

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 18th of October 2026 | Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



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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

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Exclusive group with new members
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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 45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know
me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
(R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts.
(R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O
earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how
you have shown your faith in action,
worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you
and that you have been chosen, because
when we brought the Good News to you,
it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an
honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you.'

"Master, we
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Matthew 22:16



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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 19th: Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs and Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

October 22nd: Saint John Paul II, Pope

October 23rd: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

October 24th: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Mark Way, Alexander Blair, Nancy Newman

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard, Felicidad Sampaga, Antonino Bacus, Geraldine Green, Lonza Deguara, Jim Deguara, Teresa Mangion

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 – 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:

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Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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From the Desk of Parish Priest

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21), we see the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus with a politically sensitive question: "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus responds, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God." His answer goes beyond taxation. It challenges us to examine our responsibilities to society and, above all, our relationship with God.

Jesus acknowledges that we have obligations as citizens. We must respect legitimate authority, obey just laws, contribute to the common good, and work for a society where justice, peace, and human dignity are protected. Faith does not excuse us from civic responsibility. A Christian cannot demand honesty from leaders while practising dishonesty in daily life, nor complain about society's selfishness while refusing to serve others.

Yet Jesus reminds us that God's claim upon us is greater. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we bear God's image. We belong to God! Our lives, talents, relationships, possessions, and opportunities are gifts entrusted to us. The question is not merely how much money we give to God, but whether we give Him our hearts, our choices, and our daily lives.

Sometimes we give God an hour on Sunday but keep Him outside the other 167 hours of the week! We may carry a Bible to church while carrying resentment into our homes, pray for the poor while ignoring a neighbour in need, or speak about Christian values while compromising them for personal advantage. Is this truly giving God what belongs to Him?

The first reading reminds us that God can work even through unexpected people and circumstances to accomplish His purposes (Isaiah 45:1–6). We must therefore recognise His presence beyond our familiar boundaries and become instruments of His justice and peace.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, we are invited to remember that the Gospel must reach every heart and every corner of the world. Mission begins not only with those who travel to distant lands but also with us: through our prayers, generosity, witness, and concern for those who have not experienced Christ's love.

This week, let us ask ourselves: Am I giving society my fair contribution and God my wholehearted commitment? We cannot give God what belongs to Him while refusing to give our neighbours the love, justice, and compassion they deserve.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 100 YEARS OF MISSION

"One in Christ, United in Mission"

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Reach out. Give life.

This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a special occasion for Catholics around the world to unite in prayer and support the Church's missionary work. For 100 years, this annual celebration has reminded us that the mission of the Church extends beyond our own parish and communities, reaching people everywhere with the love, hope and compassion of Christ.

As Christians, we are all called to be missionaries in our daily lives – through our kindness, our service to others, and the way we share our faith. World Mission Sunday also invites us to support those who dedicate their lives to bringing the Gospel to communities in need, often providing education, healthcare, pastoral care and practical assistance to the poor and vulnerable.

This year's celebration reminds us that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission.' Despite our different backgrounds and circumstances, we are united through our faith and our shared call to make Christ's love known throughout the world. Through our prayers and generosity, we can help support missionaries and communities who rely on the wider Church for assistance.

The World Mission Sunday appeal will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, with donation envelopes available. We warmly encourage all parishioners to give generously, according to their means, to support the Church's missionary work. Every contribution, together with our prayers, helps bring the hope of the Gospel to those who need it most.



Carry Christ's Love to Malawi's Children

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH...

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. 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!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The November and December Liturgical Ministry Roster will be prepared shortly. All volunteers are kindly asked to please advise the Parish Office by email only at cranebrook@parracatholic.org of any dates you are unavailable during these months, particularly throughout the Christmas period.

A voluntary sign-on roster for the Christmas Masses will also be available for all volunteers who would like to assist. This will be made available towards the end of November.

A sincere thank you to all our wonderful liturgical ministry volunteers for your generosity and commitment throughout the year. Your service is greatly appreciated and helps our parish celebrations run so beautifully.



LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property Box in the church foyer is overflowing with items, including water bottles, umbrellas and clothing. Please check if anything belongs to you! All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after Sunday 1st of November.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

First Holy Communion photos are now ready for collection from the Parish Office, open Tuesday to Friday, 9.00am–5.00pm.

Corpus Christi Primary School families: Photos will be distributed to children through their classroom teachers early next week, so there is no need for parents to visit the Parish Office.

Families from all other schools: Parents are kindly asked to collect their child's photos from the Parish Office during opening hours.

Congratulations once again to all our children who received their First Holy Communion, and may Jesus continue to bless them as they grow in faith and love of the Eucharist.

THANK YOU – VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Last Saturday, around 40 parishioners came together for a beautiful and faith-filled virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a truly joyous experience as we journeyed through the places where Jesus lived, taught and ministered, deepening our faith and connection to the Scriptures along the way.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Marilyn Hancock, Ministry Partner with the Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team, for so generously sharing her knowledge, insights and passion for faith formation. We are also very grateful to Dominic Marone, Vice-Chair of our Parish Pastoral Council, for organising this wonderful event and hosting and commentating throughout the pilgrimage.

It was a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, prayer and fellowship as a parish. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon such a memorable and uplifting experience!

With so much more of the Holy Land still to explore, we hope there may be an opportunity to continue this journey together through another session or future pilgrimages.



A WORD OF THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to our acolytes, Darwin and Greg, who faithfully led the Communion Services last week while Fr Abraham was away on retreat. We are grateful for their faith, dedication and willingness to serve our parish, ensuring that parishioners could continue to gather in prayer and receive Holy Communion.

May God bless them for their generous service!

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, we will hold a special collection at the end of each Mass in support of Catholic Mission and the Church's missionary work around the world. Please give generously to help share Christ's love with communities in need. More information about the appeal is available on page 2 of the bulletin.

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.



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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.

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.



Parish Events

	SAT 17 & SUN 18 OCT	Catholic Mission Appeal Please give generously
	SAT 24 OCT	Big Parish Dinner In the Corpus Christi School Hall, 7.15pm – 9.30pm Tickets sales now closed
	FRI 30 OCT	Seniors Morning Tea After the 9.10am Mass
	SUN 1 NOV	Halloween 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 6.00pm
	SAT 7 & SUN 8 NOV	Red November Celebration During all our weekend Masses

All are welcome!

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Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

Historical Context – What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

Scriptural context – Jesus and the Pharisees

The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus' style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah – the Law – for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus – not the Pharisees – as the rightful interpreter of the Law.

Different View – A simple question?

This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why did the Pharisees send their disciples to ask Jesus about paying taxes?
- Q. In what ways were the Pharisees' men 'hypocrites' as Jesus called them?
- Q. What can we interpret from Jesus' words, 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'?
- Q. In today's world, how can we give to God what belongs to God?

Questions for Adults

- Q. The Pharisees deliberately set out to trap Jesus. Why did they fear him?

Q. How can we apply today Jesus' words, 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'?

Q. What are some of the 'obligations' of society that 'get in the way' of giving to God what belongs to God?

Q. In what ways can you better give to God what belongs to God?

Learning moments

- Look up other references to the Pharisees in the gospel of Matthew and look for a pattern in the way in which they are represented. (3:6-8; 5:19-21; 9:10-15; 12:1-3; 12:13-15; 15:1-14; 16:1-12; 19:3-12; 22:34-46; 23:1-36)
- Conduct an online search for ancient Jewish coins and ancient Roman coins. Compare the designs used on the coins of Israel and Rome.
- Make a personal contract about ways to 'give to God what belongs to God'.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?



The Living Word

For Children

FIRST READING:

Cyrus Obeys the Lord's Commands

The Lord said to Cyrus, his chosen one:

I have taken hold
of your right hand
to help you capture nations
and remove kings from power.
City gates will open for you;
not one will stay closed.

