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**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**

**15TH & 16TH AUGUST,  
2020**

### WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

**THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.**

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell  
you are advised not to attend Mass.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)**

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM**

*You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.*

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

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS  
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

**100**

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING  
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# The Living Word

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th August, 2020

## First Reading

Is 56:1-6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the

reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

## From the perspective of ...

### A disciple.

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!



## Historical Context ...

### Who were the Canaanites?

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the 'Promised Land' they sought was the land of Canaan (approximately the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria and Lebanon). Here they were commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land. (Exodus 23:23-24) The Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By the time of Jesus, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been 'squeezed out' – predominantly to the north. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites and it is easy to see why there was tension between them.

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## REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate* On Catholic Dogs

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan woman* stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience



have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment.

This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August *The Maritime World*



We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why do you think Jesus first responded to the woman in the way he did?
- \* What turned Jesus' attitude around?
- \* What do you think the woman was thinking/feeling as she approached Jesus?
- \* What message would the followers of Jesus have taken from this event?
- \* What is the message of this Gospel passage for us today?

### Questions for Adults

- \* By inference, Jesus describes the Canaanites as 'dogs'. Who are the 'dogs' (the unworthy) in today's society?
- \* What motivated this Canaanite woman to approach Jesus, a Jew?
- \* In what ways have you ever turned to an unlikely source for help?
- \* The woman risked herself on her daughter's behalf. Who would you risk your reputation for?
- \* In what way/s does this story challenge you?

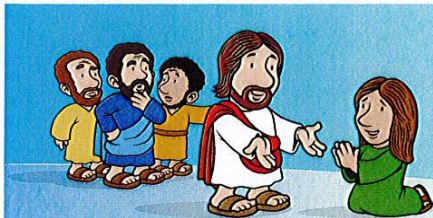
***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* What happened when the woman in today's gospel first called out to Jesus for help?
- \* Why do you think the disciples tried to turn her away?
- \* How did Jesus reward her faith?
- \* Have you ever heard of or seen people in need who have been turned away?
- \* How should we treat people who are in need or different to us?
- \* Let us pray that we will become more like Jesus and show kindness to all people.

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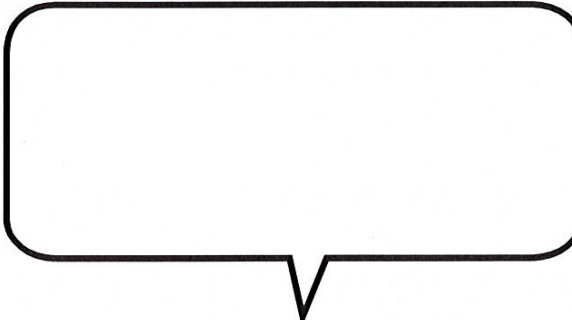






# The woman who had faith in Jesus

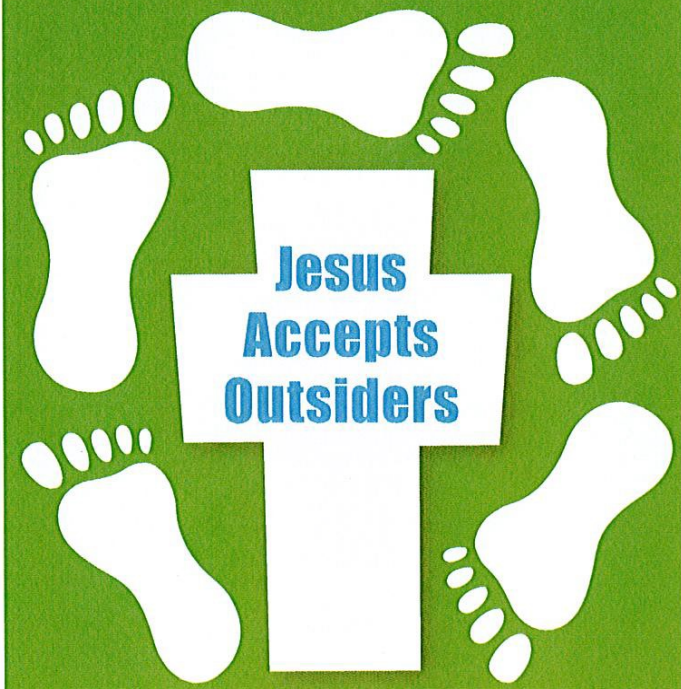
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Draw the Canaanite woman asking Jesus for help. Write down what the apostles and the woman each said to Jesus.



