

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 4th of October 2026 | Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



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Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
(6.30pm this week due to 10-day Rosary)
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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found
bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.

1.You brought a vine out of Egypt;to
plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its
shoots. (R.)

2.Then why have you broken down its
walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3.God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4.And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name.

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your
minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that
is good and pure, everything that we love
and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise.
Keep doing all the things that you learnt
from me and have been taught by me and
have heard or seen that I do. Then the
God of peace will be with you.



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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Feast Days this Week

October 5th: Faustina Kowalska

October 6th: Saint Bruno, Priest

October 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary

October 9th: Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonardi, Priest and Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Conchita Trillana, Ada Faccin, Mark Way

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard, Max Ducasse, Alina Zawadsky, Pura Benig, Nestar Rivera and Aristeo Rivera

For those who are sick:

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

Funeral Mass – Mark Way

The Funeral Mass for our parishioner Mark Way will be celebrated on

Friday, 9th of October at 11.30am at Corpus Christi.

We invite parishioners to join Mark's family and friends in prayer as we commend him to God's loving care.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may Your light shine upon him.

Safeguarding Training – October

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

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Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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From the Desk of Parish Priest

The image of the vineyard runs through today's readings. In Isaiah, God lovingly prepares a vineyard, doing everything possible to make it fruitful, yet it produces only wild grapes. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of tenants entrusted with a vineyard who forget that it does not belong to them. When the owner comes looking for his harvest, they refuse to give what is due and eventually reject even his son.

The message is uncomfortable because the vineyard is not simply about someone else. We are the tenants. Everything we have is entrusted to us: our life, our family, our faith, our abilities, our time, our possessions, our parish and our opportunities to serve. God does not ask us to produce somebody else's fruit. He asks us to be faithful with what He has placed in our hands.

Sometimes we can become like the tenants in the Gospel. We enjoy the vineyard but forget the owner. We receive blessings but forget responsibility. We want the benefits of faith without allowing faith to shape our decisions. We may even come to church regularly, pray faithfully and still produce little fruit in the way we treat our family, neighbours, the poor or those who need our patience and forgiveness.

St Paul gives us a practical way forward: instead of allowing anxiety, resentment and negativity to control us, bring everything to God in prayer and thanksgiving. Then let our minds dwell on what is true, honourable, just, pure, lovely and worthy of praise.

Perhaps this Sunday we should ask ourselves a simple but serious question: If God came looking for the fruits of my life today, what would I place before Him? Would He find love, generosity, justice, forgiveness and compassion in my life—or only leaves without fruit?

The vineyard belongs to God, but He has entrusted it to us. Our task is not merely to occupy the vineyard, but to make it fruitful. May our lives, our families and our parish become places where God can truly say: "There is good fruit here."

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI



Daylight Savings
begins this weekend
in NSW



Please make sure
you come to Mass
at the right time
on Sunday.



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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

*Name changed for privacy

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH...

THE BIG PARISH DINNER

A Night of Food, Fellowship & Fun!

FINAL WEEKEND TO BUY TICKETS!

Saturday, 24th of October | 7:15–10pm Corpus Christi Primary School Hall

Tickets: Adults \$60 | Children 2–12 years \$30

Tickets available this weekend after Masses — 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. Thank you to all who have already taken up this opportunity.

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

WORKING BEE – THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along to our Working Bee last weekend. We are very grateful to all those who worked outdoors, giving our plants and trees a deep trim, as well as those who spent time weeding and tidying our grounds.

A special thank you also to the members of our Women's Group who gave the Church Meeting Room a thorough clean and tidy.

We truly appreciate everyone who generously gave their time and helped care for and beautify our parish grounds and facilities. Thank you for your wonderful work and support!

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 SUNDAY, 4TH OF OCTOBER BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE OR ADDING YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We recently held two wonderful training sessions for our new and existing altar servers, led by Fr Abraham. We are delighted to welcome four new servers to our ministry!

