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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**20TH & 21ST JUNE,
2020**

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASSES

Due to covid-19, attendance of 50 parishioners at any parish weekend or Wednesday evening Mass is based on a roster system via a phone call or email invitation.

Parishioners are able to attend only the particular Mass they are rostered to attend as per the phone call or email invitation received.

If you have not yet received an invitation to attend one of our parish Masses, kindly contact Fr Chris on his mobile for the necessary arrangements to be made.

Thank you for your understanding and anticipated co-operation.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

As less than 50 people usually attend these Masses, you are welcome to attend without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.



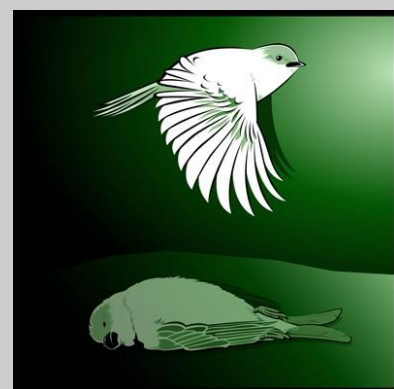
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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

The Living Word

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

First Reading

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is

now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



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REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

House-tops and Sparrows

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

The Way of the Heart



We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why do you think 'Do not be afraid' is so frequently repeated in the Bible?
- * Why might this passage be titled in some versions of the Bible as 'Bold Confession'?
- * In what ways can this message to the disciples be interpreted in a modern context?
- * What are some of the obstacles that make it hard to proclaim what you believe 'from the house-tops'?

Questions for Adults

- * What message is meant to be conveyed by the imagery about the sparrows?
- * What does it mean in today's world to 'declare oneself' for Jesus?
- * How might a message to 'fear God' be misunderstood and misused?
- * Who is someone you admire because they are not afraid to live their faith?

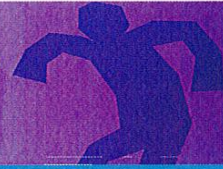


This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

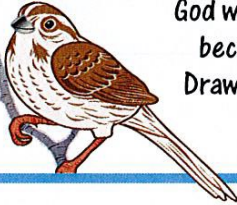
- * What are some of your most precious things?
- * How do you care for them?
- * God says that we are precious to him.
- * How does God care for us?
- * We do not need to be afraid because God is always with us.



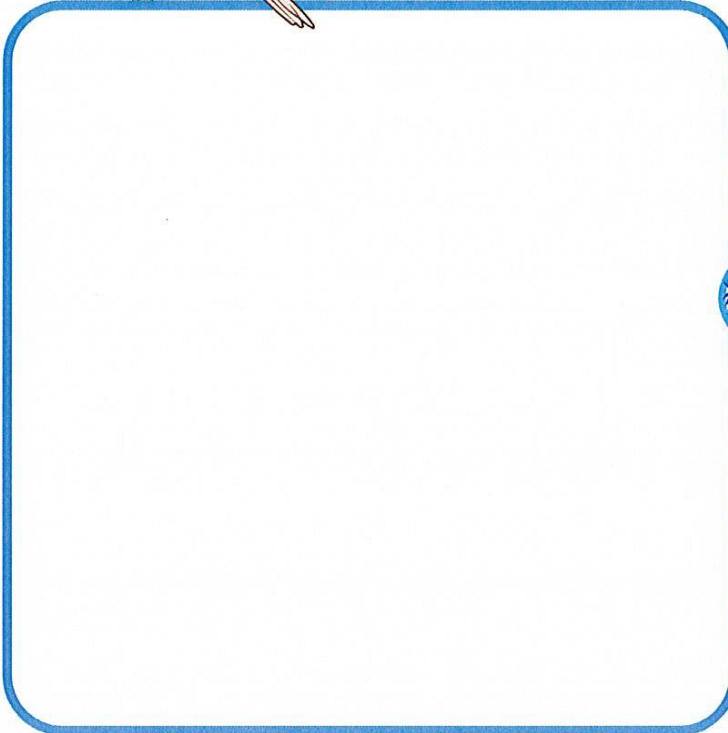
Don't be afraid !



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God watches over us and protects us because we are precious to him.
Draw a picture of something that is precious to you.