Who are the outcasts in our community?  
Write them in the footprints.



The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



\_\_\_\_\_, you have  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_  
be \_\_\_\_\_.

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faith                      Woman  
Let                      great



*Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.*

### First Eucharist Preparation Groups...

A reminder to parents that the second group session for First Eucharist will take place this week – Wednesday 19th August at 7pm; Thursday 20th August at 4pm and Saturday 22nd August at 9am. If you are unable to attend your session, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

### Final Preparation for First Eucharist

The final preparation for the children will take place on Friday 28th August from 3.30pm - 5.00pm in the school hall. It is really important that all children attend as it will be their only practice as a group.

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

### Ministry Roster

A Ministry Roster commencing weekend of 5th/6th September – 24th/25th October has been drafted and emailed to volunteers. If anyone who is a part of the ministry team did not receive the roster please contact the Parish office.

### 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.

**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.**

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Anniversaries:

Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/15), Bibiana Zahra (22/07/17)

#### Mass Intentions:

Cameron Hargreaves

#### Recently Deceased:

Paul Xiberras

#### 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.*

### 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/UC6FezbQbHtuMSyWUSnaAcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtuMSyWUSnaAcA</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

## Plenary Council Discernment Papers Released

You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org) to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

## Edmund Rice Centre Webinar with Bishop Vincent

Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as he addresses the climate emergency in the Pacific and how Australia should respond during an online webinar on **Wednesday 19th August from 6.30pm to 8pm**. The webinar, hosted by the Edmund Rice Centre, will also feature the former President of Kiribati. Registrations are essential, so please visit <https://www.erc.org.au/events> to receive the link to the webinar.

## Catholic Youth Parramatta

### Engaging Young People in New Ways

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.

## Institute for Mission Scripture Reflection Night: 18th August

The Institute for Mission is hosting a free online scripture reflection night with Dr Laurie Woods on Tuesday 18 August at 7pm. The livestream will be hosted on the Institute for Mission's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ifmconnect](https://www.facebook.com/ifmconnect). Registration is not required.

## Institute for Mission - Reflective Ministry Program available online

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. Register here to participate ONLINE <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on [grace.rocławska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.rocławska@ifm.org.au).

## 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)

## 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 RCIA Workshops

The Office For Worship will be running RCIA workshops for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. The workshops will run with limited numbers due to social distancing measures on four Monday evenings between 14th September and 19th October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 7 September, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or [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. Offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate 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](https://ccss.org.au).

## Social Justice COVID-19

### Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

## CEDP Safeguarding eSafety Commissioner Webinar

Catholic Education and the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards are partnering with the eSafety Commissioner for a series of free webinars for parents and carers. The first session, 'Helping Kids Thrive Online' (for children aged 5-12 years) will be held on Thursday 20th August from 12pm to 1pm. To register, please visit [bit.ly/30fPU4F](https://bit.ly/30fPU4F). For more information, please contact [safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au) or visit <https://safeguarding.org.au/prevention-education-and-training/>


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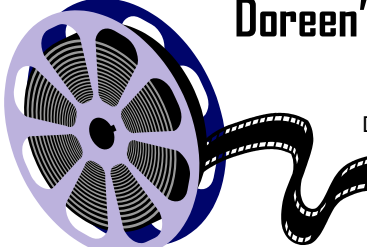
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# Solutions

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



**Woman**, you have  
**great faith**.  
**Let** your **wish**  
be **granted**.

granted

wish

faith

Woman

Let

great