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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

**31ST AUGUST &
1ST SEPTEMBER, 2024**

Happy Father's Day

A dad is a person who is loving and kind, and often he knows what you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens, suggests and defends.

A dad can be one of your very best friends!

He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, a dad can be patient and helpful and strong.

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.

There's always a place for him deep in your heart.

And each year that passes, you're even more glad, more grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

Thank you, Dad...

for listening and caring, for giving and sharing, but, especially, for just being you.



We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living a Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.



A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

So that we can get to know who you are, please introduce yourself to the priest or acolyte after Mass and fill out a Census Card, which is available in the foyer.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm - 5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ADORATION AND DEVOTION

First Friday of each month after 9.10am Mass.

This is also an anointing Mass.

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

WEEKDAY MASSES UPDATE

COMMUNION SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI WHILE FR JESSIE IS ON LEAVE.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY @ 6PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY @ 9.10AM

Should you wish to attend Mass please see the following:

Weekday Mass Times at

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Monday: 9:30am
Tuesday: 6:45am & 9:30am
Wednesday: 9:30am & 7pm
Thursday: 9:30am
Friday: 6:45am & 12:10pm

Weekday Mass Times at
St Joseph's Parish Kingswood
Monday to Friday at 8.00am

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

First Eucharist

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on the following dates:

Saturday 14th September at 11am
Saturday 14th September during the 6pm Mass
Saturday 21st September at 11am
Saturday 22nd September at 9.30am Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of Baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting.



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Clayton Briggs (30/08/24), Norman Hennessey (06/08/24)

Anniversaries:

Marie Liliane Ducasse (23/08/04), Rosemary Hall, Christ Zahra, Christine Jeffery, James William Sinnet

For those who are sick:

Max Ducasse, Barbara Kemp, Werner Rauker, Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti



We especially remember all fathers who have gone from this life and give thanks for their influence of faith and love.

May the Lord reward all of our loved dads who have gone from this life with peace and joy.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Sunday 1st September

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal.

PARISH GIVING

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950
Acct No: 100000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish



Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

ADVERTISING IN THE NET

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$420 beginning in April. You can also run an ad one or three months. For details, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATES

Parish Morning Tea

Morning tea will take place after 9.30am Sunday Mass on the following dates:

13th October; 10th November; 8th December

Junior Altar Serving Training

Children interested in becoming a junior altar server are invited to attend training on

Wednesdays 23rd & 30th October at 7pm in the Church.
Please note that children must have already received their First Holy Communion before becoming a junior altar server.

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH MASS DATES

Parish Youth Masses will take place on the following Sundays at 5.00pm:

**15th September; 20th October;
17th November; 15th December**



For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact Fr Jessie or Kieran Faccin.

Parish News

'YOUNG IN SPIRIT' SENIORS GROUP

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office.

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

New Ministry Roster

The new roster, which commences on weekend 4th/5th May, has been emailed to all volunteers.

If you did not receive it please contact the Parish Office.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catechist News... Are you able to help?

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the Parish Office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Adopt a Garden

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to adopt a section of the parish gardens. If you are experiencing any problems with the work you are doing in your section, if you have any queries or would like to join this group, please contact the Parish Office, who will put you in touch with Greg Hall, the coordinator.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The modules are available to complete online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>

Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

Should you prefer to complete the modules in face-to-face meetings, the following dates are available:

Cycle 1 (Initial)

Saturday 7th September (Mods 1-3) 10am-3pm at
Toongabbie Parish

Saturday 28th September (Mods 1-3) 10am-3pm at St
Marys Parish

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Diocesan News

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce the launch of our

Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028:

'Behold, I am with you'.

This plan marks the culmination of our 16-month Synod journey, a time of listening, discernment, and envisioning the future of our Diocese.

