

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 9th of August 2026 | Nineteenth 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
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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

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!



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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 10th:** Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
August 11th: Saint Clare, Virgin
August 12th: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
August 13th: Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
August 14th: Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
August 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Anniversaries:

Anthony Mallia, Anthony Vella, Doris Galea (6/8/06), Anthony Azzopardi

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

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

From Parish Priest's Desk

The Gospel of this Sunday (Matthew 14:22-33) presents one of the most memorable scenes in the life of St Peter. At the invitation of Jesus, Peter courageously steps out of the boat and begins walking on the water. What remarkable faith! Yet, within moments, the strong wind, crashing waves, and mounting fear steal his attention. The moment Peter shifts his focus from Jesus to the storm he begins to sink.

How often this is our own story! We begin our Christian journey with great enthusiasm. We make generous promises to God. We resolve to pray daily, forgive those who hurt us, serve generously, and remain faithful to our vocation. But then life happens. Unexpected illness, financial pressures, family tensions, disappointments, criticism, or personal failures become the strong winds that shake our confidence. Instead of fixing our eyes on Christ, we become preoccupied with our problems. Fear replaces faith, and discouragement slowly takes over.

The good news is that Jesus never abandons those who begin to sink. Before Peter could disappear beneath the waves, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him. Our failures do not frighten God; our refusal to call upon Him does. The Lord is always closer than the storm.

Faith is not the absence of difficulties. Faith is choosing to keep looking at Jesus even when the waves are high. The storms of life may be unavoidable, but they do not have the final word. Christ does. When our eyes remain fixed on Him, fear loses its power and hope is renewed.

As we gather for the Eucharist this Sunday, let us ask ourselves: Where is my focus? Am I looking more at my fears than at my Saviour? Have I allowed the storms of life to distract me from Christ? Let us renew our trust in the One who still says, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." With our eyes fixed on Jesus, we will discover that no storm is greater than His saving hand.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI



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All are welcome!



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – PARENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION – THIS WEEK

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...

Fr Abraham's Annual Leave

Fr Abraham will be returning from his Annual Leave this Thursday 13th of August

Communion Services will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday before weekday Masses return as normal from Thursday

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 hope Fr Abraham has had a relaxing and refreshing holiday, and we wish him a safe return.

THIS WEEKEND WE WARMLY WELCOME FR. PAUL WHO WILL CELEBRATE OUR VIGIL MASS AND FR. JOHNSON WHO WILL CELEBRATE OUR 7.30AM AND 9.30AM SUNDAY MASSES.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated acolytes, **Darwin, Greg and Terry**, who generously led our weekday Communion Services during Fr Abraham's annual leave.

A special word of thanks to **Darwin**, who stepped into this ministry for the first time and generously took on many of the Communion Services. His willingness to serve our parish in this new role is deeply appreciated.

We are also grateful to **Greg and Terry** for their continued generosity and faithful commitment in supporting our parish. Together, their service ensured that our community could continue to gather in prayer and receive Holy Communion throughout the week while Fr Abraham was away.

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.



Parish Annual General Meeting

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Parish Annual General Meeting on **Saturday 22nd of August, from 4.00pm to 5.15pm** in the Parish Office Meeting Room.

The meeting will be led by Fr Abraham, together with members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee, and will provide an opportunity to reflect on the life of our parish over the past year. Updates will be shared on our ministries, finances, sacramental programs, pastoral initiatives, maintenance projects and future plans.

Whether you have been part of our parish for many years or are new, this is a wonderful opportunity to hear about all that has been happening in our parish, celebrate what God is doing among us, and look ahead to the future together.

We encourage all parishioners to come along. Everyone is most welcome.

Women's Group Invitation

Our Parish Women's Group warmly invites all women to a special presentation, Mary, Our Pilgrim Mother, on **Sunday 30th of August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the church**. The session will be led by Sr Rita from Mt Schoenstatt and will offer an opportunity to reflect on Mary's role as our Pilgrim Mother.

Afternoon tea will be shared during the afternoon, and those attending are kindly invited to bring a plate to share. All women are most welcome.

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.

