CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 22nd of November 2026 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

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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

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
1.The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!



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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Feast Days this Week

November 23rd: Saint Columban, Abbot and Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr

November 24th: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs



November 25th: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:
David Fisher, Charles Galea, James Dunn, Rena Vella

Anniversaries:
Patrick Conneely, Rose Azzopardi

For those who are sick:
Nick Scicluna, Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop, Joseph Cauchi, Bartolo Barca.

Safeguarding Training – November

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout November at several parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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From the Desk of Parish Priest

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The readings present Christ as a King unlike any other. His kingdom is not built on power, wealth, authority or military strength, but on love, mercy, justice and self-sacrifice.

In the first reading (Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17), God reveals Himself as a shepherd who searches for the lost, brings back the strayed, binds up the injured and strengthens the weak. This is the kind of King we have in Jesus. He does not rule by intimidation but leads by compassion. His crown is made of thorns, His throne is the Cross, and His greatest victory is the salvation of humanity.

In the Gospel (Matthew 25:31–46), Jesus gives us a clear picture of what belonging to His kingdom means. The final judgement will not be based on how much wealth we accumulated, how influential we became or how many religious activities we attended. Rather, it will be measured by how we treated the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and those in need. Whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to Christ Himself.

Christ is undoubtedly the King of the Universe. But the more challenging question is: **Is He the King of my heart?** We may proclaim Him as King in our prayers and hymns, but do our daily choices reflect His kingship? Who occupies the throne of our hearts – Christ, or our ego, pride, possessions, ambitions and prejudices?

To accept Christ as King is to allow Him to govern our thoughts, relationships, decisions and priorities. It means choosing forgiveness over resentment, generosity over selfishness, humility over pride and service over domination.

As we conclude the liturgical year, let us examine our lives honestly. It is not enough to admire Christ as King; we must surrender ourselves to His kingship. Let our homes, our parish and our communities become places where His love and mercy reign.

May Christ not merely be the King of the Universe, but truly the King of every heart!

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI



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

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL – NEXT WEEKEND NOVEMBER 28TH AND 29TH

Our Bishop's Christmas Appeal will be held at all Masses on the weekend of **28th and 29th of November**.

This year, the appeal supports young mothers and children escaping domestic and family violence and homelessness through Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains' *Houses to Homes* program. Your generosity helps provide safe accommodation, practical assistance and emotional support, giving vulnerable mothers and their children the opportunity to rebuild their lives in a safe and stable home.

Our parish has an annual contribution target towards the Diocesan Appeals, and we are currently well below our expected quota. We would be very grateful for your generous support of this appeal, while always being mindful that everyone should give only what they are comfortably able to.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping bring hope and security to families in need this Christmas.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to everyone who has submitted the names of deceased loved ones for our November Remembrance. All the names have now been gathered into a scroll and placed in the sanctuary, where they will remain throughout November as we remember and pray for those who have gone before us.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, November Remembrance envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Please complete the envelope, include your donation, and return it to Fr Abraham or the parish office.

May our prayers bring comfort to all who grieve, and may our deceased loved ones rest in the peace and love of God.

WOMEN'S GROUP – RECONNECT AND CATCH UP!

It's been a little while since we've all had the chance to come together, so our Women's Group warmly invites all ladies of the parish to a relaxed evening of friendship, fellowship and fun!

JOIN US ON THURSDAY 26TH OF NOVEMBER AT 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD (WEATHER PERMITTING) FOR A LOVELY OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT, ENJOY A CHAT, SHARE SOME LAUGHS AND CATCH UP OVER A CUPPA.

Feel free to bring a plate to share if you wish, but there is absolutely no obligation. Just bring yourself! Whether you're already part of the group or haven't joined, we'd love to see you there. All women are welcome!

NO WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Please note that there will be **no weekday Mass this Tuesday 24th November,** as Fr Abraham will be attending the Ordination Mass of three new priests in the Diocese of Parramatta: Deacons Jeff Hood, Paul Tran and Luke Huynh. A Communion Service will be held at 6.00pm in place of Mass.

Please keep the newly ordained priests in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry.

PARISH WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 12TH OF DECEMBER

Join us on **Saturday 12th of December, from 9:00am – 12:00pm**, as we give our parish gardens a good clean-up and tidy before Christmas.

Many hands make light work, so we'd love as many volunteers as possible to come along and lend a hand!

Even if you can only spare half an hour, every little bit helps! Stay for as long as you can – whether it's a little while or the whole morning. **Refreshments will be provided.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY – CHRISTMAS EVE

Children of our parish are invited to take part in a Nativity Play during our Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6pm. Parents are welcome to sign their children up using the registration sheet in the church foyer.

Our first rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday 16th of December at 4pm**, with the final rehearsal date and time to be confirmed.

We look forward to our children bring the Christmas story to life!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For many years, our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference has been supporting local families and individuals doing it tough, particularly at Christmas. Once again, our team is preparing to bring some extra joy and support to those in need in our community.

Our parish schools, Xavier College and Corpus Christi Primary, are already running appeals within their school communities to collect supplies for Christmas hampers. Our parish appeal will take place on the weekend of 12th and 13th December, when parishioners are invited to donate money or gift cards to help support this wonderful initiative.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our St Vincent de Paul team is looking for extra volunteers to help with this year's Christmas hampers. With fewer members in our conference, we are particularly in need of people to help sort and pack hampers and deliver them to families in our local community. Deliveries will take place on Saturday 19th December, and every helping hand will make a difference. Whether you can assist with packing, deliveries or both, your support would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or contact the Parish Office. Even a little of your time would mean so much!

KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A HELPING HAND?

If you know of an individual or family who may be doing it tough and could benefit from a Christmas hamper, please contact the Parish Office so we can pass their details on to our St Vincent de Paul team.

Any donations received in excess of what is needed for our parish hampers will be passed on to Barnardos Cranebrook to support their Christmas donation drive.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us bring a little extra joy and support to those in our community who need it most this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS – ALL WELCOME

We're excited to celebrate our third annual Christmas Novena at Corpus Christi Parish from Tuesday 15th to Wednesday 23rd December.

Join us for nine evenings of prayer and reflection as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

Mass Times:

Weekdays: 7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday: 6:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are calling on parishioners and families to donate food so we can provide dinner after Mass during the Novena. We are hoping to offer dinner on the final three evenings, with the possibility of extending this to more nights if enough food donations are pledged.

We are also seeking liturgical volunteers to assist throughout the Novena.

If you can contribute food or volunteer your time, please add your name to the sign-up list in the church foyer.

Thank you for helping make this a beautiful time of prayer and fellowship for our parish!



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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 more info, 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.

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Save the Dates for Our Parish

THU 26 NOV, 7PM.	**Women's Group Reconnect.** In the parish courtyard – all women are welcome
FRI 27 NOV.	**Seniors Morning Tea.** After the 9.10am Mass
SAT 28 & SUN 29 NOV.	**Bishop's Christmas Appeal**
THU 10 DEC, 7PM.	**Second Rite of Reconciliation.** 7pm – As we prepare for Christmas
SAT 12 DEC, 9AM – 12PM.	**Working Bee.** 9am – 12pm – Refreshments provided *(Many hands make light work!)*
SUN 13 DEC.	**Parish Morning Tea.** After the 9.30am Mass – All are welcome
SAT 12 & SUN 13 DEC.	**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.** Donations of money or gift cards for those in need
TUE 15 DEC – WED 23 DEC.	**Nine Day Christmas Novena.** With daily evening Masses. 7pm weekdays, 6pm weekends.

All are welcome!

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Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? … That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? … That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? … That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? … That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? … The homeless man in the street who asks for money? … The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? … Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Scriptural context – Matthew 25

This week's gospel passage comes as the third in a sequence of passages that make up Matthew Chapter 25. The chapter addresses the gospel's intended audience who were caught in a time of uncertainty. Many had expected the promised return of the Lord within their lifetime and had seen the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE as a sign that the end of days was approaching. The three gospel passages speak of continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and the need to act in a way that works to bring about the reign of God in the world.

Have you thought? – Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

Gospel Focus – The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why do you think Jesus used the image of sheep and goats to represent the virtuous and the neglectful?

