

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 25th of October 2026 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



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Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

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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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:

when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit

that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord

started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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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 28th: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Alexander Blair, Nancy Newman, Joice Keji Rufino

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:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect-events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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.

From the Desk of Parish Priest

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) challenge us to examine the honesty of our hearts and the sincerity of our love. God does not measure our holiness by how cleverly we manage people, protect our interests, or maintain a respectable image. He looks at how we treat the vulnerable and whether our love for Him is reflected in our love for others.

In the first reading (Exodus 22:20–26), God warns His people against exploiting strangers, widows, and orphans. He reminds them that He hears the cry of the oppressed. God is not indifferent to injustice. He stands with those who are manipulated, neglected, or deprived of their dignity. Craftiness that takes advantage of another person may appear clever in the eyes of the world, but it is offensive to God. When intelligence becomes a tool for deception, and personal advantage becomes more important than another person's welfare, we have lost our moral direction.

In the Gospel (Matthew 22:34–40), a lawyer asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus responds with two inseparable commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. These commandments leave no room for calculated kindness, manipulative relationships, or love that serves only our own interests. We cannot claim to love God while deliberately hurting the people He loves.

How often do we disguise craftiness as cleverness? We may flatter someone to gain a favour, twist the truth to escape responsibility, spread rumours to damage another person's reputation, or use our position to secure an unfair advantage. We may even justify such behaviour by saying, "Everyone does it!" But the popularity of a practice never makes it morally right.

True Christian maturity is not about becoming clever enough to outsmart others; it is about becoming honest enough not to exploit them. Saint Paul reminds the Thessalonians in the second reading (1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10) that their faith became a model for others. Our faith, too, should be visible through lives of integrity, generosity, and genuine love.

This Sunday invites us to ask ourselves: Are people safer, happier, and more respected because they deal with us? Do we use our words and influence to build others up or to manipulate them?

God calls us to be wise without being cunning, firm without being cruel, and successful without sacrificing integrity. Let us grow beyond craftiness and embrace a love that is truthful, compassionate, and sincere. After all, the greatest commandment is not to outwit our neighbour, but to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
100 YEARS OF MISSION
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Reach out. Give life.

Last weekend we celebrated World Mission Sunday, a special occasion for Catholics around the world to unite in prayer and support the Church's mission.

Your generosity helps missionaries bring hope, education, healthcare and practical assistance to communities in need.



THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the World Mission Appeal last weekend. Your support makes a real difference to those in need.



You can still make a donation!
Envelopes are available in the Church.



Carry Christ's Love to Malawi's Children

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE...

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 was prepared and emailed to all volunteers last Wednesday. If you have not received your copy, please contact the Parish Office.

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

A sincere thank you to all our wonderful liturgical ministry volunteers for your generosity, commitment and service throughout the year. Your contribution 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 were distributed to children through the classroom teachers last week, so if you didn't receive yours, please contact 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.

ALTAR SERVERS' COMMISSIONING AND CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 8TH OF NOVEMBER

All our altar servers, both new and existing, are warmly invited to join us at the **9:30am Mass on Sunday 8th of November** as we celebrate their valuable service to our parish. During the Mass, Father Abraham will offer a special blessing and commissioning for our altar servers as they continue their important ministry at the altar.

Following Mass, everyone is invited to join us for our monthly Parish Morning Tea, where we can continue the celebrations and express our gratitude to these wonderful young people for their willingness to serve our parish.

We look forward to celebrating with our altar servers and their families!

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who generously supported the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. Your donations help support the Church's missionary work and share Christ's love with communities in need around the world.

If you didn't have an opportunity to donate, you are still welcome to contribute using the appeal envelopes available at the entrances of the church or at

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Church's mission.

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.



DESIGN THE CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE FRONT COVER FOR CHRISTMAS 2026!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if someone from our own parish won! The Catholic Outlook Magazine is inviting people of all ages across the Diocese of Parramatta to design the front cover of its Christmas and Summer 2026 edition. This is a lovely opportunity to share your creativity and faith through art and help bring the joy of Advent and Christmas to life.

Submit your artwork, along with a short description, by Friday 6th of November 2026 at parracatholic.org/artcomp.



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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.



What's Coming Up in Our Parish

	SAT 24 OCT	Big Parish Dinner In the Corpus Christi School Hall, 7.15pm – 9.30pm. <i>Tickets sales now closed</i>
	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 (not 6.30pm as previously advertised)
	SAT 7 & SUN 8 NOV	Red November Celebration During all our weekend Masses
	SUN 8 NOV	Altar Server's Commissioning and Celebration During the 9.30am Mass
	SUN 8 NOV	Parish Morning Tea After the 9.30am Mass

☺ All are welcome! ☺

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Gospel Reflection

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Scriptural context – Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' followup, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why would Jesus' answer have been challenging to the Pharisees?

Q. How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?

Q. In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?

Q. What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?

Questions for Adults

Q. How might bystanders have reacted to Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees?

Q. How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?

Q. What actions can you take to better recognise the importance of God in your life?

Q. In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?

Q. What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?

Learning moments

Illustrate the encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees and include thought bubbles to suggest the thoughts and feelings of characters and bystanders.

Construct a 'consequences chart' to map the progression of consequences if people did love their neighbours and themselves. (If people loved their neighbour, THEN ...; THEN ...; THEN...)

