosity and support helped make these celebrations so memorable. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen our newly confirmed as they continue their journey of faith. *May God bless them always.*

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

The Corpus Christi Parish Women's Group warmly welcomes new members. We are a community of women growing together in faith, friendship and fellowship, while seeking to serve our parish wherever we can.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the support, care or practical assistance of our group, we encourage you to reach out. We are here to serve our parish in whatever ways we are able.



If you would like to join the Women's Group or learn more about becoming involved, please use the QR code provided to register your interest.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SHARE YOUR GIFTS

Our parish is currently seeking volunteers in a number of areas where your time and talents can make a real difference.

Data Operators (especially the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass):

We are in need of additional volunteers to operate the presentation slides during Mass. Training is provided, and this is a wonderful way to support our liturgy.

Handyman/Roof Repair Assistance:

We are looking for someone with experience in roofing or general maintenance who may be able to assist with investigating and repairing a leak in the ceiling of the men's toilets.

Special Religious Education (SRE) Catechists and Helpers:

We warmly invite parishioners to consider joining our SRE team to share the Good News with children in our local public schools. No teaching experience is required—full training, resources and ongoing support are provided. For many students, an SRE lesson is their only opportunity to hear about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Even if you can assist as a classroom helper, your contribution will make a lasting difference.



If you are able to assist in any of these ministries or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for generously sharing your gifts in service of our parish.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend July 4th and 5th, in celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, (June 29th), our parish will take up the annual **Peter's Pence Collection**.

This collection is a concrete expression of our communion with the Holy Father and supports his mission of proclaiming the Gospel, promoting peace, and extending Christian charity throughout the world. It assists the Pope in responding to those in greatest need, including emergencies and humanitarian works across the globe.

We are grateful for the continued generosity of Corpus Christi parish, especially as we are frequently called upon to support a range of worthy appeals, both for our parish and beyond. Each one offers us an opportunity to respond faithfully as stewards of God's gifts and to support the wider mission of the Church.

Please give generously to this appeal.



Be a Steward

BE INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



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



SCAN TO GET INVOLVED



All are welcome!



Your support helps our parish grow and flourish.

Every gift is a blessing – Thank you!

corpuschristi.org.au/stewardship

Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates 2026

FIRST RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation have now been completed for 2026. We give thanks for all the children, families, sacramental team, and parish who prepared for and celebrated these important milestones, and we continue to keep them in our prayers.



Dates for 2027 will be published later in the year.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information & Registration Evening:

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST AT 7.00PM

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Formation sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from 19th August to 10th September (four sessions per child). Families are asked to attend all scheduled formation sessions as part of the preparation for First Eucharist.

In addition, compulsory weekend Mass attendance will be required from the weekend of 15/16 August through until the First Eucharist celebration dates, as part of the children's sacramental preparation and ongoing faith formation.

Available Sacrament Dates:

Saturday 12 September at 10.00am

Saturday 12 September at 6.00pm

Saturday 19 September at 10.00am

Sunday 20 September at 9.30am



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11.00am.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book a date and to attend the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting. These are held on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to baptism.



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

Together in Faith, Walking in Hope

What's coming up in our parish

	SATURDAY 4 JULY	Peter's Pence Appeal Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July
	SUNDAY 5 JULY	
	SATURDAY 4 JULY	Parish Faith Formation Afternoon 1.30pm – 6pm
	SUNDAY 12 JULY	Parish Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass
	FRIDAY 31 JULY	Seniors Group Morning Tea after the 9.10am Mass Parish Office Meeting Room <i>All are welcome, bring a plate to share if you can.</i>
	WEDNESDAY 15 JULY	Fr Abraham's Annual Leave 15 July – 15 August During this time, weekday Masses will be replaced by Communion Services. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by visiting priests.
	SATURDAY 15 AUGUST	
	WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST	First Eucharist Registration 7pm In the Church <i>For children in Grade 4 and above. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate.</i>

All are welcome!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A—4th and 5th of June 2026

Gospel Reflection

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught. In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Historical Context – Jewish education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called Beth Sefer. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (Beth Talmud). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter Beth Midrash and apply to a rabbi to become his talmid – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. For what is Jesus giving thanks to the Father?
Q. What advantage do 'mere children' have over the 'learned and the clever'?
Q. How does this explanation of 'yoke' change your understanding of the passage?
Q. How might people have reacted to Jesus saying, 'My yoke is easy and my burden light'?
Q. In what ways do you try to shoulder the yoke of Jesus?
Questions for Adults
Q. In what ways do the two halves of today's reading complement each other?