Cyrus, you don't even know me!
But I have called you by name
and highly honored you
because of Israel,
my chosen servant.
Only I am the Lord!
There are no other gods.
I have made you strong,
though you don't know me.
Now everyone from east to west
will learn that I am the Lord.
No other gods are real.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- In today's Gospel who are the people who planned to trick Jesus?
- What did the Pharisees say to Jesus?
- What did Jesus say to them?
- Jesus says that we can serve God and serve our country at the same time.
- We can be good Australians by respecting others. How do we show respect for all people?
- How can we serve God by being a good Australian?

SECOND READING:

From Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

To the church in Thessalonica, the people of God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that God will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!

We thank God for you and always mention you in our prayers. Each time we pray, we tell God our Father about your faith and loving work and about your firm hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

My dear friends, God loves you, and we know he has chosen you to be his people. When we told you the good news, it was with the power and assurance that come from the Holy Spirit, and not simply with words. You knew what kind of people we were and how we helped you.

GOSPEL READING:

Paying Taxes

The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong. They sent some of their followers and some of Herod's followers to say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest. You teach the truth about what God wants people to do. And you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are. Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"

Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said, "Why are you trying to test me? You show-offs! Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes." They brought him a silver coin, and he asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?"

"The Emperor's," they answered.

Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God."





Give to God what belongs to God

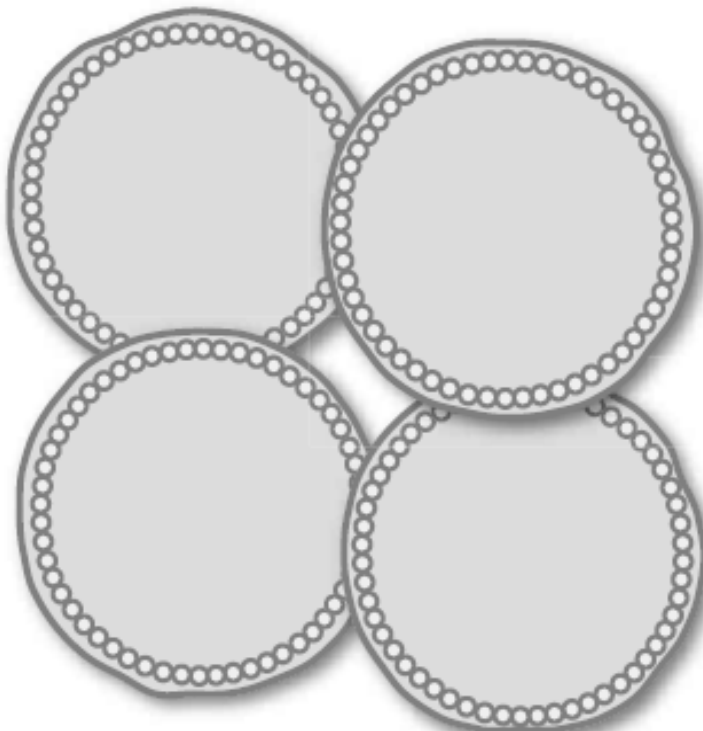


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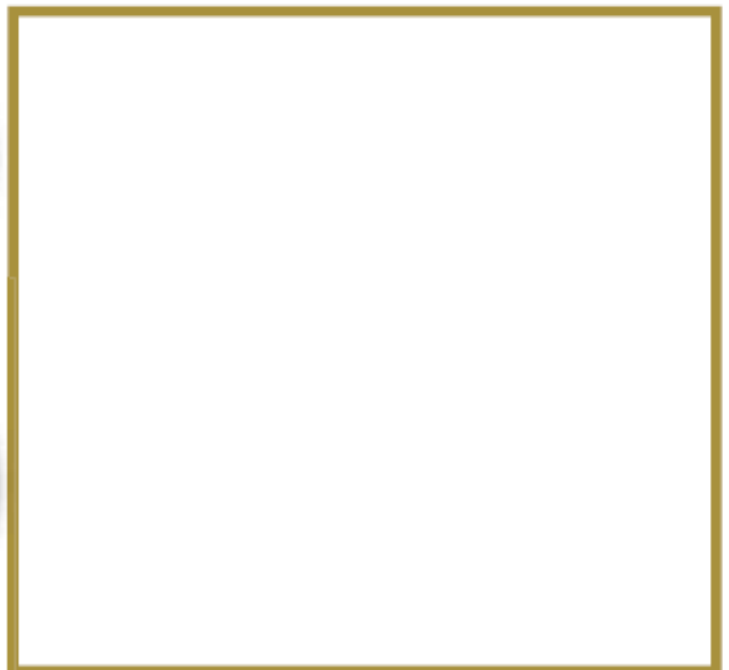
Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar...