We thank the families for encouraging and presenting their children for this important ministry, and our sincere thanks to Fr Abraham and all our altar servers for their time, enthusiasm and commitment.

A Commissioning of our Altar Servers will take place in November, with further details to follow.



BIBLE STUDY IN OUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone who has returned an Expression of Interest for our new Bible Study. **Tuesday has been the preferred day for the sessions**, which will commence in November. More information will be published soon.

All are warmly welcome to join us!

10 DAYS OF ROSARY – HAPPENING NOW!

From Friday October 2nd until Sunday October 11th, 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.

Weekdays:

Mass will be celebrated at **6.30pm**, followed by the Rosary. *This will replace the usual 6.00pm Masses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.*

Saturdays:

Our usual **6.00pm Vigil Mass**, followed by the Rosary.

Sundays:

Our usual **9.30am Mass**, followed by the Rosary.

A prayer intentions box will be available in the sanctuary throughout the ten days. You are warmly invited to place your prayer intentions inside, which will be included in our prayers during this special time.

The final day, **Sunday 11th October**, will conclude with our **Parish Morning Tea** following the Rosary.

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

NOVEMBER IN OUR PARISH

All Saints Day – Sunday 1st November - 9.30am Mass

Children of the parish are invited to dress up as their favourite saint and join us for a special All Saints celebration, Holyween!

There will be two age groups:

- Ages 3–6 years
- Ages 7–12 years

Children aged 7–12 are encouraged to come prepared to give a short, 5–6 sentence speech about their saint after Mass. Registration is compulsory and can be made using the forms in the foyer. **Prizes will be awarded!**

All Souls Day – Monday 2nd November - 6.00pm Mass

Join us as we remember and pray for all the faithful departed.

November Remembrance

Throughout November, we will remember and pray for our deceased loved ones.

From this weekend, parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones on the cards provided in the parish foyer and place them in the November Remembrance Box. The names will be rolled into a scroll and placed on the altar throughout November as we pray for those who have gone before us.

Red November – Weekend of 7th & 8th November

Red November is a time to remember and pray for Christians around the world who have suffered persecution for their faith.

Our church will be decorated in red for the weekend, and we will remember these persecuted Christians during our Masses.



FR ABRAHAM ON RETREAT

Fr Abraham will be on retreat from the afternoon of Sunday, 11th of October, until Friday, 16th of October. **Weekday Masses during this week will not take place** and may be replaced by Communion Services, subject to acolyte availability. Further details will be confirmed next week.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2027

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



PENANCE

Wed 5 May, 7pm — Parent Information & Registration

Preparation sessions: Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, May–June

Thu 17 June, 6.30pm — Sacrament of First Reconciliation



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Wed 8 Sept, 7pm — Parent Information & Registration

Preparation sessions: Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, Sept–Oct

Thu 4 Nov, 6.30pm — Compulsory Second Rite of Reconciliation

Sat 6 Nov, 10am / Sun 7 Nov, 9.30am / Sat 13 Nov, 10am & 6pm —

Sacrament of First Holy Communion



CONFIRMATION

Wed 30 June, 7pm — Parent Information & Registration

Preparation sessions: Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, July–Aug

Thu 26 Aug, 6.30pm — Compulsory Second Rite of Reconciliation

Sat 28 Aug, 10.30am / Sun 29 Aug, 9.30am — Sacrament of Confirmation



- Each sacrament includes 5 preparation sessions.
- Both child and parent/guardian must attend all preparation sessions.
- Weekend Mass attendance is compulsory during the 5 weeks of preparation.
- Sessions do not run during school holidays.
- For full details and to register, please contact the parish office.

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Save the Dates!



