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22ND & 23RD MAY, 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

NSW Health has eased the restrictions that were put in place for indoor venues (including places of worship) regarding singing and face masks. The below relaxed restrictions will apply from Monday 17 May 2021.

Face Masks

Wearing of face masks at places of worship continues to be strongly recommended, especially indoors and where physical distancing is not possible. However, it will no longer be compulsory to wear a face mask at places of worship.

Singing

There will be no restrictions on choirs and congregational singing at places of worship.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

COVID-19 Safety Plans are still required at all religious venues. Parishes need to comply with their COVID-19 Safety Plans. The number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services will continue to only be limited by the 2 square metre rule.

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 for use upon entering and exiting the Church.



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

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

Parish News

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.*

**Altar Server Training will occur on
Monday 7th June beginning at 6:30pm
in the church.**

CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

Are you willing to share your faith journey?

**Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, at uni or
a shift worker we need you!!!**

What's Involved?

- * Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

What do I need?

- * An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

What help will I get?

- * Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.
- * A teacher's manual containing easy to follow lesson plans.
- * Student activity books for each child.
- * Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant or to find out more information contact Marie at the Parish Office.

Corpus Christi Website & Facebook

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

Website:

www.corpuschristi.org.au

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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.

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.

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

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**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.

New Ministry Roster...

A huge thank you to all who support our Parish of Corpus Christi by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated.

✽ **We are about to start preparing the Roster to cover the period 12th/13th June to 28th/29th August.** Would all those in rostered Ministries please advise Marie or Sue at the office by phone or email **before Tuesday 25th May** of any planned absences or non-availability during that period.

✽ If anyone who is not on the roster would like to be involved in the parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the parish office. Thank you.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

John Lowery, Joseph O'Neill (*brother of Brian O'Neill*), Sam Vassallo

Anniversaries:

Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Margaret Sullivan (11/05/20), Sr Merylin Browne (12/05/2019)

Mass Intentions:

Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

And for those who are sick:

Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



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/>

IFM Online Pentecost Scripture Night

The Institute for Mission invites you online to enjoy scripture presenter Dr Michele Connolly rsj as she revisits Pentecost's readings on Tuesday 25th May at 7pm.

Register now via www.tinyurl.com/ifmrego. Please feel free to speak to any of the IFM Team on (02) 9296 6369 if you require any further information or send us an email to connect@ifm.org.au.

Journey of Faith: 28th May – 25th June

You are invited to a short course on spirituality to reflect on your image of God and how God is present in your life as well as to explore faith through the ages, using input, song, ritual and prayer.

These sessions, facilitated by Cecilia Zammit, will be held from

10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown.

BYO lunch and your bible. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

'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

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.

Community Visitors Scheme

Volunteers Needed

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

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

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

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>



The Living Word

Pentecost Sunday

23rd May 2021



First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

Gal 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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

- * In what ways was the Pentecost experience, 50 days after Easter, the 'right time' for the disciples?
- * What emotions may the disciples have felt on that day?
- * How would you have reacted if you were in the disciples' place?
- * What is the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
- * Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

Questions for Adults

- * What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?
- * What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?
- * Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?
- * Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action?
- * Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

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.

- * Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit.
- * Who do you know who is a Spirit-filled person?
- * What sort of things show that a person is Spirit-filled?
- * Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so that we may be Spirit filled.

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We are filled with the Holy Spirit

Pentecost Sunday, Year A, B and C



The Spirit Brings

LOVE

I can show love by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

PEACE

I can be a peacemaker by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

JOY

I can show joy by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

Draw a picture of someone you know who is filled with the Holy Spirit - it could even be yourself!



Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.

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⚡ = D	π = I	≡ = S
△ = E	∪ = L	⊖ = T
∩ = F	⊖ = N	> = U
∞ = G	∩ = O	⚡ = W

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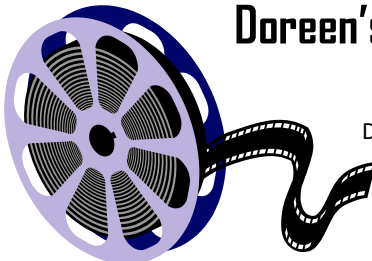
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GOD HAS DONE
       

WONDERFUL THINGS!
              