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**29TH & 30TH 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 17th 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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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 take place  
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](http://www.corpuschristi.org.au)

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[www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook](https://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..

## 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*

**SATURDAY 29TH AND SUNDAY 30TH MAY**

At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community.

Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at:

[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

**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.

**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.*

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

**Recently Deceased:**

John Lowery, Joseph 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/>

## Journey of Faith: 28 May – 25 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](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org) or phone (02) 8838 3486.

## Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr John Collins and Dr Michael Tan

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Dr John Collins and Dr Michael Tan at

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on  
11th June at 7.30pm.**

Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the Ordination. The Mass will be livestreamed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRqZaG81glo>

## '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](http://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](http://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 Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

## CatholicCare Blacktown

### Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@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](http://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/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>.

For enquiries, email [beloved2021info@gmail.com](mailto:beloved2021info@gmail.com)

## Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

You are invited to attend a social justice reflection evening jointly hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Wednesday 30 June from 6pm. The reflection evening will discuss the ACBC's 2020-21 Social Justice Statement '*To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today*'. RSVP by 16 June to this free event by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048>

### 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

The Most Holy Trinity

30th May 2021

## First Reading

Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

*(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*

With his word the heavens were made by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. *(R.)*

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

## Second Reading

Rom 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

## Gospel Acclamation

See Rv 1:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



## Living the Gospel –

### The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

## Have you thought?

### Mystery

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Full Picture

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!

## 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 is the belief about God that is expressed as 'Trinity'?
- \* What confusion can be caused by the belief in the Trinity?
- \* In what ways is this Sunday good 'timing' for a celebration of Trinity Sunday?
- \* How might Christianity be changed if we did not accept the three-fold nature of God?
- \* What are some images that have been used to describe the Trinity?

### Questions for Adults

- \* Why might non-Christians find the idea of 'Trinity' a difficult concept?
- \* What consequences would follow if we did not believe that Jesus was 'God from God'?
- \* What image of Trinity do you find helpful?
- \* How does the concept of Trinity help explain the different experiences of God throughout time?
- \* Do you think that most Christian people understand the teaching on Trinity?

***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 are some of the earliest things you remember when you were very small?
- \* In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that he is with us always, in the past, in the present and in the future.
- \* Who are the three persons in one God?
- \* How can we praise God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all that we have been given?
- \* God calls us his sons and daughters. As the children of God, how do we show the Spirit of God is working in us?
- \* We pray that we will grow to love the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit more by what we say and do.





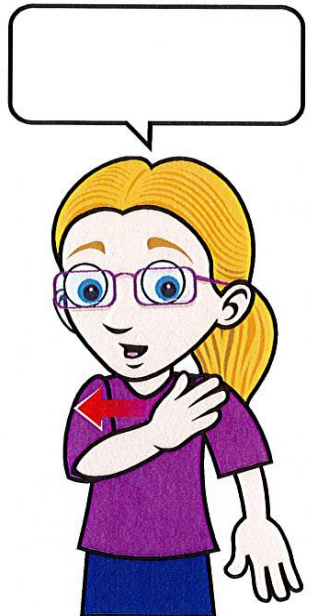
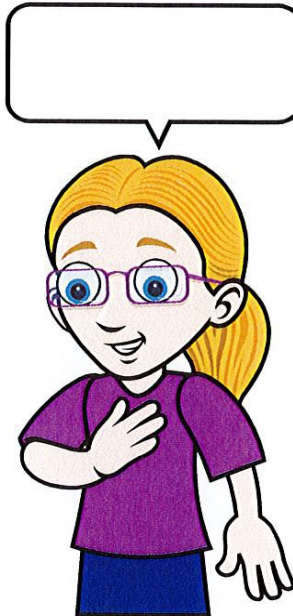
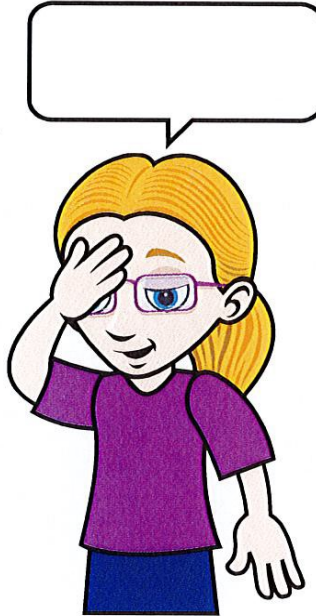
**I will be with you always**

### Trinity Sunday, Year B

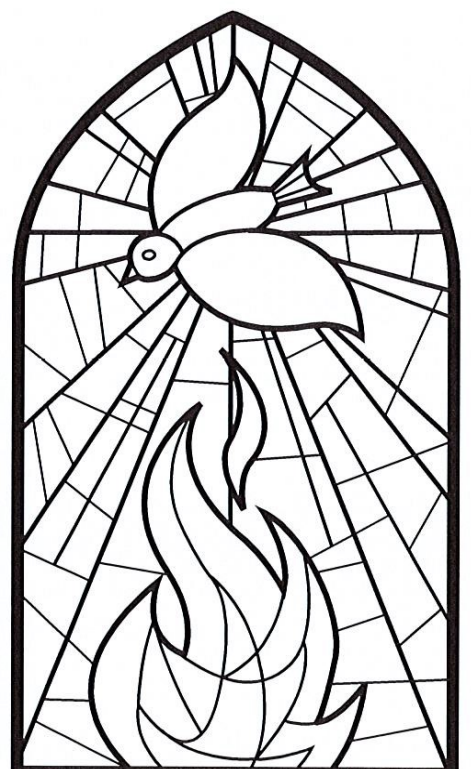
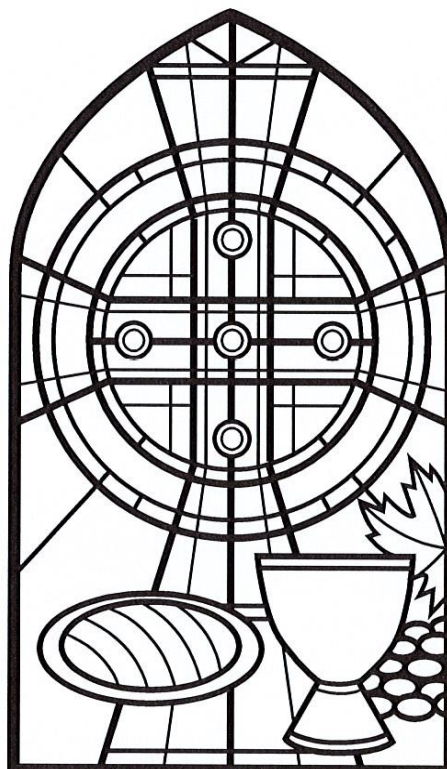
There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity. That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

### How do I make the Sign of the Cross?

1. Using your right hand, touch your forehead and say....  
(fill in the 1st speech balloon)
2. Touch your chest near your heart and say....  
(fill in the 2nd speech balloon)
3. Touch your left shoulder, then your right shoulder and say....  
(fill in the 3rd speech balloon)



When and where do we use the Sign of the Cross?

Colour in the Trinity stained glass windows.



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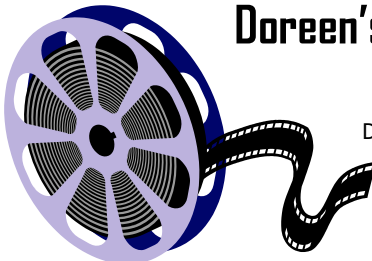
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