Imagine a world in which everybody loved their neighbour as they loved themselves. Illustrate or write a description of what the world would be like.

Conduct an online search to explore some of the Jewish 613 mitzvot (commandments).

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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

At the same time that young people want more freedom, more rules apply. More freedom just means fewer outside rules. That's because more freedom means more responsibility, and more responsibility means more inside rules – rules that we make for ourselves. For example, the Ten Commandments are outside rules – they tell us exactly what to do. Jesus' two commandments of love are inside rules – they tell us to make rules for ourselves that are motivated by love. Actually, if we make rules for ourselves that are motivated by love, our actions will follow the Ten Commandments, even if we have never heard of the Ten Commandments.

What are some of your school rules and home rules? Are they outside rules or inside rules? If they are outside rules, summarise them with one inside rule. If any of them are inside rules, then give an outside example of how you might follow them.

Would a society work if its only laws were inside rules? Why or why not? How would that affect this country? How would it affect your state, region, town or city?

Saint Augustine is famous for saying, 'Love, and then do what you will.'

How is this quote similar to what Jesus told the lawyer?

What does love of self look like? What does love of God look like? How are those types of love related to love of neighbour?

Do you think that when Jesus said, 'Love your neighbor', he meant just the people on your street, or all people – including strangers, people in faraway countries, and even people at school that you don't get along with? How does that sit with you?

The **Living Word**

For Children

FIRST READING:

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. So, when you accepted the message, you followed our example and the example of the Lord. You suffered, but the Holy Spirit made you glad.

You became an example for all the Lord's followers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 And because of you, the Lord's message has spread everywhere in those regions. Now the news of your faith in God is known all over the world, and we don't have to say a thing about it.

GOSPEL READING:

The Most Important Commandment

After Jesus had made the Sadducees look foolish, the Pharisees heard about it and got together. One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law. So he tried to test Jesus by asking, "Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answered:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What does Jesus say is the most important commandment?

What did Jesus say was the second most important commandment?

How do we show we love God?

How do we show we love others as much as we love ourselves?

What would the world be like if we all believed these commandments and put them into practice?





Show your love

I show love for God when I

I show love for others when I

Whenever we show kindness, love and respect for others, we are loving God.

Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows love for God.

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

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An expert in the Jewish law tried to ____ Jesus. He asked, "_____, what is the most important _____ ?"



Jesus _____ : "Love the Lord your ____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it : " _____ your neighbour as much as you love _____".



Women's Group – Upcoming Gatherings

Our Women's Group is a wonderful opportunity for women of our parish to come together, build friendships, share faith and enjoy some time in good company. We warmly invite all women to join us at our upcoming gatherings!



Upcoming Schedule

August

- Aug 1 : Start of our 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Aug 15 : **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**. Attend mass on this Holy Day of Obligation
- Aug 30 2-4pm : Women's Group Talk
Topic : Mary, Our Pilgrim Mother
By Sr. Rita from Mt Schoenstatt
(More details to follow)

September

- Sept 5, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Sept 5, 10am-1pm : Parish pilgrimage to Mt. Schoenstatt. Sept month marks 100 years of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.
- Sept 8*: Start of Women's Group Bible Study with Fr. Abraham. Succeeding study dates to be discussed on the day.
* **Feast of the Nativity of Mary**
- Sept 26 : Caring for God's House Day (Keeping our parish church clean and welcoming for all!)

October

- Oct 3, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Oct 2- 11 : 10-day rosary novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (7pm weekdays/Saturdays and 10:30am Sundays)
Note : Oct 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 10 : Parish Retreat
(More details to follow)
- Oct 24 : The BIG Parish Dinner! (More details to follow)

November

- Nov 7, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Walking Group - around Jordan Spring's Village Center Lake
(Date to be confirmed)
- Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park
(Date to be confirmed)

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



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 or marriage@parracatholic.org

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



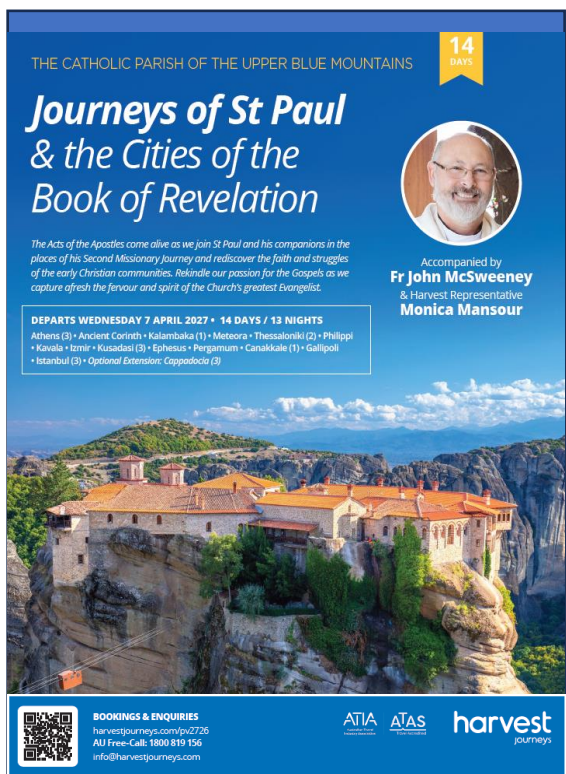
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