

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 16th of August 2026 | Twentieth 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 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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.

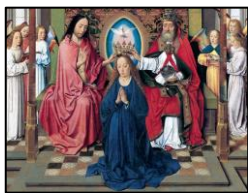
Feast Days this Week

August 19th: Saint John Eudes, Priest

August 20th: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

August 21st: Saint Pius X, Pope

August 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Anniversaries:

Anthony Mallia, Anthony Vella, Doris Galea (6/8/06), Anthony Azzopardi, George Pirotta, James William Sinnett, Olinda Ornelas

For those who are sick:

Nick Scicluna, 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 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

From Parish Priest's Desk

The Gospel of this Sunday (Matthew 15:21–28) presents us with one of the most remarkable encounters in the ministry of Jesus. A Canaanite woman, a foreigner and an outsider, approaches Jesus with a desperate plea: "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me." At first, she is met with silence. Then come words that seem discouraging. Yet she refuses to walk away. Her faith is courageous, humble, persistent and unwavering. In the end, Jesus proclaims, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This Gospel invites us to reflect on the kind of faith we possess. Is our faith strong enough to endure silence? Can it withstand disappointments, unanswered prayers and unexpected setbacks? It is easy to believe when everything goes according to plan. The real test of faith comes when life takes a different path. Faith that has never been challenged is often faith that has never matured.

The Canaanite woman teaches us that genuine faith is not demanding but trusting; not proud but humble; not temporary but persevering. She reminds us that God sometimes strengthens our faith not by immediately removing our difficulties, but by helping us grow through them. Every challenge can become an opportunity to deepen our dependence on Him.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to move beyond a comfortable, convenient faith. We are invited to trust even when we cannot see the way ahead, to pray even when answers seem delayed, and to hope even when circumstances appear hopeless. A faith that perseveres through trials becomes a witness that inspires others.

This week, let us ask ourselves: What challenge is God allowing in my life to strengthen my faith? Instead of giving up, may we continue to kneel before the Lord with confidence, believing that His timing is perfect and His mercy is never exhausted. Like the Canaanite woman, may our faith be so steadfast that Jesus can also say of us, "Great is your faith."

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MOST FAITHFULLY ASSUMED BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVEN



MASS CELEBRATED AT CRANEBROOK

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST | 9.10AM

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

REVELATION 12:1



Be a Steward

BE INVOLVED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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



PRAYING

Grow in faith together



GIVING

Your generosity builds our parish



SERVING

Share your gifts and make an impact



SCAN TO GET INVOLVED

All are welcome!



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – FORMATION

Thank you to all parents who attended the First Holy Communion Parent Information & Registration Evening last Wednesday.

Preparation Information:

Formation sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm or Thursdays at 4:00pm from August 19 to September 10. Families are asked to attend Sunday Mass each weekend throughout the formation period, and children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Mass times are listed on page 4.

For families who were unable to complete registration on the evening, registrations may still be arranged prior to the commencement of formation

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH...

Welcome Back, Fr Abraham!

We are very happy to welcome Fr Abraham back to the parish, safe and well, after his annual leave. We hope he has had a restful and refreshing break and wish him all the best as he settles back into parish life.

All Masses and parish services have now returned to their normal schedule.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful acolytes, Darwin, Greg and Terry, who generously led our weekday Communion Services while Fr Abraham was away. We are also very grateful to our visiting priests, who kindly celebrated our weekend Masses and supported our parish during this time. Thank you to everyone who helped keep our parish prayerful and connected while Fr Abraham was away. **Welcome back, Fr Abraham — we're very glad to have you back!**

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.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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**

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

Come and be a pilgrim with your parish family!

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

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

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

10 Days of the Rosary – October

Friday 2nd October – Sunday 11th October

This October, our parish will come together for 10 special days of the Rosary, praying together as a parish and asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede for our parish, our families and our wider community.

The Rosary has a special place in the month of October, traditionally known as the Month of the Holy Rosary. It is a beautiful way of reflecting on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary, while bringing our prayers and intentions before God.

The Rosary will be prayed in the evenings alongside Mass, with the exception of Sundays, when it will be prayed after the 9.30am Mass.

The final day, Sunday 11th of October, will conclude with our Parish Morning Tea, giving us an opportunity to come together in prayer and fellowship.

Exact times and further details will be announced closer to the date.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for all or any of these special days of prayer. **Come and pray the Rosary with us!**

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

Registration took place on Wednesday 12th of August

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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Save the Dates!

	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 Schoenstatt 10am-1pm
	SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	Parish Working Bee 9am-12pm
	SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER	Parish Morning tea
	FRIDAY 2ND - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER	Ten Days of the Holy Rosary at Corpus Christi Each day includes Mass beforehand.
	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

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

From the perspective of ... A disciple.

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!

Historical Context ... Who were the Canaanites?

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the 'Promised Land' they sought was the land of Canaan (approximately the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria and Lebanon). Here they were commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land. (Exodus 23:23-24) The Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By the time of Jesus, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been 'squeezed out' – predominantly to the north. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites and it is easy to see why there was tension between them.