**FRI 2 –
SUN 11
OCT**

**Ten Days of the Holy Rosary
at Corpus Christi**
Included Mass beforehand



**SAT
3 OCT**

HSC Mass
During the 6pm Vigil



**SAT
10 OCT**

**Parish Event – Virtual Pilgrimage
to the Holy Land**
2pm – 5pm, in the church



**SUN
11 OCT**

Parish Morning Tea
After the 9.30am Mass



**SAT 17 &
SUN 18 OCT**

Catholic Mission Appeal



**SAT
24 OCT**

Big Parish Dinner
Tickets on sale NOW – in the Corpus Christi
School Hall, 7.15pm – 10pm



**FRI
30 OCT**

Seniors Morning Tea
After the 9.10am Mass



**SUN
1 NOV**

Holyween Dress Up for Children 3–12
During the 9.30am Mass – dress up as your
favourite saint.



**MON
2 NOV**

All Soul's Day Mass
6.30pm



**SAT 7 &
SUN 8 NOV**

Red November Celebration
During all our weekend Masses

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Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

Scriptural context – Fulfilling prophecy

Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependent upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.

Have you thought? The benevolent landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Living the Gospel – Different View: Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why does the landowner in the story keep sending messengers and even his son to the tenant farmers?

Q. In what ways is Jesus like the landowner's son?

Q. What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?

Q. In what ways do people of the world today act as though God is not the 'landowner'?

Q. Jesus refers to another psalm, 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.' How can we apply this message today?

Questions for Adults

Q. What made the vineyard image so relevant for Jesus' audience?

Q. In what ways has God shown the patience and benevolence of the landowner in the story?

Q. In what ways do people of the world today act as though God is not the 'landowner'?

Q. How do you think you need to respond personally to the message of this gospel?

Learning moments

- Use a cartoon storyboard to illustrate the gospel story.
- Role play the parable Jesus told and devise alternative endings.
- Write a diary entry in the role of one of the chief priests or elders who were listening to Jesus.
- Explore Chapter 21 of Matthew's gospel and suggest reasons for the placement of this parable in this particular part of the gospel.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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

This parable couldn't be more obvious. The vineyard owner's son is killed by the tenants, so then the vineyard owner will lease the vineyard to different people who will care for the grapes in an honest and respectable way, in memory of his son who died. Jesus switches symbols from grapes to bricks, and then emphasises how the cornerstone is the very stone that was initially rejected by the builders of the structure. Jesus challenges us to look deeply into this symbolism.

Who are the rejected bricks and stones at your school? Are there any outcast students who are mocked by others? Why are certain people judged to be more popular or less popular than others?

What would Jesus say about the value of less popular individuals?

How would your reaction to them be different if you took this Gospel message seriously? Are you going to change your reaction to them? Why or why not?

Who are the newer people that lease the land and help to harvest the grapes? Are you in this category?

Who are the tenant farmers? Who are the builders who dislike the cornerstone? Are you in this category?



The Living Word

For Children

First Reading:

A Song about a Vineyard

The Lord said:

I will sing a song

about my friend's vineyard
that was on the side
of a fertile hill.

My friend dug the ground,
removed the stones,

and planted the best vines.

He built a watchtower

and dug a pit in rocky ground
for pressing the grapes.

He hoped they would be sweet,
but bitter grapes
were all it produced.

Listen, people of Jerusalem
and of Judah!

You be the judge of me
and my vineyard.

What more could I have done
for my vineyard?

I hoped for sweet grapes,
but bitter grapes
were all that grew.

Now I will let you know
what I am going to do.

I will cut down the hedge
and tear down the wall.

My vineyard will be trampled
and left in ruins.

It will turn into a desert,
neither pruned nor hoed;

it will be covered
with thorns and briars.

I will command the clouds
not to send rain.

I am the Lord All-Powerful!

Israel is the vineyard,
and Judah is the garden
I tended with care.

I had hoped for honesty
and for justice,
but dishonesty

and cries for mercy
were all I found.

Second Reading:

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. 7 Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. 9 You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

Gospel Reading:

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to this story:

A land owner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country.

When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the renters grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned one of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the renters treated them in the same way.

Finally, the owner sent his own son to the renters, because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man's son, they said, "Someday he will own the vineyard. Let's kill him! Then we can have it all for ourselves." So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Jesus asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those renters?"

