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17TH & 18TH 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.

NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings. Fines can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

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www.corpuschristi.org.au

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Funerals

Funerals are permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only.
If the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed and face masks must be worn.

Weddings

Weddings are now on hold until further notice.

Live Streaming

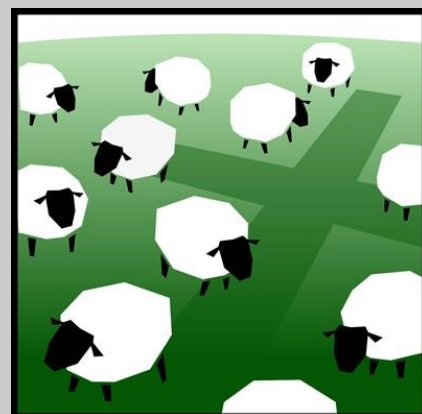
Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

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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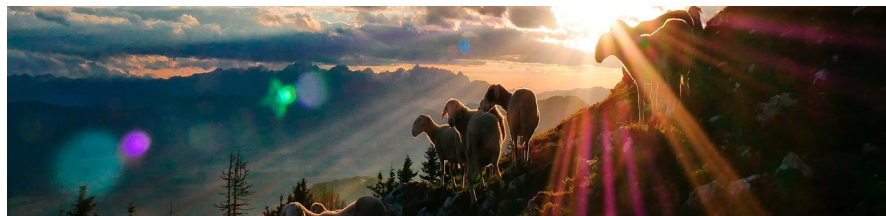
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Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament
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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

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

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



Parish News

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

Sharing our faith with the children of our parish community is a very rewarding opportunity. This period of staying at home is a perfect time to reflect on your faith and consider sharing your journey with Christ with the children in our government schools.

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 once our Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information please contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

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.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Magda Ghali (14/06 – Adel Ghal's sister), Charlie Vassallo, Joseph O'Neill, Sam Vassallo

Anniversaries:

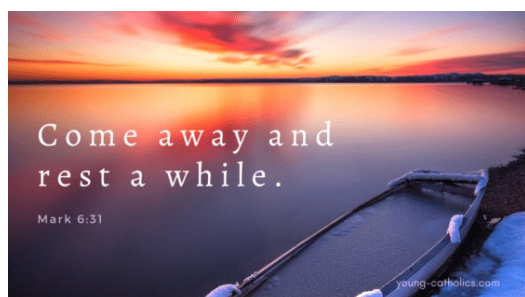
Bibiana Zahrs (22/07), Emma Gavin (19/06/17), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Margaret Sullivan (11/05/20)

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



Diocesan News

'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

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. 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 officefor-worship.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.

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

18th July 2021

First Reading

Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear. You are there with
your crook and your staff, with these
you give me comfort. *(R.)*

You have prepared a banquet for me in
the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for
ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



Have you thought?

Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Dividing Walls of Enmity

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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 was Jesus keen for the disciples to go away to a lonely place?
- * Why did Jesus abandon his plans and respond to the crowds?
- * What benefits can flow from taking time for reflection and prayer?
- * Where and when do you create time for quiet and reflection in your life?
- * How might you better do this?

Questions for Adults

- * What experiences have you had of engaging in reflection / prayer / meditation?
- * Where do you find it convenient / appropriate / helpful to take reflective time?
- * What impact can be made by taking time out of a busy life to reflect and pray?
- * How can you better create time for quiet and reflection?

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 are the people who care for you?
- * How do they show they care for you?
- * How do you show you care for all people, not just your friends?
- * In today's Gospel Jesus changes his plans because he felt sorry for the people who wanted to see him.
- * How can we put other people before our own needs?
- * We pray that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will guide us so that we can show care for others.

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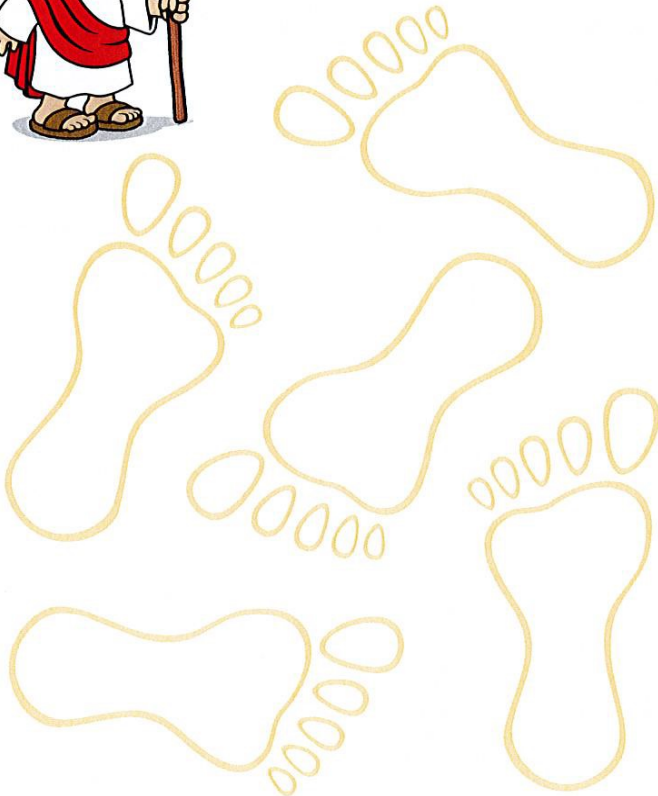


Jesus taught the sheep of his flock

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Jesus was a shepherd, a leader, a teacher and a helper to his followers. In the footprints, write the names of people you know who care about others the way Jesus did.



