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5TH & 6TH JUNE, 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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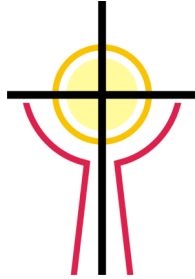
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Parish News

Happy Feast Day to Each of You!

Thank you for being the gift you are to our
Parish Community...



*This is what I received from the Lord,
and in turn passed on to you:
that on the same night that he was betrayed,
the Lord Jesus took some bread,
and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said,
'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.'
In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said,
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'
Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread
and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 at 6:30pm in the church.**



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..

CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

*Are you willing to share your faith journey?
Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired,
at university 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 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

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.

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.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

John Lowery, Joseph O'Neill, Sam Vassallo

Anniversaries:

Emma Gavin (19/06/17), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Margaret Sullivan (11/05/20), Sr Merylin Browne

Mass Intentions:

Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

And for those who are sick:

Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



Diocesan News

Safe Parishes Week



Find out how we are making our parishes safer. The Diocese of Parramatta starts its inaugural Safe Parishes Week this Sunday 6 June. During the week, we will be featuring online talks, posts and articles on how everyone in our parishes in the Diocese is working towards a Church that keeps everyone safe. Find out what's happening at catholicoutlook.org/safeparishesweek2021

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/>

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

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 Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au.

Positions Vacant

- Private Secretary to the Bishop of Parramatta – Secretary to the Vicars General –

Applications for both positions close Monday 14 June

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

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, Register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>.

For enquiries, email 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 Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

6th June 2021

First Reading

Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before
all his people. **(R.)**



Second Reading

Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water.

Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



Gospel Focus – Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A Tale of Two Scarves

I have met the Dalai Lama, obviously an admirable man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believes that, after his death, there could be a further phase of existence as an insect or an animal.

Contrast Jesus of Nazareth, a man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believed, and staked his life on it, that he would lead a glorified, fully human existence after death. There would be no extinguishing of his personality, but rather, it would be enhanced. He was vindicated in the Resurrection.

As St John Paul II put it, at the Last Supper, Our Lord gave us a sacramental way of eating and drinking and 'digest [ing] the secret of the Resurrection', what St Ignatius of Antioch called, 'the medicine of immortality, an antidote to death'.

Our Lord chose bread and wine to convey his Real Presence into us. It is the first course of the marriage feast of Heaven, but it has a beneficial effect on our earthly stage of existence. Bread nourishes us and wine gladdens our hearts. Our Lord shares his risen and glorified life with us because he wants to nourish us and gladden our hearts.

We may take a moment to pray that we will share the marriage feast of Heaven with those we especially love, and those for whom heavenly existence will be a life-enhancing surprise. Let us pray for His Holiness the Dalai Lama that he may find himself alongside Pope Francis in the everlasting joy of Heaven.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June



Intention for evangelization -

The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community:

may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * How might the disciples have reacted to Jesus' words and actions at the Last Supper?
- * In what ways did Jesus' actions make a 'new covenant' between God and the people?
- * What are the key elements of a covenant?
- * How do Christian people maintain the new covenant Jesus declared?

Questions for Adults

- * What does this gospel passage reveal about the Jewish foundations of Christianity?
- * How was Jesus' use of blood to make a covenant different from the traditional understanding?
- * What was the new covenant that Jesus established?
- * How have ways of showing respect and reverence for the body and blood of Christ changed over time?

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 do you invite when you share a meal?
- * Who does Jesus invite to share in his sacred meal?
- * What are some of the things we do at this sacred meal the Mass? (e.g. listen to God's Word, bring forward gifts, sing, pray, join in processions etc)
- * Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. What can we thank God for in the Eucharist today?

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This is my body



This is my blood

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During Mass we share in a sacred meal called the Eucharist, which means 'to give thanks'. In the chalice, write down some things which we can be thankful for. In the bread, draw a picture of your family sharing a special meal.



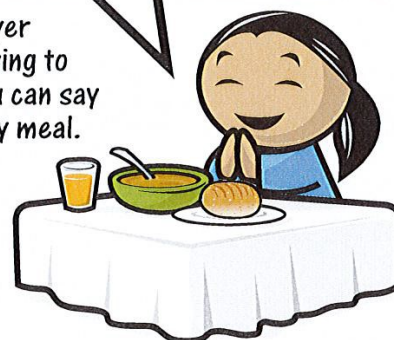
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Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.




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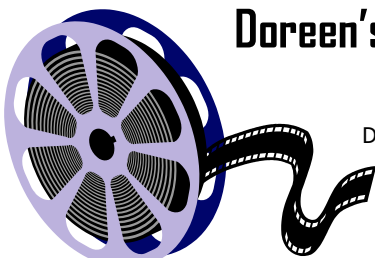
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