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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B

10TH & 11TH 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.

**"Being a disciple means
 being constantly ready
 to bring the love of Jesus to
 others, and this can happen
 unexpectedly and in any place."**

~ Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel



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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

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,
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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:

Bibiana Zahrs (22/07), 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:

Esther Rodgers, 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.

Office for Worship

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be running a second time in August. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org; or download the August 2021 enrolment form via officeforworship.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.

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.

The Living Word

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First Reading

Am 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*



Second Reading

Eph 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation

See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses.

They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



Living the Gospel – Travelling Light

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

Have you thought? Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Big Picture sets you free

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you*, 'God chose you in Christ'.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

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

- * Why did Jesus call the disciples together before sending them out?
- * What was significant about Jesus' instructions for what the disciples should and should not take?
- * Why were the disciples instructed to rely on the hospitality of those they met?
- * What does missionary activity (spreading the Good News) 'look like' today?
- * How can you continue the mission Jesus entrusted to the twelve?

Questions for Adults

- * What does this gospel say about missionary activity?
- * What aspects of the gospel are challenging for your own life / lifestyle?
- * What sign is intended when Jesus tells the disciples to shake off the dust from an unwelcoming town?
- * What is the importance of 'going out in pairs' when undertaking mission and ministry?
- * With what ministry of the Church could you become more involved?

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 your favourite things?
- * Which of these things do you really need?
- * In today's Gospel Jesus told his disciples not to worry about taking things with them and sent them out to tell the Good news.
- * Why would Jesus tell them not to worry about taking too many belongings with them?
- * Jesus wanted to remind his disciples that preaching the good news was their most important task.
- * We are Jesus' disciples. What are our important tasks?

Believe in the message of God

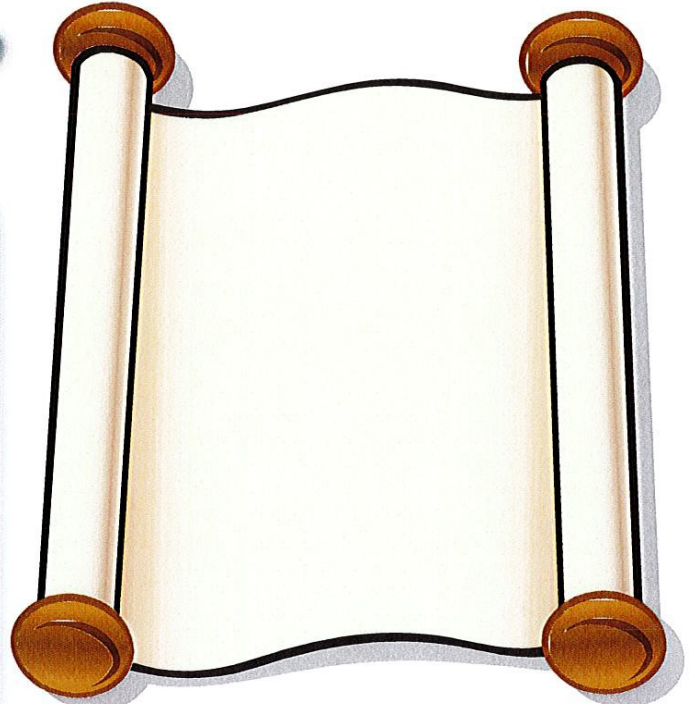


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Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. If this happened to you, who would you take as your partner? Write their name and why you would take them with you and draw their picture.

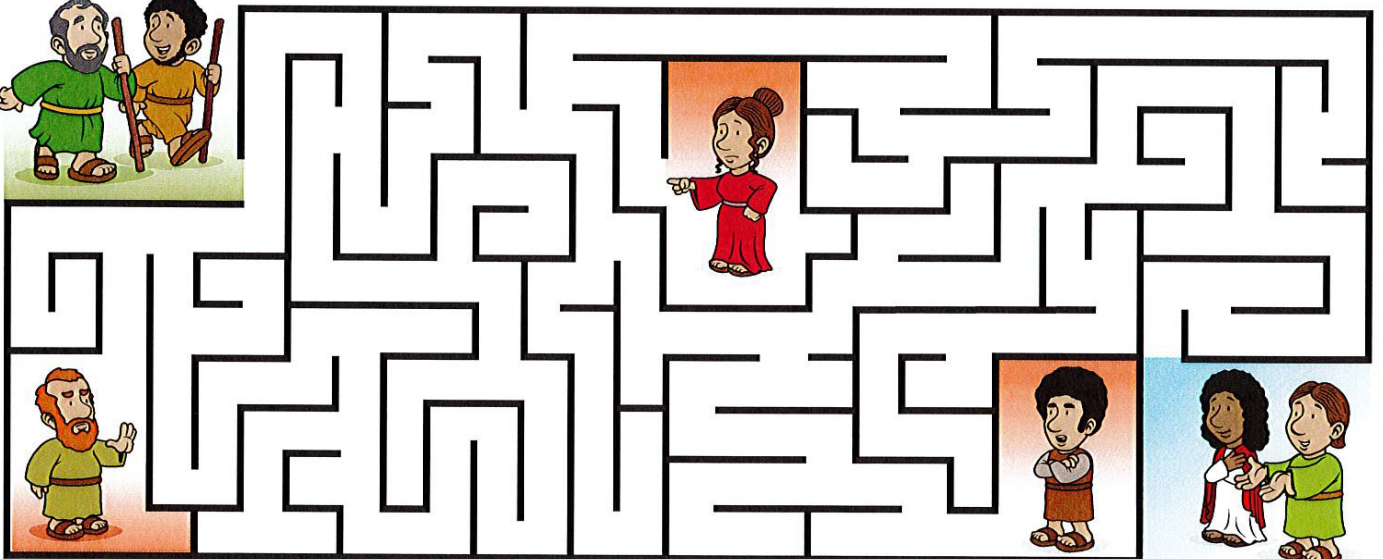


I would take _____ with me
because _____



If Jesus sent you out to proclaim his Good News, what would you tell people? Write or draw your answer in the scroll above.

Peter and John are on their way to spread God's message to others. Help them find their way through the maze where they will find people who will welcome them and listen to their message. Keep an eye out for those who look unwilling to listen!



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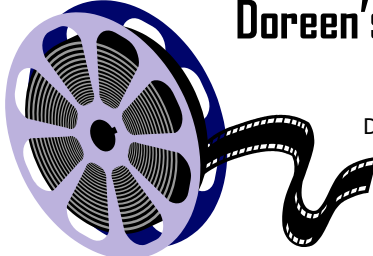
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