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**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**

**27TH & 28TH 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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PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

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# The Living Word

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2020

## First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

**(R.)** *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## Historical Context – A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

## Gospel Focus – Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' – a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

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## REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

### Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.



## 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

- \* How do you imagine Jesus' original audience might have reacted to this teaching?
- \* How might a person's faith place them in conflict with their family?
- \* What 'sacrifices' have you had to make to achieve something important in your life?
- \* What does it mean for you to 'welcome' the gospel messages of Jesus?

### Questions for Adults

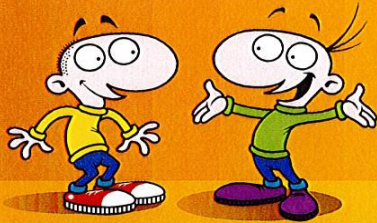
- \* What was your immediate reaction to hearing or reading this passage?
- \* When have you had to choose between conflicting priorities in your life?
- \* How might you 'offer a cup of water' and welcome a disciple who comes in an unlikely form?
- \* How might you discuss these 'hard teachings' of Jesus with a modern audience?



***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.***

- \* In today's gospel what did Jesus ask his disciples to do? (welcome people)
- \* How could they have made people feel welcome?
- \* Why do you think making people welcome was so important to Jesus?
- \* How does it make you feel when you are welcomed?
- \* Jesus asks us to welcome people. How can we do this?





# Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus says that by welcoming others, we will be rewarded. Draw a picture of yourself making someone feel welcome.



Write down some ways that you can make others feel welcome...



in your home



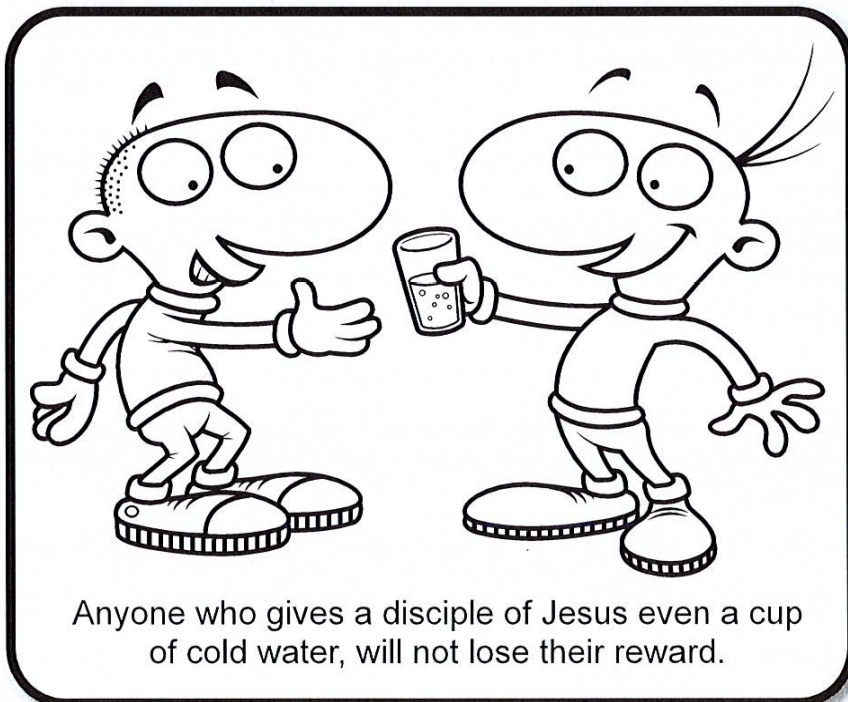
in school



in church

## Complete the Text Maze:

"Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."



Anyone who gives a disciple of Jesus even a cup of cold water, will not lose their reward.

START **A** N J T W I L K

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FINISH

## 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

At this stage, the Parish Office operating hours have not returned to normal. If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

### The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to submit suggestions in any of the following ways:

- Person to person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- Email to [corpuschristippc@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristippc@gmail.com), a direct email address to the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Letter mailed or hand delivered addressed to:  
The Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council  
Corpus Christi Parish  
PO Box 21, Cranebrook NSW 2749

Suggestion Box, located in the foyer of the Church.

*Please remember to include your name and contact number in case we need to contact you for any clarification or update.*

**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 – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223">https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223</a>
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6ISdw/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6ISdw/featured</a>
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/">https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/</a>
ST MARGARET MARYS	Merrylands Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtu-MSyWUSnaAcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtu-MSyWUSnaAcA</a>
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/">https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/</a>
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/">https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/">https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/</a>
OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Seven Hills Parish	Streamed Mass over weekend to Facebook Live <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/206449013914284/">https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/206449013914284/</a>
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/">https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/</a>

## 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](http://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](mailto:patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org)

## 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](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

## Office for Worship

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office For Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation course will recommence in August at both the Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Two workshops on Liturgical Ministry will also be provided in October at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Note: due to restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

## 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](mailto:enquiries@ccss.org.au) or visit [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au).

## 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](mailto:eyec@parra.catholic.edu.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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org)

## 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>

## Positions Vacant:

✻ Human Resources Adviser - Diocese of Parramatta  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Life, Marriage and Family Office

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will recommence their pre-marriage education courses from the weekend of 24th and 26th July 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.



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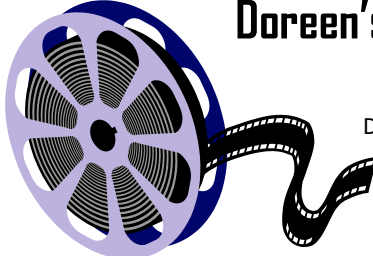
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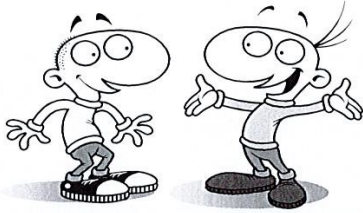
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# Solutions

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Complete the Text Maze:**  
 “Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.”

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