Now, we have a shared roadmap to revitalise our local communities and guide our mission in the years ahead. To explore and download the Pastoral Plan, visit <<https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Behold-I-Am-With-You-Always-Pastoral-Plan-for-a-Synodal-Church-2024-2028-WEBv.pdf>>

MET Worship

Children's Liturgy Workshop

Children's liturgy team members are invited to attend a workshop with an outline of the Diocesan Guidelines and a Children's Liturgy Q&A session with the Diocesan Liturgy Educator, Sr Mary-Louise Walsh.

Thursday 19th September from 7pm - 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown.

To register or for more information, please email Lucy on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or use this link: <https://parracatholic.org/events/met-childrens-liturgy-workshop-19-sept/>

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement,

'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'.

In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so.

Download your copy of the Statement and a range of resources by visiting

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

The FaithFeed

Looking for great conversations + live atmosphere + storytelling from those in their 20s, 30s 40s?

Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday 6th September

Doors open 7PM w/live music for 7:30PM start.

Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.

Please RSVP to:

met@parracatholic.org<<mailto:met@parracatholic.org>>

The Living Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st September 2024

First Reading

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. *(R.)*

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it

comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why was eating with unclean hands such an issue for the Pharisees?
- * What effect is achieved by Jesus answering the Pharisees with a quote from Isaiah?
- * What point was Jesus making to the crowd about the source of cleanliness and uncleanliness?
- * What does this passage say about personal responsibility?

Questions for Adults

- * Do you think Jesus and his disciples deliberately provoked this confrontation?
- * Is the problem of honouring God 'only with lip-service' still a problem in today's Church?
- * Does this teaching of Jesus challenge the notion that human beings are intrinsically good?

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus emphasises the purity that is in our hearts and the purity reflected by our actions. The people criticising him emphasise the appearance of purity and the cleansing rituals required by Law in order to avoid becoming 'ritually unclean'.

How much time, money, and energy is invested in cosmetics, hair products, fashionable clothing, and the like – just so we have the appearance of being popular and successful? Can any of these products actually make someone a better person? How so? What would Jesus say about our addiction to these products?

As a society and a culture, do you think we are more interested in actual success or in the appearance of success? What is your definition of success?

How much energy or effort goes into making ourselves better people? What opportunities are there for people to address what's on the inside of a person? What steps do you take (or can you take) to improve yourself from the inside out?

