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**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B**

**11TH & 12TH SEPTEMBER  
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.*

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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>.



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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)



## Parish News

### Thank You to the Corpus Christi Community

We would like to thank the Corpus Christi Community for the kind words, prayers and support we have received over the past 2 weeks since Rosemary was suddenly taken from us.

There are no words that express our gratitude for the great kindness and love that has been shown to us and the kind words about Rosemary that has brightened our days and eased the pain of our loss.

We are truly blessed to belong to the Corpus Christi Catholic Community.

May God Bless all the parishioners of Corpus Christi.

God Bless

Greg Hall and Family

### Parish office Hours

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY HAVING  
TELEPHONE AND INTERNET PROBLEMS AND AT  
THIS TIME THERE IS NO WAY TO CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

**We hope to get this rectified as soon as possible.**

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

### 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.*

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant once our Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch (*Michael Blair's dear Aunt*)

#### Anniversaries:

James William Sinnet (20/08), Kevin Hennessey (30/08), Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/2015), Bibiana Zahra (22/07)

#### 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

### Safeguarding Sunday – 12th September

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

### Caring for the Health and Wellbeing of our Retired Priests

#### *Thank you for caring for our retired clergy*

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the Clergy Support Foundation can continue to ensure that our priests' physical, emotional and mental wellbeing is nurtured. Also, where needed, the Foundation is able to support our aging priests' daily living, health and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well.

Donations for the Father's Day Appeal can be made at [paracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://paracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call 8838 3482.

**On the last page of The Net (page 8) please read the letter from Fr Peter G Williams, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia (Parramatta Diocese) regarding Covid-19 Vaccination.**

### Online Masses in the Parramatta Diocese

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Sunday at 10am

Please visit [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org) to check which other parishes are celebrating Mass online.

### Diocese of Parramatta Launches Plenary Council Resource Website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

### Join us on 'Home Ground'

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Join us online for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. All information for the events can be found on [parracatholic.org/homeground](http://parracatholic.org/homeground).

# The Living Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

12th September 2021

## First Reading

Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck  
me, my cheeks to those who tore at my  
beard; I did not cover my face against  
insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am  
untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I  
shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against  
me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare  
condemn me?

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the  
Lord, in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry  
of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me in the day  
when I called him. *(R.)*

They surrounded me, the snares of  
death, with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! *(R.)*

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. *(R.)*

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from  
stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. *(R.)*



## Second Reading

Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone  
who has never done a single good act  
but claims that he has faith. Will that  
faith save him? If one of the brothers or  
one of the sisters is in need of clothes  
and has not enough food to live on, and  
one of you says to them, 'I wish you  
well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'  
without giving them these bare necessities  
of life, then what good is that? Faith  
is like that: if good works do not go  
with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that  
kind: 'You say you have faith and I have  
good deeds; I will prove to you that I  
have faith by showing you my good  
deeds – now you prove to me that you  
have faith without any good deeds to  
show.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Gal 6:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me  
to the world.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was  
destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages  
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way  
he put this question to his disciples,  
'Who do people say I am?' And they told  
him. 'John the Baptist,' they said,  
'others Elijah; others again, one of the  
prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do  
you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said  
to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave  
them strict orders not to tell anyone  
about him.

And he began to teach them that the  
Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously,  
to be rejected by the elders and  
the chief priests and the scribes, and to  
be put to death, and after three days to  
rise again; and he said all this quite  
openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter  
started to remonstrate with him. But,  
turning and seeing his disciples, he  
rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get  
behind me, Satan! Because the way you  
think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to  
him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a  
follower of mine, let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross and follow me.  
For anyone who wants to save his life  
will lose it; but anyone who loses his life  
for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,  
will save it.'



## Gospel Focus – Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he  
demonstrates the disciples' dawning  
awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is  
the first occasion that the disciples are  
called to own what they think about  
Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to  
spell out what being the Messiah reality  
means – persecution and death – Peter  
tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't  
need to go down that path. Jesus turns  
on Peter and snaps, 'Get behind me,  
Satan!' It is a reminder of the desert  
temptation Jesus had to face at the start  
of his ministry when he wrestled with  
what sort of messiah he was called to  
be.



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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works?

Is our faith really living?

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

### An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why might people have thought Jesus was John the Baptist or Elijah reincarnated?
- \* Why does Jesus want the disciples to admit what they believe about him?
- \* Why do you think Jesus was so abrupt with Peter, saying, 'Get behind me, Satan'?
- \* What are the 'crosses' that followers of Jesus today are called to take up?
- \* Is there a particular 'cross' or burden that you can bear in order to better follow Jesus?

### Questions for Adults

- \* Why did Peter argue with Jesus when he explained the destiny that lay before him?
- \* In what way was Peter's argument like the temptation of Satan in the desert in chapter 1 of the gospel?
- \* Why does Jesus portray discipleship in such demanding terms?
- \* Is being a follower of Jesus today as demanding as Jesus described?
- \* What does it mean to 'lose' your life for Jesus' sake in order to save your life?