Jesus taught them many things

What did Jesus teach people?
Answer True or False to the following

"Love your neighbour" _____

"Punish those who dislike you" _____

"I am the wine of life" _____

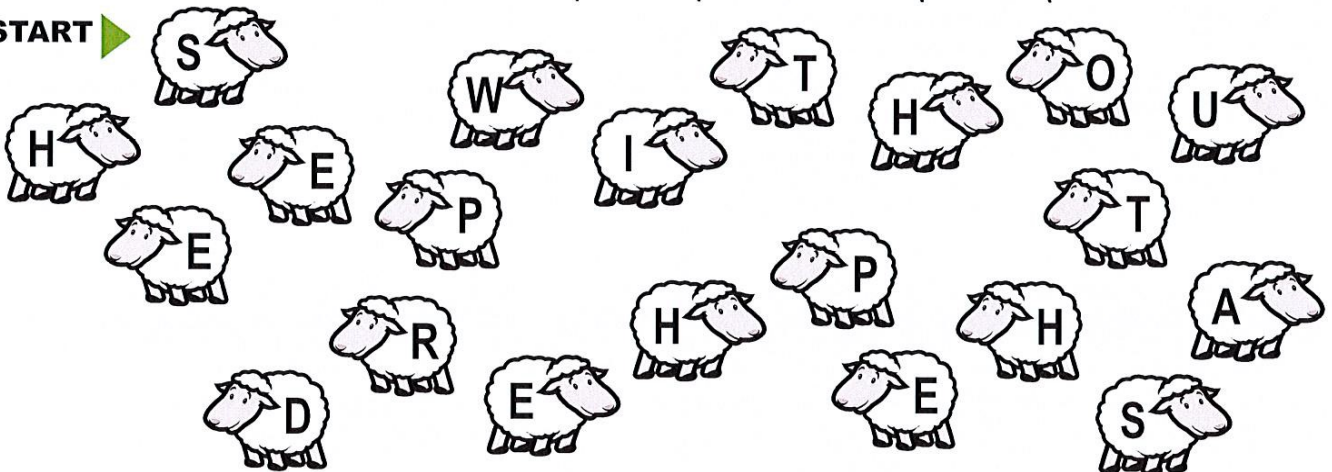
"Blessed are the meek, they shall inherit the earth" _____

"I am the light of the world" _____

"A rolling stone gathers no moss" _____

Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowd? Join up the sheep in the correct sequence to spell out the answer

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They were like _____.

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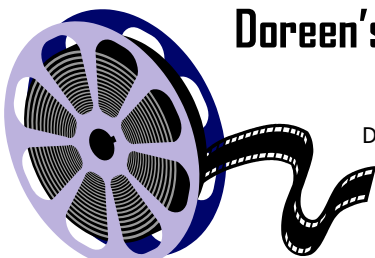
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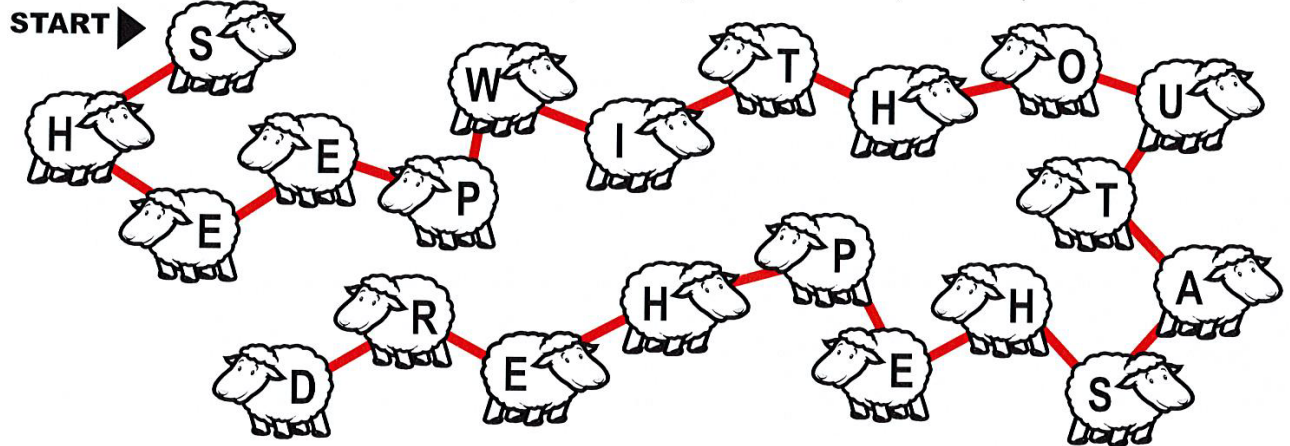
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Solutions

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They were like **SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.**