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SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER - YR B

8TH & 9TH MAY, 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for indoor venues (including places of worship), effective from 5pm, 6th May 2021 to 12am Monday 10th May 2021. The following rule changes apply for venues across Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Face Masks

Face masks will be made mandatory at all indoor venues (including places of worship) for the next three days.

Singing

There should be no singing at any indoor venues, including at a place of worship.

There has been no change to the number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services. The maximum number of people will continue to only be limited by the 2 square metre rule.

Thank you for your support during these times.

UPDATES TO WEEKEND MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES HAVE NOW REVERTED BACK TO PRE COVID-19 TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

& SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP ADHERE TO THE 2 SQUARE METRE RULE AND AS SUCH WE HAVE A LIMIT OF 150 PEOPLE.

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)

THURSDAY AT 9.10AM

FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 9.10AM

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

*****PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN IN**

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

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

150

PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.

Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances



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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

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

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

Parish News

If you receive an email from Fr Chris please check the email address as there have been some instances of spam emails with his name attached. If you have any queries please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

Junior Altar Server Training

Those children who put their names down expressing interest in becoming a junior altar server please meet on

MONDAY NIGHT 10TH MAY AT 6:30PM

IN THE CHURCH.



The Corpus Christi Youth Band is rostered on for the 4th Saturday of each month at the 6pm Mass.

If you can sing or play an instrument and you are between 13-23 we would love for you to join the band.

Please contact Rebecca Hocking on 0457 060 331 or Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553 to find out more.

Corpus Christi Website & Facebook

Please visit our website or Facebook page for up to date Parish and diocesan news.

Website:

www.corpuschristi.org.au

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook

Parish Ministries...

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office.

First Communion and Confirmation Photos

There are still First Communion and Confirmation photos from last year (2020) that have not been collected. If your child received either of these sacraments last year and you haven't yet done so, please pick up the photos from the Parish Office during office hours.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after Communion Service.

Come along, share some stories and enjoy the company.



Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!

If you would like some more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Advertising in The Net...

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months or there is the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

Sacrament of First Communion 2021

We have received a number of enquiries from parishioners regarding First Communion dates for this year.

The First Communion Program for all children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March this year will commence soon in our parish.

All parents wanting their child to participate in the First Communion program are required to

pick up your child's enrolment pack on Wednesday 21st July between 6.30pm – 7.30pm from the church.

Please note that all the information needed will be included in the pack.

Dates for the Sacrament are 14th/15th August & 21st/22nd August.

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, 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.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2021

Supporting the Seminarians and the Holy Spirit Seminary

PRE-APPEAL WEEKEND

SATURDAY 22ND AND SUNDAY 23RD MAY

APPEAL WEEKEND

SATURDAY 29TH AND SUNDAY 30TH MAY

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

John Lowery, Robyn Toose (06/04), Sam Vassallo

Anniversaries:

Margaret Sullivan (11/05/20)

Mass Intentions:

Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

And for those who are sick:

Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg

Mother's Day Remembrance



We especially remember all mothers who have gone from this life and give thanks for their influence of faith and love. May the Lord reward all of our loved mums who have gone from this life with peace and joy.

Diocesan News

Bishop Vincent's Pastoral Letter on the Proposed Parental Rights Bill

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill.

The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

Positions Vacant:

- Head: Formation for Mission – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday 10 May**
- Head: Mission Engagement – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday 10 May.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers.

Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Heart of Creation Reflection Day

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are hosting a day retreat on the Ignatian understanding of Creation on

Sunday 23rd May from 9am to 3pm at the Winbourne Function and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa.

The retreat will use imagery, story and creative ways to explore our experience of the gift of creation. Registration is \$90, with morning tea provided and BYO lunch.

To book, visit <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/2957/> and for more information, contact info@jisa.org.au

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is taking bookings for 2021

As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal.

For more information, please call (02) 4773 8338, email info@schoenstatt.org.au or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au



Covid-19 Vaccination

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

National Catholic Men's Gathering

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The gathering aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Register for free at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Glenbrook Parish Women's Retreat: 12 June

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship.