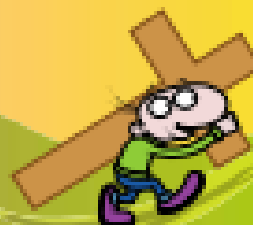
***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* Jesus asked the disciples 'Who do people say I am?' What are some words you would use to describe Jesus?
- \* Jesus wants people to 'take up their cross' and follow him. What does that mean?
- \* What are some of the 'crosses' that people carry?

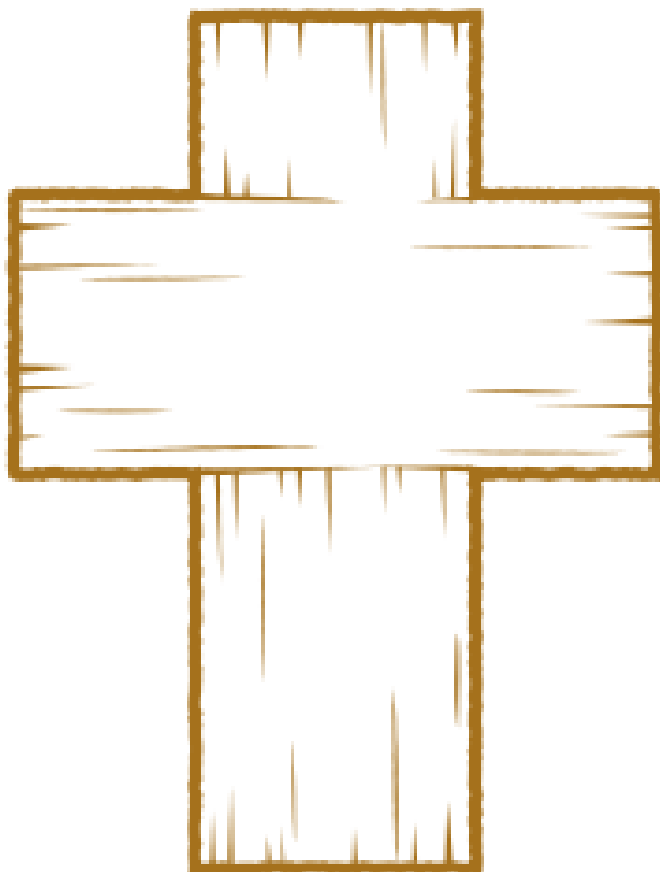


# Take up your cross and follow me

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

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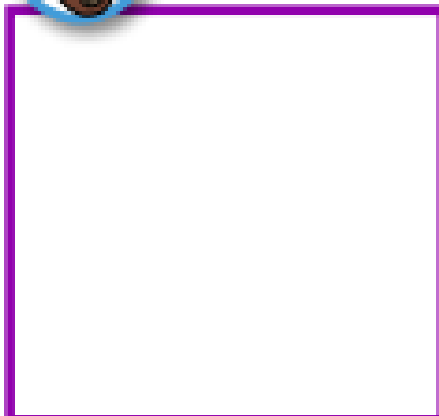
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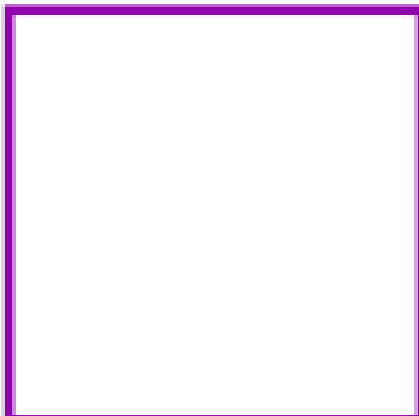
Help Jesus tell his disciples about what would soon be happening.

I must go to the city of Jerusalem...

...where people will make me suffer and I will be killed.



Draw Jesus entering the city on the donkey



Draw Jesus suffering on the cross



Write what Jesus tells the disciples next

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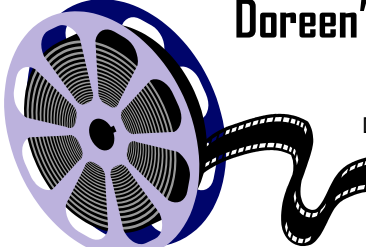
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# Solutions

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3 September 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

Given the current debate on COVID-19 vaccines, the Diocese of Parramatta will be sharing information from the Catholic Church on this topic.

We have made available in 12 foreign languages the position of the Catholic Church – from the Holy Father to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith – on COVID-19 vaccines. This information has been supplied via social media tiles you can share with your faith communities and for those whom English is a second language.

These tiles can be downloaded here: [parracatholic.org/covid19/#vaccine](http://parracatholic.org/covid19/#vaccine)

We know that some Catholics have might have legitimate concerns about the ethical origins of some vaccines. The Catholic Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has declared that the use of such vaccines *does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion*. Therefore, all vaccines which are recognised as clinically safe and effective may be taken by Catholics in good conscience.

See: [vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221\\_nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](http://vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Vincent, and several other bishops have also been vaccinated.

Of course, any decision regarding vaccines is to be left to the individual and should only be made in consultation with their doctor and health professional.

I encourage you to share these social media tiles with your parishioners, staff, and volunteers.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams  
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia