



Visit our website: www.corpuschristi.org.au

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**26TH & 27TH SEPTEMBER,
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
AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**



As per government regulations, please observe the
4 square metre rule.

*Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances
for use upon entering and exiting the Church.*



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Address: 86-92 Andromeda Drive
Cranebrook, NSW, 2749

Postal: PO Box 21
Cranebrook, NSW, 2749

Phone: 4730 1249

Fax: 4729 2989

Email: parishteam@corpuschristi.org.au

Presbytery: 4730 6258

Office Hours: 9am - 3.30pm (Tues-Fri)

PARISH TEAM:

Fr Christopher Antwi-Boasiako -
Parish Priest

Christopher.Antwi-Boasiako@parracatholic.org
Mobile: 0415 505 594

Deacon Owen Rogers
- owen.rogers7@bigpond.com

Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary
- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament
Support

SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

The Living Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September, 2020

First Reading

Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and

a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Historical Context – Chief Priests and Tax Collectors

Only men of the Israelite tribe of Levi could become Priests and Levites. Men from the other eleven tribes were prohibited. It was not a religious 'call' but rather a fact of birth that led men to be priests. The chief priests and high priest performed all the rituals in the Temple in Jerusalem – it was they who performed sacrifices on behalf of others. They were very important and influential. Tax collectors were regarded poorly because they acted on behalf of the Romans – collecting revenue for an occupying and pagan force. They made their living by collecting extra amounts. They were looked down upon by most people.

Living the Gospel – Saying 'Yes!'

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.



The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from *The Psalms, A New Translation*, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the *Jerusalem Bible*, published and copyrighted 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.



REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

'No, no, no ... Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

— — — — —

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

— — — — —

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September



Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

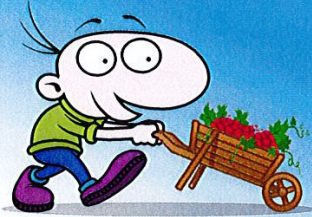
- * Why do you think the first son might have said 'No' but later did as his father asked?
- * Why do you think the second son might have said 'Yes' but not followed through?
- * When have you said 'Yes' to someone but not really intended to follow through?
- * Why do people say 'Yes' when they really don't want to do something?
- * In what ways have you said 'Yes' to God?

Questions for Adults

- * Which character in the gospel story do you relate to? Why?
- * In what ways have you ever said 'Yes' with your words but 'No' with your actions?
- * In what ways do people say 'Yes' to God but fail to follow through on their commitment?
- * What message for your life do you take from this week's gospel?

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 how many sons did the father have?
- * What did he ask them both to do?
- * What did the first son say?
- * But what did he do?
- * What did the second son say?
- * But what did he do?
- * Which son was good?
- * Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right.
- * Can you think of times when we may not have done what we said we would do?
- * How can we have a change of heart and do what is right?



Do the right thing

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Make Good Choices

Jesus asks us to make good choices. Circle the good choices and cross out the poor choices.

When my bedroom needs tidying, I should...



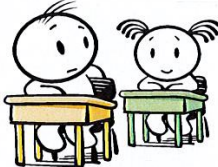
- ... go outside and play
- ... put some of my things away
- ... play with my computer
- ... sort out my rubbish

When I accidentally bump into someone, I should...



- ... tell them it was their fault
- ... say "I'm sorry"
- ... ask them if they are okay
- ... run away quickly

When someone new joins our class, I should...



- ... invite them to come and play
- ... look at them, but not talk to them
- ... ignore them completely
- ... welcome them to our class



Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that you know is the right thing to do.



Find out what Jesus said to the pharisees using the words to fill in the blanks.

I tell you, _____ will _____
the _____ of God before you!
For when _____ the _____
showed you how to do _____,
you did not _____ him.

right **kingdom**
Baptist **believe**
sinners **John** **enter**

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

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM,
NEW ENVELOPES FOR OCTOBER 2020 – APRIL 2021
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

Planned Giving...

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you are:

- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella, Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/15),

Recently Deceased:

Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Mary Pilley, 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.

Parish Office Hours



Parish Office operating hours have not yet 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.

Parish Gardening

Just a reminder to the people who have agreed to look after a section of the gardens around the church and parish grounds... can you please inspect your area for weeds, etc. If access is needed to work on the garden area please contact the parish office to arrange for the gate to be opened to gain access to the area.

If you require access outside of parish office hours you are welcome to contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

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

- In person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- Email to 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.



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/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
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 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

Blessing of the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St Patrick's Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16th Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal

Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Diocese of Parramatta celebrates the Season of Creation

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to comms@parracatholic.org by 25 September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

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.

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 a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

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 or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

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. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email – enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

Natural Fertility Services is still open

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone who has questions regarding marriage annulments. Please direct all enquires to the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org. The office is open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Online Discernment and Prayer Afternoon

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Schoenstatt Sisters and the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters warmly invite women aged 18-35 for an enjoyable afternoon of sharing and prayer on Saturday 10th October from 4pm. Each congregation will share who they are and impart wisdom on how to discern and pray. For more information and to register, contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com


*With many thanks to all these local businesses
who support our parish throughout the year.
Please consider supporting them when in need of these services...*



Michael Xiberras
0412 914 332

plumbing, drainage, gas fitting,
backflow prevention, roof plumbing

michael@smickplumbing.com.au Lic No: 246475C



**Services Provided:
Installation & Service of:**

- * Alarm Systems
- * CCTV
- * Video Intercom
- * All Electrical & Data Cabel-

Vic Xiberras
Alarm Technician
Lic. No. 407 563 753

Vic Xiberras: 0418 234 293
Dianne Xiberras: 0400 774 213
info@cranebrooksecurity.com.au
www.cranebrooksecurity.com.au

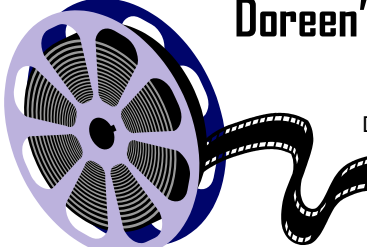
CHIROPRACTOR

Mary Anne Lowery
Doctor of Chiropractic & Osteopathy

For the treatment and prevention of:

- Back & neck pain
- Sporting injuries
- Headache
- Postural problems
- Whiplash injuries
- Sciatica

44 Castlereagh St Penrith • 4721 2143 • 0413 835 555



Doreen's Movie Transfer

Transfer all your Movies,
Films, Photos & Negatives to a
DVD, Blue Ray Disc, Memory Stick
or Portable Hard Drive.

Doreen Vella
Mobile: 0414 289 944

Bateman Battersby
L A W Y E R S

*We invite members of the parish to take advantage of our legal
services specialising in:*

Property Law, Business Law, Wills & Estates and Family Law.

Ph: 02 4731 5899
www.batemanbattersby.com.au



**NEPEAN VALLEY
FUNERALS**


Traditional Care with Dignity & Respect

Tel: 4722 8222 24hrs / 7 days
Local family owned and operated.

Shop 4 / 2-6 Castlereagh Street, Penrith



Catholic Cemeteries
& Crematoria
Care, Compassion, Choice



Nicholas Farrugia
0423 904 650

- ⇒ Domestic
- ⇒ Commercial
- ⇒ Industrial

Lic No: 254443C



Peter Betros
Sales Consultant - 0400 093 458

352 High Street Penrith
T 0247 284 000 F 0247 225 228

propertycentral
.com.au

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

Solutions

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Find out what Jesus said to the pharisees
using the words to fill in the blanks.

right kingdom
Baptist believe
sinners John enter