Q. Why does Jesus banish the people who say they didn't recognise him in need?

Q. When have you helped someone in need? What happened and how did it make you feel?

Q. When have you ever failed to help someone in need? Why did you not help?

Q. Compare this reading with Luke 4:16-21. What message is evident in both readings?

Questions for Adults

Q. What message or challenge emerges from the gospel passage for you?

Q. Which groups are the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked and imprisoned today?

Q. How can you make a difference to one of these groups or individuals?

Q. How might the Church better respond to the face of Jesus in the needy today?

Learning moments

- Conduct a media search and construct a word and image collage of those in our society who are the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked and imprisoned.
- Construct a concept map to identify those individuals, agencies and organisations who seek to respond to the needs of those groups identified by Jesus. Investigate the work of one of those individuals, agencies or organisations.
- Identify ways in which individuals or small groups could respond to the need of people in your community who are hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked and imprisoned. Prepare an action plan for making a difference in your community.
- Imagine a world in which the hungry are fed, the thirsty have enough to drink, the stranger is welcomed, the naked are clothed and the imprisoned are comforted. What would such a world be like?

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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

Jesus never really declared himself to be king of anything on earth. But we declare him to be our king.

How is Jesus like an earthly king?

How is he different from an earthly king?

Every so often you read in the paper or see on television that some famous person or religious group is predicting the end of the world.

How do you feel when you hear such predictions? Are you concerned? Are you fascinated? Are you troubled? How so?

What would you be more afraid of – the sudden end of the world or your sudden death? How do both of these events affect you when you consider their actual possibility?



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The Living Word
For Children

First Reading:
The Lord Is the Good Shepherd
The Lord God then said:

I will look for my sheep and take care of them myself, just as a shepherd looks for lost sheep. My sheep have been lost since that dark and miserable day when they were scattered throughout the nations. But I will rescue them.

Second Reading:
But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us. But we must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life, and his people will be raised to life when he returns. Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and he will give the kingdom to God the Father.

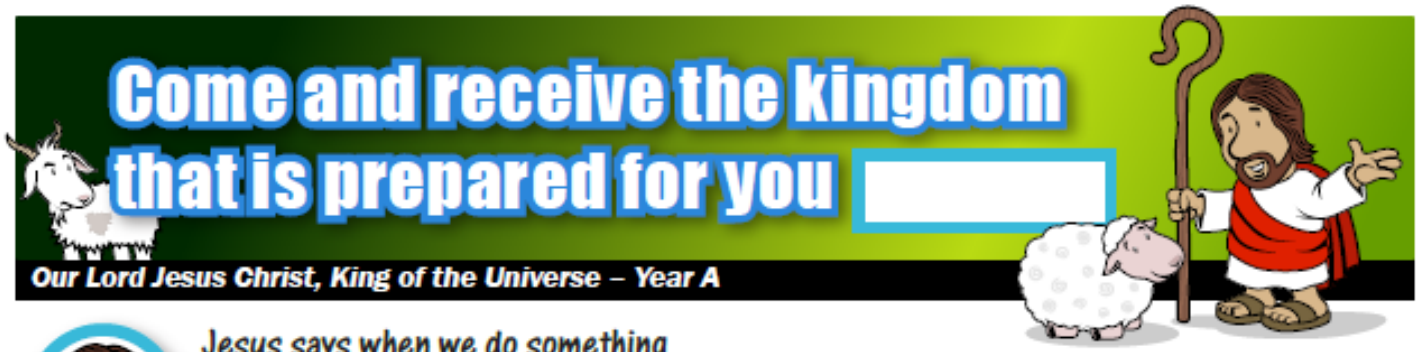
Gospel Reading:
Jesus told his disciples: "One day I will return in glory to sort the good people from the bad, and I will turn to you and say:
When I was hungry, you fed me.
When I was thirsty, you gave me a drink.
When you did not know me, you made me welcome.
When I had nothing to wear, you gave me clothes.
When I was ill, you took care of me.
When I was alone, you came to visit me.
And you will ask, 'When did I do all these things for you, Lord?'
"I tell you, whenever you did any of these things for others, you did them for me; and because of your goodness you will share in the glory of my kingdom. Those people who turned others away and did not care, did the same to me. On judgement day they will be sent away, never to share eternal life with me in heaven."

Discussion Questions
- Jesus tells us a story about the end of the world in today's gospel.
- What happens to the people of all nations when they come before the king?
- What does he say to the blessed people on his right?
- What are some of the good deeds that these people did?
- What does he say to the people on his left?
- The king said when the good people were kind to others they did it for him.
- What can we do to show our kindness to others?
- We pray that we will do good things for others and become blessed people.



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Come and receive the kingdom that is prepared for you



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Jesus says when we do something good for others we also do it for him. Draw a picture of yourself performing an act of kindness.

Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to _ _ _.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to _ _ _ _ _.

When I was a stranger, you _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ me.

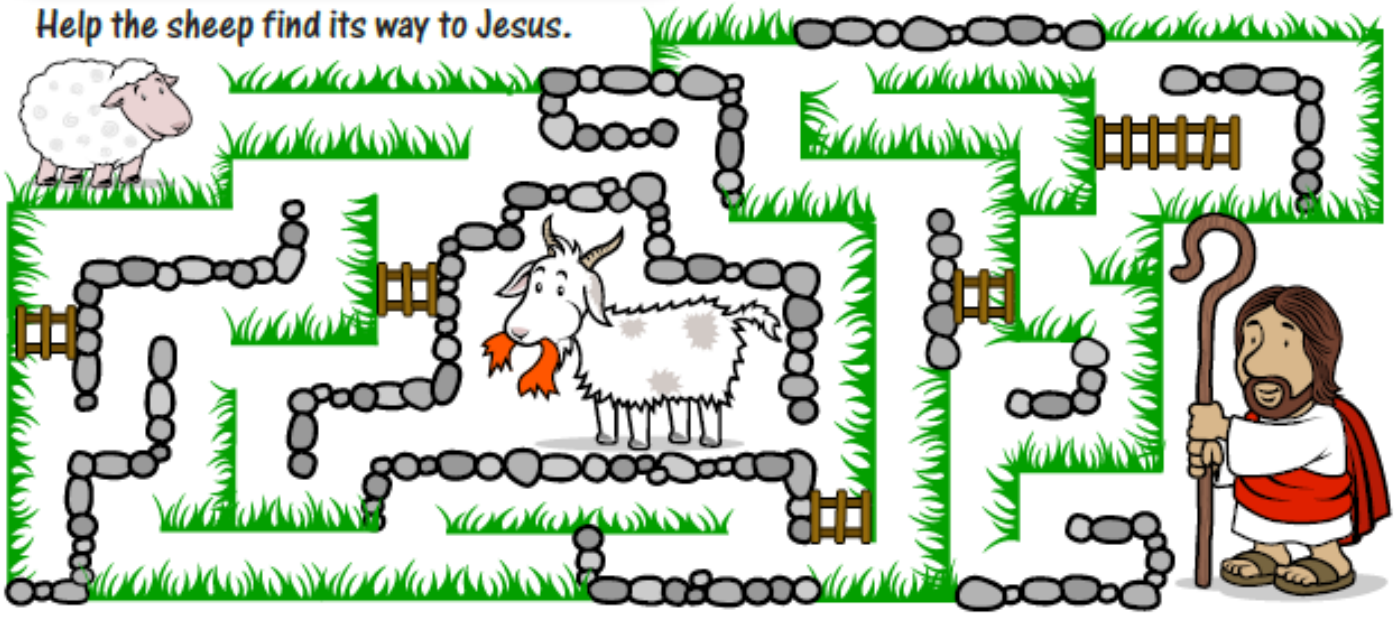
When I was naked, you gave me _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to wear.

When I was sick, you took _ _ _ _ of me.

When I was in gaol, you _ _ _ _ _ _ _ me.