Jesus believed that people should obey the law and pay their taxes to the Romans. What are some laws or rules that we must obey?

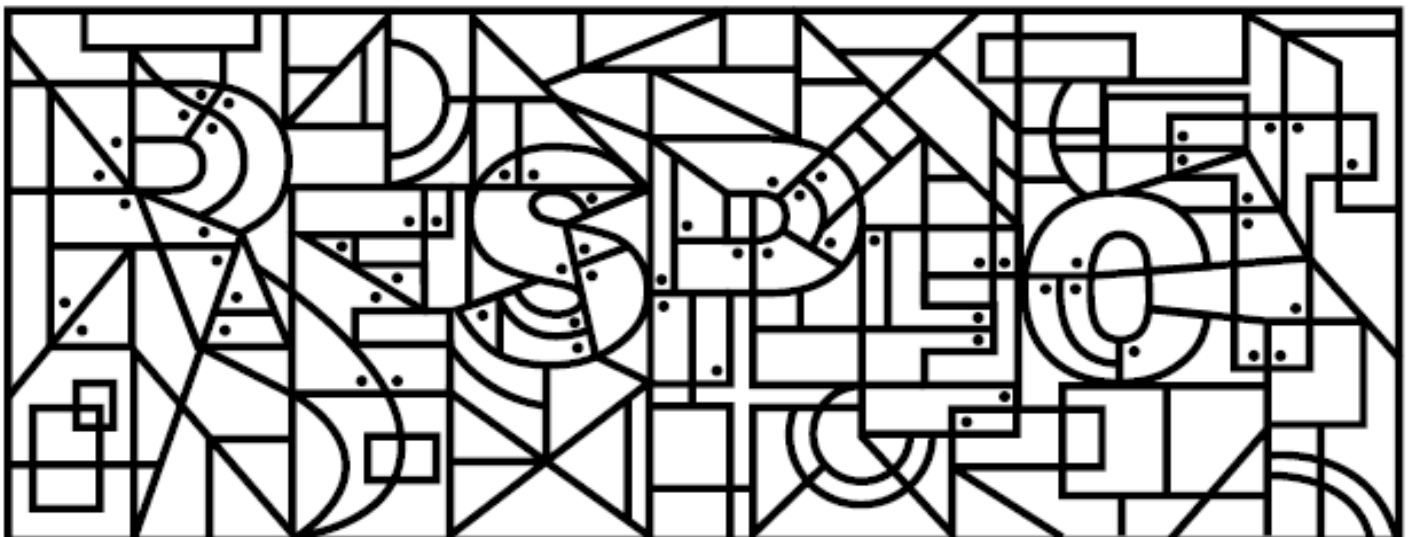


Give to God what belongs to God.

Jesus tells us that we belong to God. We can give ourselves to God by following Jesus' teachings and loving others as he did. Draw a picture of yourself doing something as Jesus would have done.



Colour in the shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others.



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 18th of October 2026 | Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

at **St Patrick's Cathedral**
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER at 2:30pm

Couples and their families are warmly invited to join for light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after Mass

Please register attendance by 6 November at parracatholic.org/events/marriage@parracatholic.org

Please include full names, years of marriage & number of family attending.



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 IN THE FORECOURT

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



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Accompanied by
Fr John McSweeney
 & Harvest Representative
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 DOORS OPEN 7PM WITH LIVE MUSIC FOR 7:30PM START

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