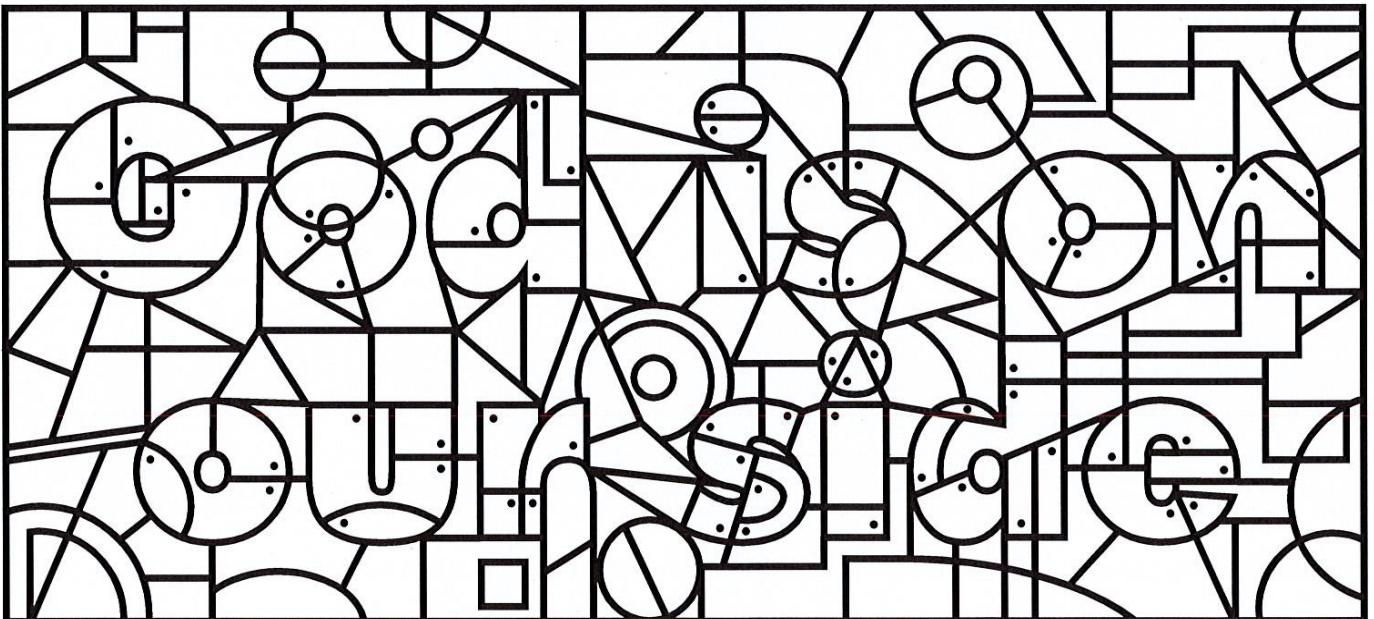


What are some things that people are afraid of?



How does God help us to overcome our fears?

Colour in the shapes that contain a dot • and discover the hidden message!



Mt 10:26-31

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Sincere Thanks:

A note of thanks and gratitude for the Corpus Christi Community for the love and support shown to our family after the loss of our cherished Mum, Nanna and Great Grandmother, Margaret Vella.

Margaret spent a lot of time at Corpus Christi seeing most of her grandchildren receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation here and more recently as a Parishioner at Corpus Christi.

Thank you to Fr Chris for celebrating and sharing her last Mass at home and her Requiem Masses. The family are truly grateful for everyone's kind words, actions and thoughts.

Church Cleaning Roster

As the Church is now being used the Church Cleaning Roster is up and running. A new roster has been prepared and distributed. If you have not received your copy of the roster please contact the parish office by email. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer for this ministry.

Parish Office Hours

During this time of church closure the Parish Office will remain open. You are welcome to telephone or email. At this stage, our operating hours have not been formalised, so please leave a message if we don't answer the phone and we'll get back to you. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

**We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.**

**Thank You dear parishioners for your
ongoing financial support to the parish.
Your generosity is helping with the ongoing
running expenses of our parish.**

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Mass Intentions:

Jane Micallef (10/06/14), Cameron Hargreaves (15th anniversary), James Vella (02/05), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Michael McCormack (20/06/07), Kevin McCormack (04/05/19)

Recently Deceased:

Susan Foster (10/05/), Margaret Vella (11/05)

And for those who are sick:

Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.

PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6ISdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST MARGARET MARYS	Merrylands Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtu-MSyWUSnaAcA
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/ https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Seven Hills Parish	Streamed Mass over weekend to Facebook Live https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/206449013914284/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen*



Parramatta Diocesan News

PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATE

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and you are invited to return your boxes or envelopes to Mass or the Parish Office.

If you are unable to do this please contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdL0IM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

Positions Vacant:

- ⌘ Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta
- ⌘ Family Services and Administration Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – Applications close 26 June
- ⌘ Service Establishment Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – Applications close 26 June

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Institute for Mission

Formation opportunity for adults

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the IFM will operate under the relevant health authority guidelines. Part Two is being offered for free as a response to COVID-19 with limited spots available. For details and registration, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

Catholic Outlook Magazine June Edition

The June edition of our quarterly print magazine, *Catholic Outlook*, has been suspended due to COVID-19. You are still able to read and access the digital version of *Catholic Outlook* via catholicoutlook.org and <https://www.catholicoutlook.org/subscribe/>. Once Government restrictions have been fully lifted, the print production of *Catholic Outlook* will resume, with the next edition scheduled for September 2020.

Share your Good News Stories!



Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

Office For Worship Resources Available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for baptism or a collation of prayers can be purchased by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

CatholicCare is Still Open and Operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. To make a referral, call 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email – enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information.

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Out of School Hours Care

If you are adjusting to a new work routine and your normal care arrangements have been interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese's network of 27 Catholic Out of School Hours Care services are all open and accepting enrolments for children in Years K-6. For more information and bookings, please contact eyec@parra.catholic.edu.au

CYP Keeping Young People Safe Online

Youth Leaders, parents and interested adults are invited to join a free bespoke webinar for the Diocese of Parramatta with the eSafety Commissioners Office of the Australian Government. The webinar will be held on Tuesday 23 June, 7-8:30pm. They will explore strategies to ensure safe online activity with Zoom and other social media platforms. Register at <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

SRE Learning From Home

During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13. The lessons can be found at <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

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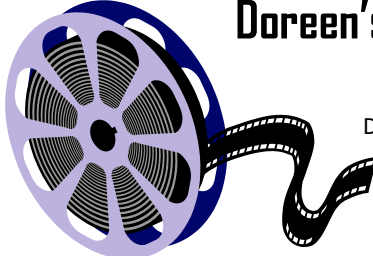
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