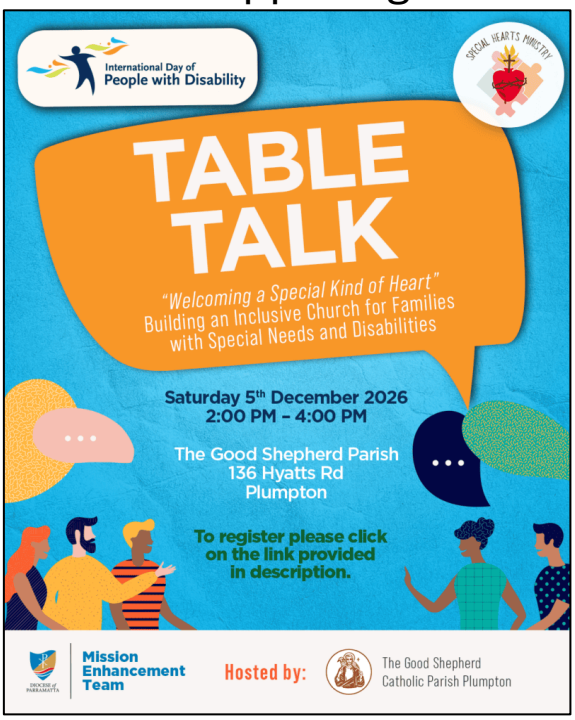
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Help the sheep find its way to Jesus.



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St Padre Pio's Day at Glenmore Park: Every 23rd of the Month

ST PADRE PIO'S DAY: EVERY 23RD OF THE MONTH. At St Padre Pio Parish, 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park. Next St. Padre Pio's Day is on Monday 23 November. 11am: Adoration and Rosary, Confession and Mass in honour of St Padre Pio, followed by a Blessing with St Padre Pio's first class relic. Please let others know. All are welcome.

Red November Mass for persecuted Christians: 25 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, join us on Wednesday 25 November at 7:30 pm. A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Learn more: www.rednovember.org

Red November – Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. During this Red November, we invite you to pray, support and act in solidarity with 388+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia and New Zealand, over 20 Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Visit www.rednovember.org to learn more.

Holy Family, Mt Druitt Christmas Carols: 5 December

Bring your family and friends for a joyful evening of Christmas celebrations! Date: Saturday 5 December 2026. Time: 7pm–9.30pm. Location: Holy Family Primary School Grounds (254 Luxford Rd Emerton NSW 2770). Enjoy carol singing, live entertainment, raffles, a free sausage sizzle and drinks, and a special visit from Santa! Everyone is welcome at this family-friendly community event. Event page: facebook.com/share/1EfirCGPHr

A Morning to Slow Down, Reflect and Prepare Your Heart for Christmas

Soul Sorting in the Silly Season is a women's breakfast event at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills, offering space to pause and prepare your heart for Christmas through prayer, discussion and reflection. Facilitated by Sr Virginia Bourke RSJ, Sister of Saint Joseph and Sacramental theologian.

Saturday 12 December, 8:00am – 10:30am

$35. Breakfast included.

Learn more and book: https://mmsm.org.au/events/soul-sorting-in-the-silly-season/

One-Day Worship Pilgrimage: 29 November

Praise & Worship • Preaching of the Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass. All our welcome. No booking required. BYO lunch. Hosted by the Vincentian Fathers of DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, 160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250.

Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls: 4 December

Catholic Healthcare is raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes — every contribution makes a difference! Date: 4 December 2026. Time: 4.30pm – 7pm. Location: 6 Bodington Drive (off Tableland Rd), Wentworth Falls.Enjoy local stalls, a toy raffle, refreshments, BBQ, and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

The Saint Behind Pope Leo XIV: St Augustine's Timeless Christmas Message for Today Webinar: 10 December

The Order of St Augustine (Province of Australasia) are hosting a free one-hour online webinar on Thursday 10 December 2026 at 8:00 PM AEDT with Professor Emeritus Joseph Kelley (Merrimack College, Massachusetts; President, Augustinian Heritage Institute). Free, registration required: https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1675

Salesian Missions

The Salesians in Ethiopia and across the Horn of Africa have made an appeal for support as they face an emerging drought. In parts of Tigray, severe drought and renewed conflict have left communities struggling to access basic necessities, while rising food costs continue to push families deeper into poverty.

The Salesians are working across the region to support vulnerable families through food and relief initiatives.