

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 13th of September 2026 | Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



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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

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.



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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Feast Days this Week

September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

September 16th: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

September 17th: Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church and Hildegard of Bingen

September 19th: Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Anniversaries:

Kevin Hennessey, Joseph Chetcuti, Restycel Getubig, Michael Taylor

For those who are sick:

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

As we Pray for Nepal...

EMERGENCY APPEAL: NEPAL FLOODS

NEPAL
5 Salesian Presences

As emergency relief continues, the Nepal Don Bosco Society emergency response team is working with local communities and officials to assess needs and help guide longer-term recovery efforts.

Your support will help local Salesians accompany displaced families and communities as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.

Safeguarding Training – September

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

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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From the Desk of parish priest

"Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister if they wrong me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answers, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)

Forgiveness is one of the most beautiful—and most difficult—expressions of Christian love. We readily say, "Love your neighbour as yourself," but today's Gospel reminds us that this love is tested most deeply when someone has hurt us, disappointed us, or treated us unfairly.

We all know how difficult forgiveness can be. We may forgive with our lips but continue to carry the hurt in our hearts. Sometimes we say, "I forgive, but I will never forget." Yet Christian forgiveness is not simply forgetting what happened. It is choosing not to allow another person's wrongdoing to control our hearts any longer.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant exposes a painful contradiction. The servant receives extraordinary mercy from his master yet refuses to extend even a small measure of mercy to another. We can easily recognise ourselves in him. We constantly ask God to forgive our sins, weaknesses, and failures. But when someone hurts us, we can become surprisingly reluctant to offer the same generosity.

The challenge of today's Gospel is simple but demanding: If we have received mercy, we must become people of mercy. And we are invited to be Christians in deed than in the creed.

Forgiveness does not mean pretending that the hurt did not happen. It does not mean approving wrongdoing or refusing appropriate justice. Sometimes forgiveness also requires healthy boundaries. But it does mean surrendering revenge, bitterness and the desire to see another person suffer.

Perhaps, there is someone we need to forgive. Perhaps there is someone from whom we need to ask forgiveness. Maybe the person we struggle most to forgive is someone within our own family or parish community.

Today, Jesus invites us to examine our hearts. How generous are we with the faults of others compared with the generosity we expect from God?

The world does not need Christians who merely speak about love. It needs Christians who forgive, reconcile, and begin again.

May the mercy we receive from Christ become the mercy we generously share with our neighbours. Let us prove that we are disciples of the lord in real life.

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Parish Priest

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH...

THE BIG PARISH DINNER

A Night of Food, Fellowship & Fun!

**SATURDAY, 24TH OF OCTOBER 2026 | 7:15–10PM - CORPUS CHRISTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

Enjoy a three-course meal, non-alcoholic drinks and a wonderful evening together as a parish.

Tickets: Adults \$60 | Children 2–12 years \$30 Available after Masses at the sales point outside the foyer or from the Parish Office until Sunday, 4 October. Tables seat 8, so families and groups are encouraged to purchase tickets together.

Tickets are limited – don't miss out!

A PASTORAL INVITATION FROM FR ABRAHAM

Getting to Know Our Parish Family

Fr Abraham would love the opportunity to visit parishioners in their homes, spend some time with you and your family, and get to know you more personally. If you would welcome a visit, please contact the Parish Office or add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will then be in touch to arrange a suitable time.

Fr Abraham looks forward to meeting with you and your family!

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal last weekend. Together, our parish raised approximately \$1,500, and we are very grateful for your generosity and support.

This amount is below our parish's annual appeal target, so we warmly encourage anyone who was unable to contribute last weekend, or who may be able to give a little more, to consider making a donation.

Appeal envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Donations can be placed with the second collection or handed in at the Sacristy. Donations can also be made at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

Thank you for supporting our retired and ailing clergy, who have devoted their lives to God and His people.



PARISH WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 26TH OF SEPTEMBER

Our next Parish Working Bee will be held on Saturday 26th of September, from 9.00am–12.00pm.

There is plenty to be done around our parish, and we really need the support of our parishioners to make the morning a success. Even a few hours of your time can make a wonderful difference to our parish. Please come along, lend a hand and enjoy some fellowship with fellow parishioners.

Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome – *many hands make light work!*

BIBLE STUDY IN OUR PARISH

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." — Psalm 119:105

We are planning to start a Bible Study class in our parish — a wonderful opportunity to know God's Word better, share our faith, and grow together as a parish. We warmly invite you to be a part of this journey!

Sessions will be held once a month on a Tuesday or Friday, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm, starting in November 2026. All are welcome!

If you are interested in attending, please complete the expression of interest form on the flyer which can be found at the entrances to the church and return it to the parish office or the box in the foyer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Over the next two weekends, we have the joy of celebrating First Holy Communion with 78 children from our parish. Approximately 15 children will receive Holy Communion at each of these Masses:

- **Saturday 12th of September – 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sunday 20th of September – 9.30am Mass**

These Masses will be larger than usual, and we ask for your patience as we pray for and celebrate our First Holy Communicants.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Join us for a special afternoon of faith, discovery and spiritual renewal as we journey virtually through the places where Jesus was born, walked with His disciples, and taught.

Saturday, 10th of October 2026 | 2:00–5:00pm Followed by Adoration & Confession at 5:00pm

We will journey through Jordan, Judea and Galilee, with Scripture reflections, guided prayer, videos, music and small-group discussion.

All parishioners and friends are warmly welcome! RSVP by Friday, 2nd of October by contacting the Parish Office or adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.



10 DAYS OF THE ROSARY – OCTOBER

Friday 2nd October – Sunday 11th October

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

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.

We are also looking for people to lead the Rosary each day. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the sign-on sheet in the church foyer. 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!

HSC MASS – SATURDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER

We invite all Year 12 students and their families to join us for a special **HSC Mass at our 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 3rd of October.**

As our Year 12 students prepare for their HSC exams, we will come together as a parish to pray for them, encourage them and ask God's blessing upon their studies and exams.

We especially welcome all Year 12 students from our parish and local schools. Please join us and keep our young people in your prayers during this important time.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MT SCHOENSTATT

Last Saturday, members of our parish travelled to Mulgoa for our first Corpus Christi Parish Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt.

Our pilgrims enjoyed a beautiful day of prayer, reflection and fellowship, with the support of Fr Abraham and Sister Olivia from the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.

We are also blessed to have received three images of the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate, which will now circulate among families in our parish.

We encourage more families to welcome the Pilgrim Mother into their homes. If you would like to receive an image, please contact the Parish Office or speak with a representative of our Parish Women's Group.



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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

Our First Eucharist formation program has now been completed, and our children are ready to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as we look forward to celebrating their First Eucharist at the following Masses:

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



First Eucharist

Please keep the children in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends.

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.

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:

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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!

	SAT 12 & SUN 20 SEP	First Holy Communion during Parish Masses 6pm (Sat 12 Sept) and 9.30am (Sun 20 Sept) – Mass may be a little crowded
	SUN 13 SEP	Parish Morning Tea After the 9.30am Mass
	FRI 25 SEP	Seniors Morning Tea After the 9.10am Mass
	SAT 26 SEP	Parish Working Bee 9am – 12pm
	SAT 26 & SUN 27 SEP	Vinnies Post Winter Appeal More information to come next weekend
	FRI 2 – SUN 11 OCT	Ten Days of the Holy Rosary at Corpus Christi Each day includes Mass beforehand
	SAT 3 OCT	HSC Mass During the 6pm Vigil Mass
	SAT 10 OCT	Parish Event – Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2pm – 5pm, in the church
	SAT 24 OCT	Big Parish Dinner Tickets on sale NOW – Corpus Christi School Hall, 7.15pm – 10pm

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Gospel Reflection

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount. Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required – without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it.

The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget.' Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

Have you thought?

The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

Living the Gospel – Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

Gospel Focus – How many times?

Peter asks, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Which character in the parable is most like God / least like God?
- Q. In the parable of the unforgiving servant, which character do you identify with? Why?
- Q. When have you been forgiven for something you did wrong? What did it feel like to be forgiven?
- Q. Have you ever truly forgiven someone and tried to forget about what happened? Is it difficult?
- Q. What gets in the way of forgiving someone when they have hurt you?