It will be held at the parish on **12th June from 8.30am to 8.30pm**. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvmlqkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email beloved2021info@gmail.com

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Catholic Theological College Engaging Your Faith Series

The Catholic Theological College is hosting a series of online lectures via Zoom on Engaging Your Faith from 11th to 31st May.

The Engaging Your Faith offers short sessions on a variety of topics including: Spirituality, Women in the Early Church and The Eucharist. Sessions are \$20 each. Registration is essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=747351&>.

For further information, contact Rose Sultana, Academic Records Office on (03) 9412 3307 or rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9th May 2021

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**



Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made

known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'



Thank God for Mother's Love

*There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from
God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.*

*A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.*

*God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.*

*When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.*

*Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.*



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

Universal intention - The world of finance



Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * What does it mean when Jesus tells his disciples to 'remain in my love'?
- * What role does Jesus play in linking God's love to the world?
- * Why is it significant that Jesus gave this message to his disciples at the Last Supper?
- * Is it possible to love others without having love for yourself?
- * Who do you find it difficult to feel compassionate love towards?

Questions for Adults

- * Where does Jesus' enormous capacity to love come from?
- * Is the sort of love that Jesus spoke of really possible?
- * When have you felt a non-romantic love for someone else?
- * What situation in your life would be changed if you responded out of love?

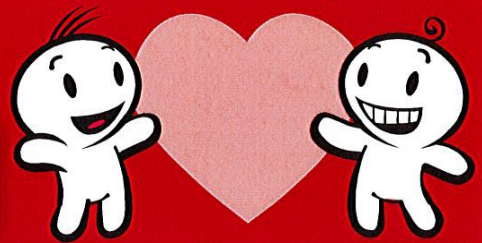
This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * Who are the people you love?
- * How do you show you love them?
- * In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to love each other as he loves us.
- * How can we love others like Jesus loves us?
- * We can love others by putting other people's needs before our own.
- * In what ways can we put others' needs before our own needs?
- * We pray that we will show love for each other as Jesus loves us.



Love one another as I have loved you

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B



The people I love are...

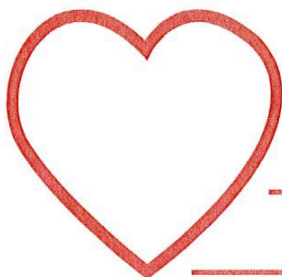
Draw some pictures of the people you love and write a little bit about each of them.



Jesus is my friend...









Jesus is our friend. He loves us so much that he was prepared to give up his life for us. What are some things you can do to show Jesus that you are his friend?



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FINISH



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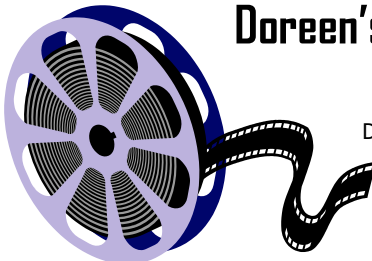
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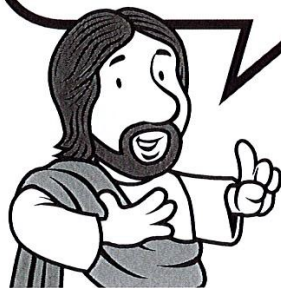
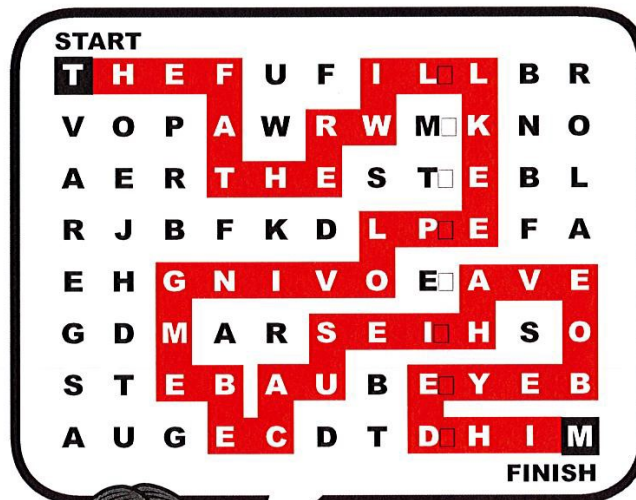
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