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Reflections by Greg Sunter

Historical Context

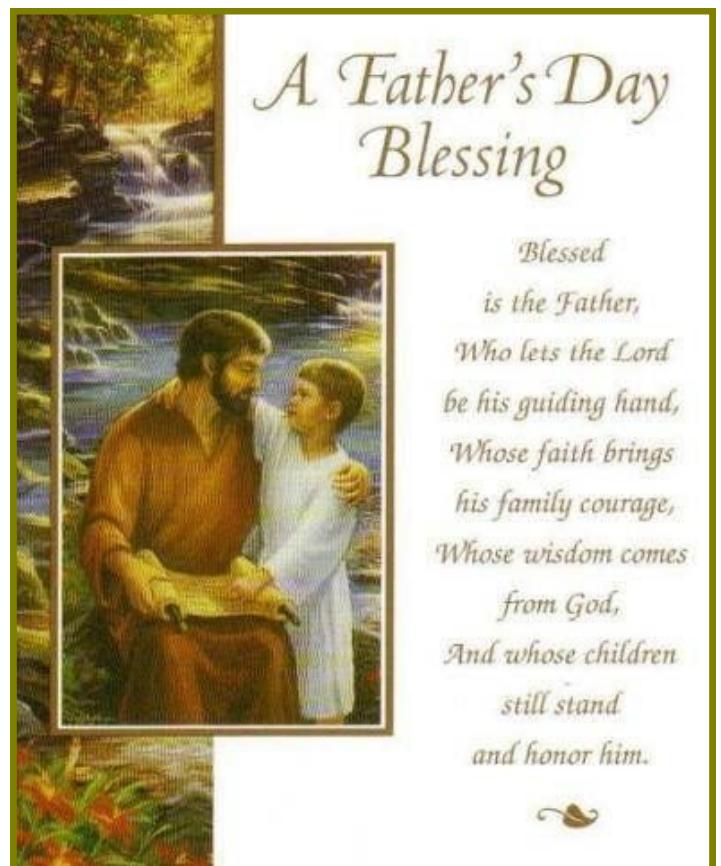
Pharisees

Pharisees were mostly lay men (i.e. generally not Priests) who were characterised by a strict observance of the Torah as well as an oral tradition of teaching and interpretation. They believed that the Torah required interpretation – by engaging in this interpretation they participated in God's ongoing revelation. They also had a strong belief that all Jewish people were called to be a priestly people. This belief naturally put them at odds with the Priests of the Temple. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, the teachings of the Pharisees gained prominence and eventually developed into Rabbinic Judaism that continues today.

Gospel Focus

The things within

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

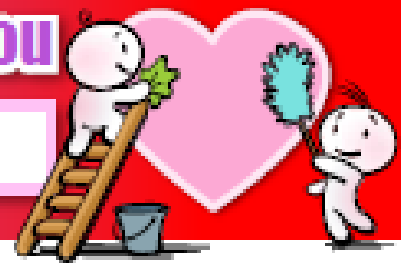
For the cry of the Earth



We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

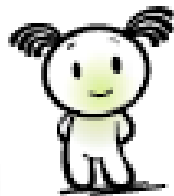
Children's Worksheet

Keep a clean heart so that you may worship God



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In each heart draw a picture of someone you know who has a good and clean heart.



While it's good to keep ourselves clean and healthy, Jesus says it's more important to keep our hearts clean by being good people. For example - it is better to be kind than to be nasty. Try and match the opposites in the two lists below.



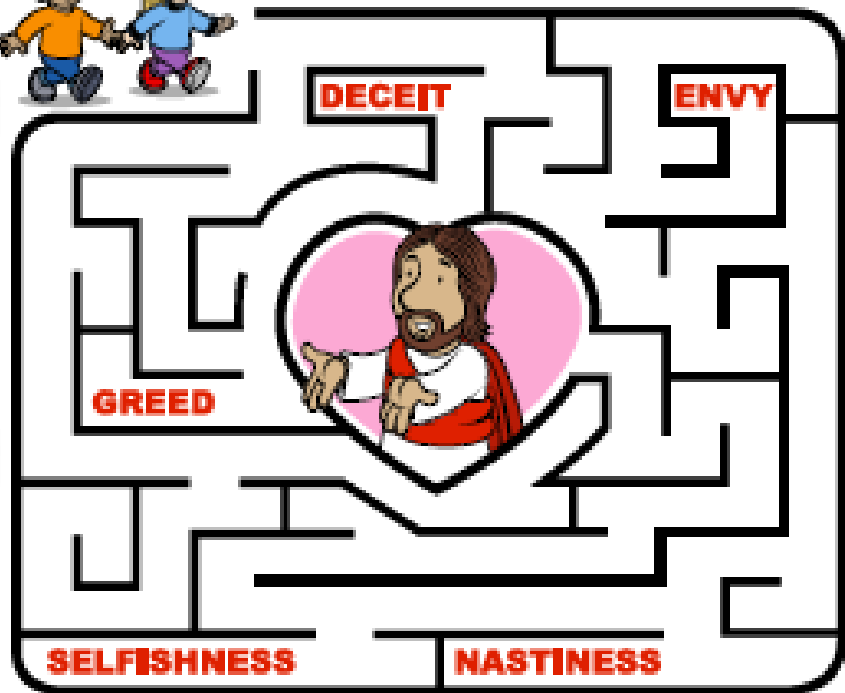
Those with clean hearts are....

wise
kind
sharing
polite
honest

Those with unclean hearts are....

untruthful
greedy
foolish
nasty
rude

The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles to Jesus.



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Solutions

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sharing	foolish
polite	nasty
honest	rude