Questions for Adults

- Q. In the parable of the unforgiving servant, which character do you identify with? Why?
- Q. What aspect of the gospel passage do you find most challenging / interesting?

Q. Have you ever truly forgiven someone and tried to forget about what happened? Is it difficult?

Q. How might it be possible to forgive someone who has committed a crime against you?

Q. In the light of the gospel passage, what is the role of 'punishment'?

Learning moments

- Illustrate an aspect of the parable of the unforgiving servant and use 'thought balloons' to indicate the thoughts and feelings of different characters.
- Construct a prayer ritual to acknowledge the need for forgiveness and reconciliation within the group.
- Brainstorm a list of ways to go about rebuilding a friendship after one person has mistreated the other.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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

Jesus is pretty clear about forgiving people. Seventy times seven is a lot of times – four hundred and ninety times, to be exact!

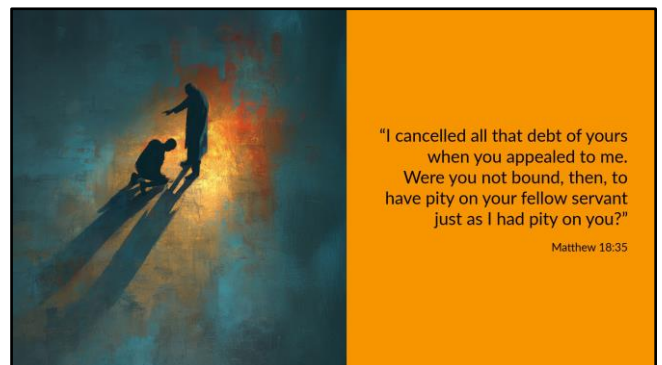
Can you imagine forgiving someone that many times, if they hurt you that many times? Why or why not?

Can you imagine Jesus forgiving someone that many times? Why or why not?

Forgiveness of a crime doesn't mean that it was okay for that crime to have been committed. It means that the forgiver is no longer going to spend energy on hatred and anger related to the crime and to the person being forgiven. It actually frees up the forgiver as much as it does the forgiven, for anger and hatred are a very heavy burden that drains a person and affects the person's whole life.

Because you forgive someone, does it necessarily mean that you trust that person again? If you have to forgive someone seven times for a crime, is it healthy or smart to continue to trust that person?

Would Jesus want you to continue a close relationship with that person, or would he just ask you to give up on the anger and hatred and get on with your life.



The Living Word

For Children

Gospel Reading:

Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone[a] who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?"

Jesus answered:

Not just 7 times, but 77 times! This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like:

One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him 50,000,000 silver coins. But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt.

The official got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!" The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money.

But as this official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him 100 silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said, "Pay me what you owe!"

The man got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you back." But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed.

When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. Then they told the king what had happened. The king called the first official back in and said, "You're an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. Don't you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?" The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. That is how my Father in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart.

Discussion Questions:

How much did the first official owe the king?

What was the king's reaction when the official wouldn't pay?

How did the king show mercy?

How much did the other person owe the official?

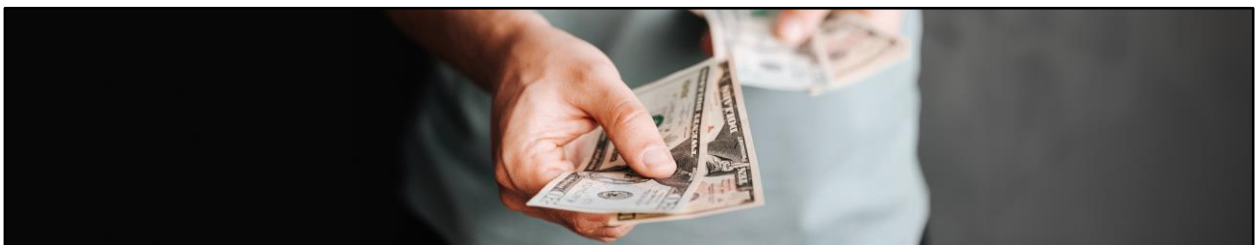
What did the official say when the other person couldn't pay the debt?