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL AND CAN BE MADE BY PLACING YOUR NAME ON THE SHEET IN THE FOYER OR CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE.



YOU'RE INVITED!

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!

**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
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Add your name to the sign on sheet in the foyer



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

SAVE THE DATE!

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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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Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

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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.



Save the Dates!

	SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST	Parish Morning tea (this weekend!)
	WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 7PM	First Eucharist Registration and Parent Information night 7pm in the church
	SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST	Mass for the Feast of the Assumption 9.10am
	SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST	Parish Annual General Meeting 4pm - 5.15pm - Parish Office Meeting Room
	FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST	Seniors morning tea after the 9.10am Mass
	SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST	Women's group presentation 2-4pm
	SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	Parish Pilgrimage to Mt Shoenstatt 10am-1pm
	SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	Parish Working Bee 9am-12pm
	SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER	Parish Event - Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2-5pm
	SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER	Big Parish Dinner Tickets on sale from August 29th

Let's journey together in faith!

Gospel Reflection

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Historical Context – Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why might Jesus have sent the disciples on ahead of him?
- Q. Why is the disciples' first reaction one of fear rather than relief at seeing Jesus?
- Q. Which emotions might Peter have experienced throughout this episode?
- Q. What is it that prompts the disciples to make their declaration of faith?
- Q. What message for your own life do you take from this passage?

Questions for Adults

- Q. In what way would the command to walk on water have been a confirmation of Jesus' identity for Peter?
- Q. How do you imagine the other disciples reacted to Peter stepping out of the boat?

'have faith' be inadequate?

Q. When have you ever felt separated from Jesus as the disciples were when the storm engulfed them?

Learning moments

The walking on water event occurs in between the two accounts of feeding the multitudes – the first of which was last week's gospel passage. Read Mt 14:13 – 15:39 and suggest how the events sandwiched between the two feeding stories help give meaning to the feeding accounts or how the feeding accounts help give meaning to the events that they surround.

Create a film storyboard for this gospel passage – or a portion of it. Indicate additional elements like camera angles, sound effects and music that would help convey the dramatic atmosphere of the scene and the message that the author was trying to convey to his original audience.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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

Peter takes a big risk. Trusting Jesus, he steps out onto the lake in the middle of a storm. But when the wind frightens him, he begins to sink. Jesus is disappointed that Peter's faith isn't greater.

When did you ever take a big risk because you trusted someone? Did it work out, or did you get into trouble?

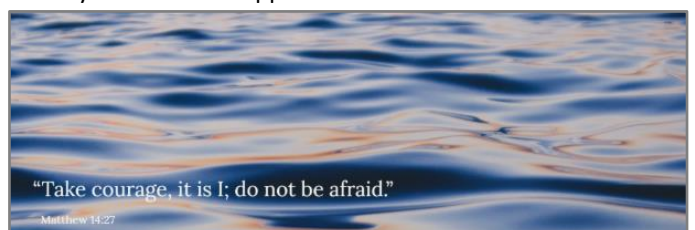
Is it wrong to have doubts and fears when you take a big risk, even when you trust the person you are with? Or is that just a healthy, practical, safe way to live?

Do you think Jesus is being a bit harsh with Peter? After all, Peter did get out of the boat and walk on the water! Or do you think Jesus is justified in his comment, because Peter is already doing the impossible?

A boat is often used as a symbol of the church. In this story it is easy to understand the symbolism of Jesus coming across the stormy waters and winds of modern times in order to help the church stay afloat.

What do you think are the biggest problems for the church today? What is causing the worst storm?

Are you afraid we will all sink? Do you think we will be rescued? Do you think most concerned people will jump off the boat and weather the storm of life alone or on some other type of craft? What do you think will happen?



The Living Word

For Children

First Reading:

Elijah Learns to Listen to God

Elijah was a prophet who loved God and tried to do what was right. One day, Elijah went up a mountain and stayed in a cave. There, God asked him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?" God told Elijah, "Go outside and stand on the mountain, because I am going to pass by." First, a strong wind blew across the mountain, but God was not in the wind. Then, the earth shook with a great earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake. After that, a fire appeared, but God was not in the fire. Then everything became quiet. Elijah heard a gentle whisper, a soft and peaceful voice. He knew that God was there. Elijah covered his face and listened. God showed Elijah that He does not always come with loud and powerful signs. Sometimes God speaks to us quietly, in the peace of our hearts.