The chief priests and leaders answered, "He will kill them in some horrible way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of grapes at harvest time."

Jesus replied, "You surely know that the Scriptures say,

'The stone the builders
tossed aside

is now the most important
stone of all.

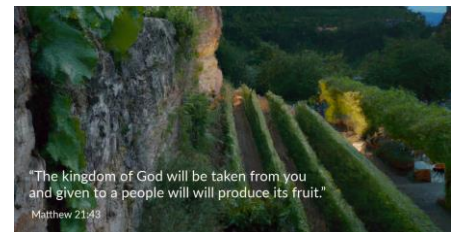
This is something
the Lord has done,
and it is amazing to us.'

I tell you God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what he demands.

Discussion Questions:

Who looked after the vineyard in today's Gospel when the owner left the country?

- **What did the people who rented the vineyard do to the owner's servants at harvest time?**
- **What did they do to the owner's son?**
- **Jesus says the vineyard is like God's kingdom which has been given to us. What does he mean?**
- **We have been given the kingdom. How should we work for God in the kingdom?**





God's kingdom will be given to those who do right

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Working for God

Jesus says that we shall be given God's kingdom if we work hard to do right. How can we be good workers for God?

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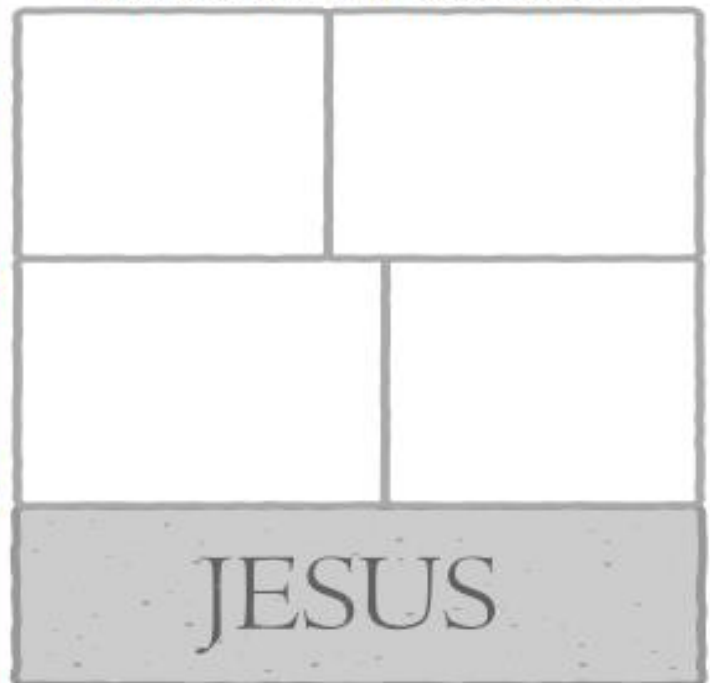
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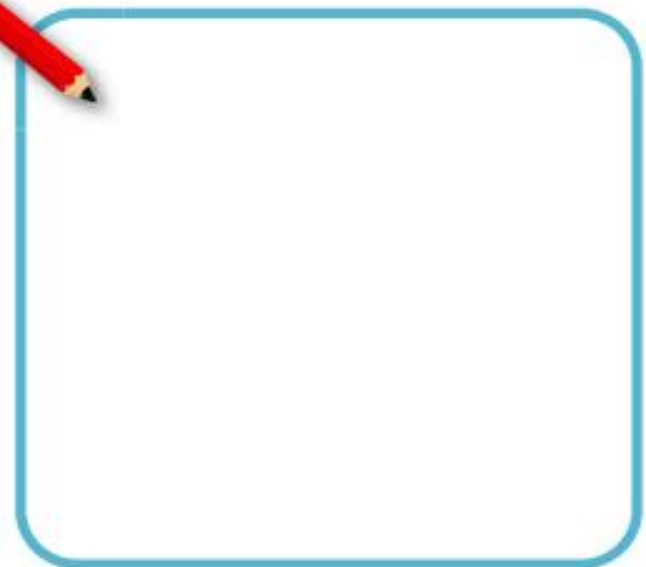


THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS NOW BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT STONE OF ALL.

With Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith, fill in the other stones with pictures of the people in our world who are rejected and outcast.



Jesus used parables to help explain his teachings to his disciples. Draw a picture from any one of the following parables...



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)

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 4th of October 2026 | Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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



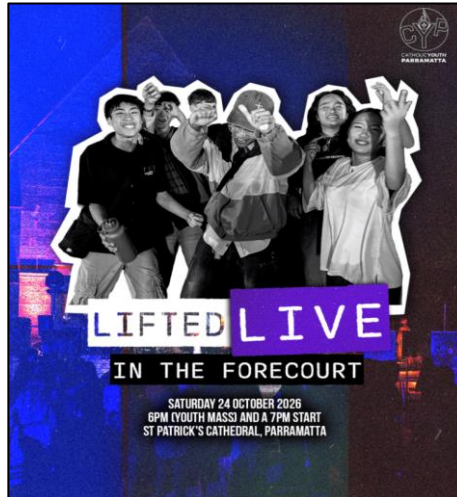
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ENTER THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WYD SONGWRITING COMPETITION

16-35 YRS

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SUBMIT YOUR SONG BY 16 DECEMBER 2026
AT PARRAWYD.ORG



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SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026
6PM (YOUTH MASS) AND A 7PM START
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA



BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS

KIM DANIELS

ON

AI, POPE LEO AND THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY

TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER 2026
6.00PM

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

REGISTER HERE:
parracatholic.org/kimdaniels
PLACES ARE LIMITED!



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




THE FAITHFEED ECHO

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 7PM

HOSTED AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES: 7 GRANTHAM ROAD, SEVEN HILLS

ECHOING THE GOD WHO WORKS IN US, AMONG US AND AROUND US

DOORS OPEN 7PM WITH LIVE MUSIC FOR 7:30PM START

SCAN TO RSVP OR CONTACT MET@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG

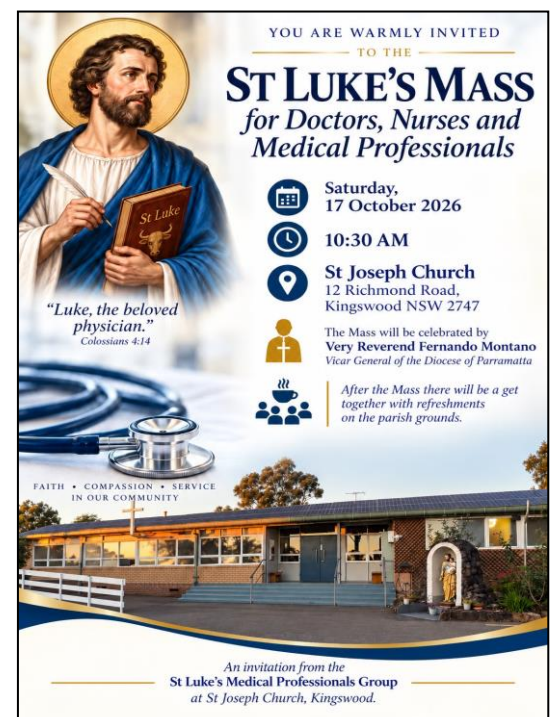


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Will you design our Christmas cover?
Enter now at parracatholic.org/artcomp

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YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE

ST LUKE'S MASS
for Doctors, Nurses and Medical Professionals

Saturday, 17 October 2026
10:30 AM

St Joseph Church
12 Richmond Road,
Kingswood NSW 2747

"Luke, the beloved physician."
Colossians 4:14

The Mass will be celebrated by
Very Reverend Fernando Montano
Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta

After the Mass there will be a get together with refreshments on the parish grounds.

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IN OUR COMMUNITY

An invitation from the
St Luke's Medical Professionals Group
at St Joseph Church, Kingswood.