Scriptural Context

This passage sits in the middle of a group of three stories that make up Chapter 15 of Matthew's Gospel. The first story deals with Jesus challenging traditional views of cleanliness and uncleanness – one of the great separators between Jews and Gentiles. The story of this week's gospel follows with its account of the Canaanite woman's great faith being recognised. Finally, Matthew's gospel relates the story of the feeding of the four thousand – a dramatic sign by Jesus of the open invitation to receive his message and ministry. The three stories, taken together, form a powerful chapter that makes clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the Jews.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why do you think Jesus first responded to the woman in the way he did?
- Q. What turned Jesus' attitude around?
- Q. What do you think the woman was thinking/feeling as she approached Jesus?
- Q. What message would the followers of Jesus have taken from this event?
- Q. What is the message of this Gospel passage for us today?

Questions for Adults

- Q. By inference, Jesus describes the Canaanites as 'dogs'. Who are the 'dogs' (the unworthy) in today's society?
- Q. What motivated this Canaanite woman to approach Jesus, a Jew?
- Q. In what ways have you ever turned to an unlikely source for help?
- Q. The woman risked herself on her daughter's behalf. Who would you risk your reputation for?
- Q. In what way/s does this story challenge you?

Learning moments

- In groups, dramatise the gospel story by developing a series of 5 tableaux (still frames).
- Illustrate the gospel scene and draw thought bubbles for Jesus, the Canaanite woman and the disciples to describe the different thoughts and feelings about the situation.
- Use a print or online biblical concordance (e.g. www.biblegateway.com) to find other references to Canaan and Canaanites. What picture emerges about the relationships between the Israelites and the Canaanites?
- Use online biblical atlases to locate Sidon, Tyre and Galilee. Identify the lands of the Canaanites and other peoples who populated the Palestine region in ancient times.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate On Catholic Dogs

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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

In Jesus' time the Jewish faith had very strict dietary laws regarding what foods could be eaten and what kinds of dishes the food could be eaten from. On the other hand, Gentiles could eat anything. Some Jews likened them to dogs, who would often be given leftover food to eat off the ground. So when Jesus and this woman speak about children and dogs, they are definitely talking about the Jews and the Gentiles.

This Gentile woman is brave, standing up to the disciples and even to Jesus. She has a point to make, and they listen. Have you ever been that persistent in a conversation with someone who had 'higher' status than you? If so, what happened?

Does our society think of some people as 'dogs'? If so, who are the dogs of our society? Who is seen as holding lower status? What is your usual response to people such as these? What would be the Christian response that Jesus calls us to? What makes that such a difficult response?

Do you have any close friends who are Jewish? If you have friends who are Orthodox Jews, then they still obey certain dietary rules. Have you ever heard them talk of kosher foods? What kinds of things do they eat?



The Living Word

For Children

First Reading:

This is what the Lord says:

“Do what is right and be fair to everyone. Love what is good and follow my ways.

The Lord says:

I welcome everyone who loves me and wants to serve me. It does not matter where they come from. Everyone who follows me and keeps my commandments is welcome in my house.

I will bring them to my holy mountain and fill them with joy in my house of prayer. For my house will be called:

‘A house of prayer for all people.’

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters, God has sent me to share the Good News with people everywhere. I want everyone to know about God’s love and to come to know Jesus. I especially hope that my own people will also discover the joy of believing in Jesus. God never takes back His gifts, and He never gives up on the people He has called. Sometimes people turn away from God and do not follow His ways. But God is always ready to forgive them and show them His mercy. God has allowed all people to see that they need Him, so that He can show His mercy to everyone. God loves every person and wants everyone to receive His mercy.

Gospel Reading:

A Woman's Faith

Jesus left and went to the territory near the towns of Tyre and Sidon. Suddenly a Canaanite woman[a] from there came out shouting, “Lord and Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is full of demons.” Jesus did not say a word. But the woman kept following along and shouting, so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away.

Jesus said, “I was sent only to the people of Israel! They are like a flock of lost sheep.”

The woman came closer. Then she knelt down and begged, “Please help me, Lord!”

Jesus replied, “It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs.”

“Lord, this is true,” the woman said, “but even puppies get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table.”

Jesus answered, “Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want.” At that moment her daughter was healed.

Discussion Questions:

What happened when the woman in today’s gospel first called out to Jesus for help?

Why do you think the disciples tried to turn her away?

How did Jesus reward her faith?

Have you ever heard of or seen people in need who have been turned away?

How should we treat people who are in need or different to us?

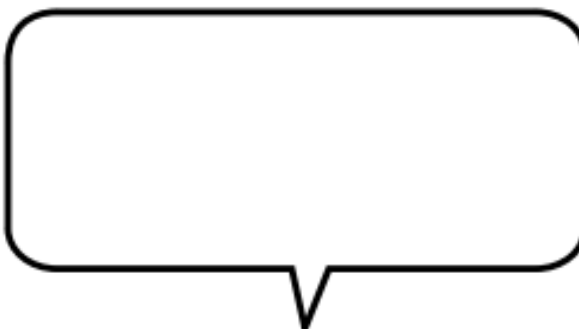
Let us pray that we will become more like Jesus and show kindness to all people.





The woman who had faith in Jesus

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Draw the Canaanite woman asking Jesus for help. Write down what the apostles and the woman each said to Jesus.



Who are the outcasts in our community?
Write them in the footprints.



The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



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be _____.

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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

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"Reflect, Renew & Reconnect"

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