Second Reading:

St Paul Loves God's People

St Paul loved Jesus very much, and he wanted everyone to know God's love. Paul was sad because many people from his own people, the Israelites, had not yet come to believe in Jesus. He cared about them so deeply that he prayed for them and hoped they would discover the joy of knowing Christ. Paul remembered all the wonderful gifts God had given to his people: God had chosen them, guided them, and made promises to them. God gave them His Word and showed them His love throughout history. Most importantly, God sent Jesus, His Son, to bring salvation to the whole world. Paul reminded everyone that God's love is a gift, and we should always be thankful for the ways God has blessed us.

Gospel Reading:

Jesus Walks on the Water

After Jesus had fed the large crowd, He asked His disciples to get into a boat and go ahead of Him to the other side of the lake. Jesus went up the mountain by Himself to pray. During the night, the disciples were far out on the water when a strong wind began to blow. The waves became rough, and the disciples became frightened. Early in the morning, they saw Jesus walking on the water towards them. They were afraid and thought they were seeing a ghost.

But Jesus called out to them, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter said, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

Jesus said, "Come."

Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind and the waves, he became afraid and started to sink. Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately, Jesus reached out His hand and caught him.

Jesus said, "Why did you doubt? Have faith."

When Jesus and Peter climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. The disciples realised that Jesus truly was the Son of God, and they worshipped Him.

Discussion Questions:

Where were Jesus and his friends in today's Gospel?

What did his friends do when they saw Jesus walking on water?

What did Jesus say to them?

Why did Peter begin to sink when he got out of the boat?

What did Jesus do?

Jesus comes to help us when we find things hard.

What are some of the things that you need Jesus to help with?

We pray that we might believe in Jesus, even in the hard times.





Life is a bit like a boat out at sea - on some days life seems good and the sea is calm, but on other days there are storms that rock our boat and try to tip it over. Write or draw some of the things that make life tough for you on those stormy days?



We can have faith that Jesus will always be there to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer asking God to help you when things get tough.

Dear Lord,

Amen.

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.
Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!



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, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Sept 5, 10am-1pm : 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, 5pm : 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, 5pm : 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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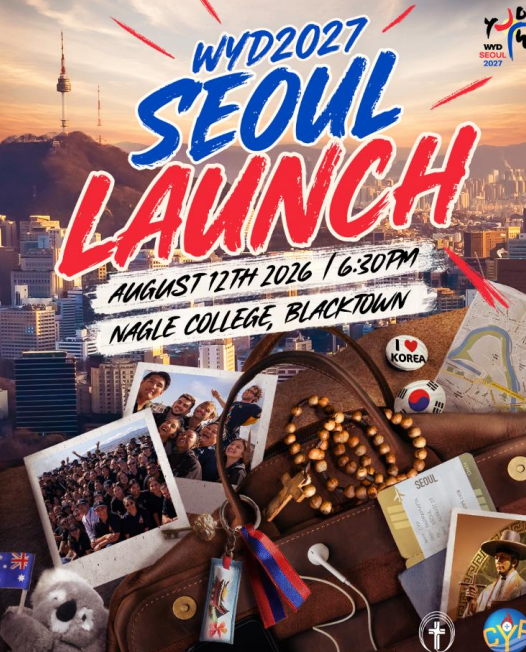
Deepen your experience with the
HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION
Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
6 - 9 September: Open all day
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AUGUST 12TH 2026 | 6:30PM
NAGLE COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



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)

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?

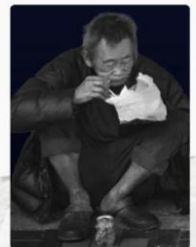
What strategies can we put in place?

Register Now

<https://parracatholic.org/events/s/table-talk-homelessness>



Scan / click on the QR code to register



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,
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