- Q. Why might God have hidden things from 'the learned and the clever'?
Q. How might we find rest for our souls if we take up the yoke of Jesus?
R. Q. What message do you take from today's gospel and reflection?

Learning moments

Research the system of education taught in Jewish synagogues at the time of Jesus and the concept of a rabbi's 'yoke'. Create a digital montage of words, images and sounds that represent those 'who labour and are overburdened' in our world today. Include in your montage ways in which our taking on the yoke of Jesus (Love God and love your neighbour) can make a difference for those who labour and are burdened.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.



The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

According to Jesus, children know more about some of God's secrets than do the most clever adults. Have you ever held a crying baby? Have you seen anyone else do it? Can anything be done to stop a baby crying? When the baby finally stops crying, is it because the pain has gone away? How can rocking, singing and cuddling help? As we grow older, we perhaps don't cry when we skin our knees or drop our toys, but we still have plenty of pain in our life. We never outgrow the ability to hurt or the need for comfort. What might be one of God's secrets about dealing with suffering or about comforting someone in pain? Jesus doesn't promise us a life without pain, but he says that the yoke and burden will be light and easy to bear. When have you had to deal with great physical pain? What happened? When have you had to deal with great emotional pain? What happened? Which is easier to deal with – physical pain or emotional pain? Why? How does living in the spirit of Jesus affect the way we deal with our pain?

The **Living Word** For Children

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —5TH JULY

FIRST READING

The Lord Tells about the Coming King
Everyone in Jerusalem,
celebrate and shout!
Your king has won a victory,
and he is coming to you.
He is humble
and rides on a donkey;
he comes on the colt
of a donkey.
I, the Lord, will take away
war chariots and horses
from Israel and Jerusalem.
Bows that were made for battle
will be broken.
I will bring peace to nations,
and your king will rule
from sea to sea.
His kingdom will reach
from the Euphrates River
across the earth.

SECOND READING

You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit, who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him.
Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you, and he will raise you to life by his Spirit.

GOSPEL READING

Come to Me and Rest
At that moment Jesus said:
My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. Yes, Father, this is what pleased you.
My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so they can know him too.
If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke[a] I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

Who are some people you know who are wise?
What makes them wise?
Jesus says that ordinary people can be wise if they know God.
What is God like?
Jesus says he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble?



Children's Worksheet



If you are burdened, I will give you rest

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

In the box below, write down some things that are burdens which people carry in their lives.



Jesus tells us that he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble like Jesus? Draw a picture of yourself being gentle and showing humility towards others.

Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



_____ to me all who _____.
I will give you _____.
I am _____ and humble of _____.
My _____ is easy.
My burden is _____.

heart gentle labour
Come yoke light rest

Diocesan News

LIFTED RETREAT

Abundance

15 JULY 2026
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
WINSTON HILLS
16-17 YEAR OLDS

FREE EVENT

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CATHOLIC YOUTH
PARRAMATTA

SING A NEW SONG HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP

Come along for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music for children in years 4-12 with Mr Eric Grella (MET Music Facilitator and Assistant Director of Music)

TUESDAY 14 JULY 2026 | 9.30AM-2PM
**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 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19 July.

REGISTER HERE

DIocese of PARRAMATTA

BAABAYN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION & THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH SERVICES

NAIDOC DAY

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

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

FEAT. MT DRUITT'S GOT TALENT SHOW,
FREE FOOD, FREE RIDES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
STALL-HOLDERS & MUCH MORE!

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Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Apostolate Reflection Day

Mary our Mother and Queen!

Saturday 11th July 2026
9.00 am - 3.30 pm
Family Hall - Mt Schoenstatt
\$25 includes morning tea

This day is open to everyone and will include Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction, talks, prayer and fellowship.

Please bring along your Pilgrim Mother Shrines and a plate to share for lunch.

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Sr. M. Rita 0493 026 628
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa
www.schoenstatt.org.au

Winter Special!

SHRINE TIME

Holy Hour

for Youth and Young Adults

SUNDAY 12th JULY 2026
7-8 pm (Followed by a social bonfire & roasted marshmallows)
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, 2745

Praise - Worship - Silence - Prayer Reflection - Confession - Benediction

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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: 10000698
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;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

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

MET Natural Fertility Seminar – Introductory Session for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 8 July
 Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy www.fccau.org on Wednesday 8 July 7-8pm via Teams (online). This session is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them. To register visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility.

MET Natural Fertility | Billings Ovulation Method® Initial Instruction: 7:30pm, 7 July
 Track your fertility cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to achieve pregnancy. Following this instruction, you'll be set up to chart immediately. The session will be via Teams. For more information and to register, please visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

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/

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