What did the king do when he heard what the official had done?

Why was the official unfair?

What does Jesus mean when he tells us to forgive not seven but seventy-seven times?

We pray that we will forgive others just as we have been forgiven.





We forgive others as God forgives us

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus told the following story to show how we need to forgive others. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

One day a _____ gathered his officials to find out how much _____ they owed him. One official owed the king fifty million _____ coins, but could not pay back what he owed. The king ordered that he, his family and _____ be sold to pay back the debt. The official _____ for mercy. The king felt sorry for him and set him _____. As the official left, he met a man who owed him one hundred silver _____. He grabbed the man and said, "Pay me back what you owe me!" The man begged for _____ but the official had him thrown in prison. When the other officials found out they told the king. The king was so _____ he called the official back and ordered him to be _____ until he paid back everything he owed.



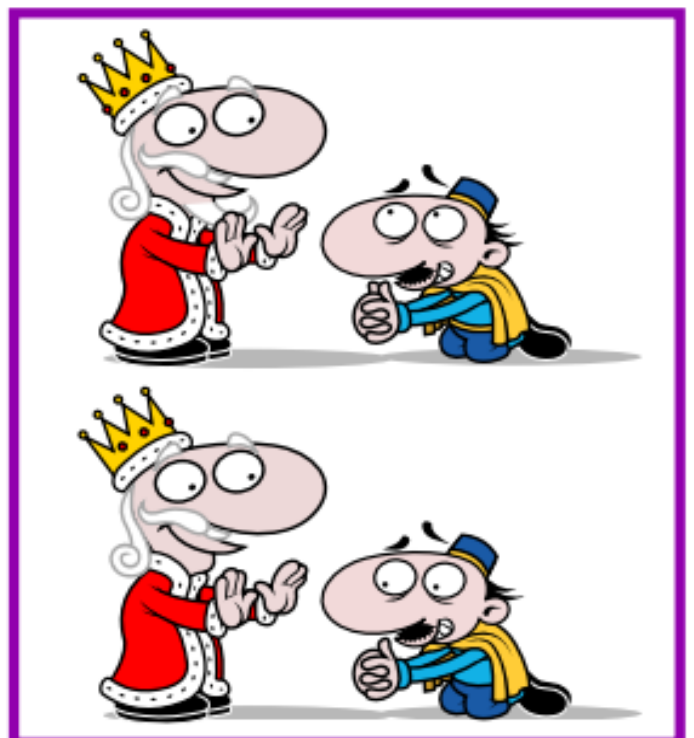
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Show Forgiveness

How does God forgive us when we do wrong things?

How can we show forgiveness to others?

Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



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)

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Sunday 13th of September 2026 | Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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

AT THE WELL HALF DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN AGED 18-35



WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG

September 19 | 9am - 1pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre
1-5 Marion St,
Blacktown

Register Now
\$35 Per Person
<https://parracatholic.org/events/>

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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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6 - 9 September: Open all day
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Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying?

This includes those who are homebound, in
hospital and or aged care facilities

Join the Office for Worship for a day of formation
to further your knowledge and understanding of
this ministry.

**SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
9:30AM - 2PM**

**THE BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE,
1-5 Marian St, Blacktown**

Morning tea and lunch provided

Register by 14 October at
parracatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation/
or contact the OFW team via
OFW@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795



Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Day at Mamre House & Farm Tuesday 13 October 2026

Catholic Care and White Lady Funerals will be holding a memorial
service followed by the opportunity to place a plant in memory of
your lost loved one in our Garden of Remembrance



Where: Mamre House & Farm, 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills
When: 11am - 1pm
RSVP by 8 October:
Lisa at Catholic Care 0439 917 129 or 8843 2500
Christy at White Lady Funerals 02 4731 4385

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"Well done, good and faithful servant."
- Matthew 25:23

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE,
BLACKTOWN **7-8:30PM**

THURSDAY	20	AUGUST
THURSDAY	10	SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY	23	SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY	15	OCTOBER
THURSDAY	5	NOVEMBER

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