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**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B**

**12TH & 13TH 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.*

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### RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

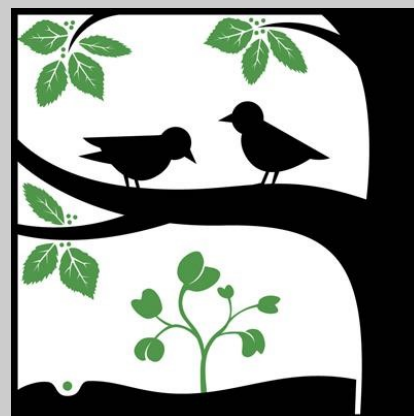
Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**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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(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.*

## 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](http://www.corpuschristi.org.au)

#### Facebook:

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

**Thank you very much for your  
valued support of our  
Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal  
raising funds to support our seminarians to  
prepare for the priesthood.**

**Our parish of Corpus Christi donated  
\$3192.60.**

## 'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

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

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.

**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:

Charlie Vassallo, Joseph O'Neill, Sam Vassallo

### Anniversaries:

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

### Mass Intentions:

Jovito Jr, Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

### And for those who are sick:

Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



# Diocesan News

## Catholic Outlook Magazine Book Giveaway

With thanks to Catholic Healthcare, the Winter 2021 edition of the *Catholic Outlook* Magazine is giving away three copies of the wonderful book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time by Pope Francis and Friends" just in time for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Entries are now open until **15 July 2021**. Pick up your copy of Catholic Outlook to get details of how to enter today!



## Safe Parishes Week

This last week was Safe Parishes Week, when we promoted initiatives for building safe parishes. Find out about training, policies, tools and more we have available in the Diocese at <https://catholicoutlook.org/safe-parishes-week/>

## Positions Vacant

- Private Secretary to the Bishop of Parramatta – Secretary to the Vicars General – **Applications for both positions close Monday 14 June**
  - Parish Secretary (part-time) – Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham-Warragamba – **Applications close Tuesday 15 June**
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## 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.

## 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 13 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking will be available at the Cathedral and overflow carpark. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org)

## Manage your Fertility Naturally!



Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? **Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta** might just have the answers you're searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or [catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org](mailto:catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

## Office for Worship

### RCIA Teams Formation Sessions

The Office For Worship will be running a series of formation sessions for RCIA coordinators and teams in parishes.

**The sessions will take place in the evenings and will run over 5 weeks, beginning on Wednesday 21st July 2021.** If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

## 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](mailto:deb.woolacott@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 Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto: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](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

## 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 16th June to this free event by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048>



# The Living Word

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

13th June 2021

## First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**



## Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the

soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



## Living the Gospel – Seed on the land

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

## Gospel Focus – The Kingdom of God

The references to the kingdom of God in the gospels always carry a paradox. It exists in the present, yet is something to be achieved in the future. It is here, but not yet. If we live 'as if' we are living in the kingdom here and now then we hasten its coming. The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as nothing in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Sowing of the Seed

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

## 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

- \* What comparison is being made between the kingdom of God and the seed growing night and day?
- \* What is a literal interpretation of the parable of the mustard seed?
- \* How does knowing some of the social context of a passage help in understanding and interpreting?
- \* Why do you think Jesus so often taught through parables?
- \* Why might Jesus have avoided a direct description of the kingdom of God?

### Questions for Adults

- \* What messages about the kingdom of God do the two parables relate?
- \* Why might Jesus have used the device of comparing the kingdom to familiar images?
- \* Why is it important to have a contextual understanding of scripture?
- \* What image could you use to describe the kingdom of God?
- \* What is your understanding of the kingdom of God?

***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.***

- \* How do you help a small plant grow strong and healthy?
- \* How can you help your faith in God grow strong and healthy?
- \* Why are crops and trees and all kinds of plants important?
- \* What do you think God's kingdom is like?

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# The smallest seed becomes the biggest shrub

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



## What is God's Kingdom like?

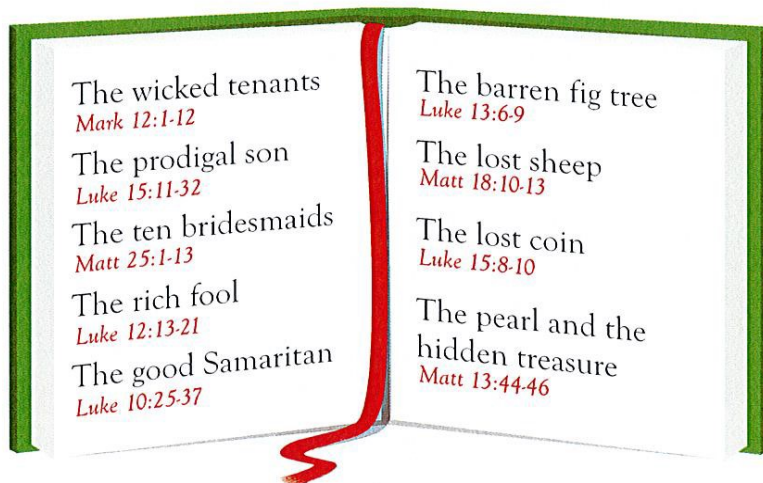
Jesus described the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed - the smallest of seeds! - but once planted, it grows into the biggest of shrubs. What do you imagine the Kingdom of God to be like? Write or draw your answers



## MUSTARD SEED

How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?


Jesus used parables to help explain his teachings to people. Draw a picture from any one of the following parables...




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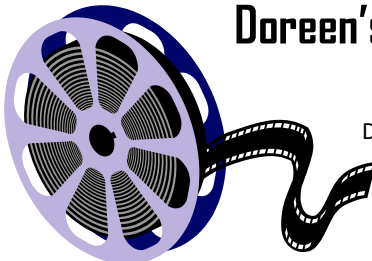
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