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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B

3RD & 4TH JULY, 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

Places of Worship and Religious Services
DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS
ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

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Funerals

Funerals are still permitted with a maximum number of 100 attendees. If the funeral takes place in a church building the social distancing rules must be observed and will be limited by the 4 square metre rule. During this period, it is recommended that a simple grave side service be held or using the crematorium chapel with a small number of mourners (very immediate family) only. A memorial Mass when the current crisis is declared over can be held later.

NSW Health continues to mandate that face masks are to be worn at all indoor venues, including places of worship.

Weddings

Weddings are now on hold until further notice.

Live Streaming

Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.

Parish office Hours

During this time of church closure the parish office will remain open at reduced hours. You are welcome to telephone or email and please leave a message if we don't answer the phone and we will get back to you.

In case you need any pastoral support please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.



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

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

Sacrament of First Communion 2021

Please watch this space.

We are waiting on updates from the government regarding restrictions and how they will affect the sacrament program.

Dates have been put on hold until further notice.

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.

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:

Magda Ghali (14/06 – Adel Ghal's sister), 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

Office for Worship

RCIA Teams Formation Sessions

The Office For Worship will be running 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.

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!

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.

Annulment Information Webinar: 21 July

The Diocese of Parramatta's Tribunal Office, together with CatholicCare Solo Parent Services, are presenting an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. The event will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21 July from 7pm to 9pm.

Registration is essential. For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal Office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

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 & Marriage Office's Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 13th 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

Reflective Ministry 2021 -

Diocesan Formation Opportunity

Limited face-to-face seating for the Reflective Ministry formation program due to commence in August 2021. Explore Scripture and fundamental themes within Pastoral Theology through this diocesan leadership program, ideal for those serving in Catholic communities.

Expressions of interest close 3 August via tinyurl.com/RMIFM. For further enquiries, contact Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org

The Living Word

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th July 2021

First Reading

Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. *(R.)*

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. *(R.)*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. *(R.)*

Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not ac-

cept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Living the Gospel – Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

Have you thought? Brothers of Jesus

The reference to the brothers of Jesus has caused a lot of controversy in the past and continues to do so. One opinion, now regarded as heresy, was that these brothers were the younger children of Mary and Joseph. Another argument, grounded in the apocryphal gospels of Peter and James, maintains that they were Joseph's sons by an earlier marriage. The view generally held is that they were actually cousins of Jesus. The problem appears to arise because of a problem in translation from one language to another. The original Aramaic word was translated into a Greek word for brothers, or brethren.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Home town crowds and 'mighty works'

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

Universal intention - Social friendship



We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * What might the townspeople have thought when they saw Jesus teaching in their synagogue?
- * How might the disciples have reacted when they saw the reception Jesus was given?
- * Why is it difficult to acknowledge the achievements of someone we've grown up with?
- * What lesson for your own life can you take from this scripture passage?
- * Have you ever learnt something from an unexpected source?

Questions for Adults

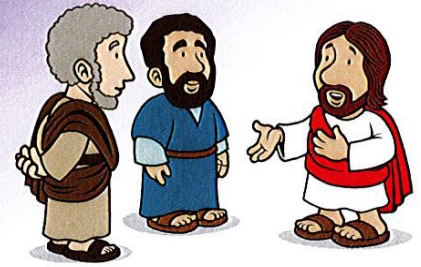
- * Have you ever had an experience like that of Jesus when he returned home?
- * Have you ever reacted to an old friend in the way Jesus' childhood neighbours did?
- * Have you experienced an unlikely or unexpected encounter with the presence of God?
- * Why do some people find change and growth threatening?
- * What do you feel is the message of this passage for a contemporary audience?

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.

- * In today's gospel where did Jesus travel to?
- * When Jesus began speaking to the people of his hometown how did they react to him?
- * Why do you think they reacted to Jesus in such a bad way?
- * People in his hometown couldn't believe that Jesus was anybody special.
- * Do you think that could happen to a person in your class or in your family? Why?
- * We pray this week that we will always be aware of people's goodness, no matter who they are.



How can Jesus do all of this?



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Draw a picture of each member of your family and write a word that best describes that person.

MY FAMILY



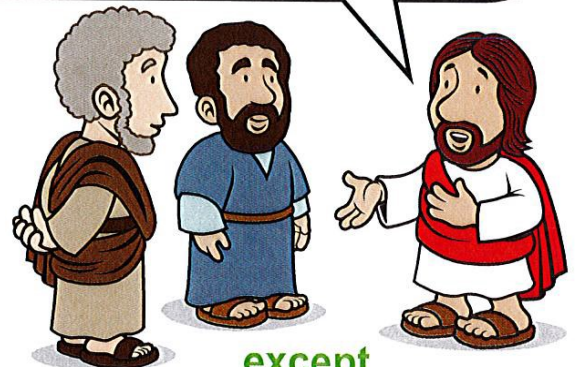
Jesus did remarkable things during his life, except in his hometown. Draw or write about some of the amazing things that Jesus did.



Complete Jesus' teaching by using the words below.

_____ are

everywhere _____
in their _____.



except
hometown honoured prophets

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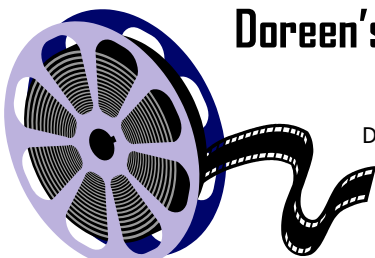
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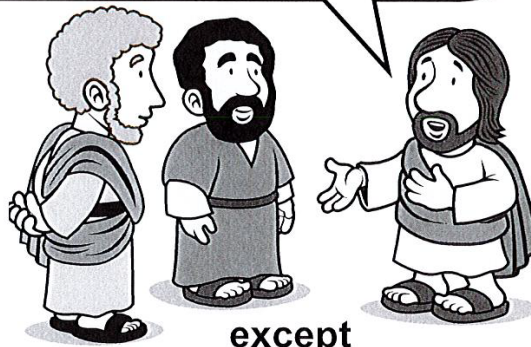
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Solutions

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Complete Jesus' teaching by using the words below.

Prophets are
honoured
everywhere **except**
in their **hometown**.



except
hometown honoured prophets