



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

# The Net

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

**TWENTY FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**14TH & 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

## 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.

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 - Mr Michael Pate)

# Parish News

## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Thank you to those parishioners who donated to the appeal recently. So far our parish has raised \$1414.25. If you were away and would still like to contribute, please pick up an envelope from the foyer and place it in the collection plate.

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

### **Sacrament of First Eucharist Congratulations Sacrament Children...**

Over the next two weekends over 90 children will receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Thank to our parishioners who were group facilitators: **Moreno Faccin, Vanessa Sultana, Josie Monteleone & Nony David.**



Our parish Sacramental programme works closely with the teachers and staff of Corpus Christi Primary school, and we thank **Mrs Sarah O'Rourke, the Principal, Mrs Sharon Shahoud,**

**Religious Education Coordinator and the class room teachers.**

We would also like to thank our photographers, **Jonathan Dael and Matthew Farrugia** as well as the musicians, acolytes and altar servers.

We congratulate all our children and their parents and we warmly encourage them to be active in their faith by receiving Jesus often in this most wonderful Sacrament.

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

Saturday 14th September at 11am and during the 6pm Mass

Saturday 21st September at 11am and Sunday 22nd during the 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)

### **Anniversaries:**

Nenita Mangcucang (12/09/2016), Vanessa Smith (07/09/22), Marie Liliane Ducasse, Rosemary Hall, Christ Zahra

### **For those who are sick:**

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



## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you contribute to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system, new envelopes for **October 2024 – April 2025** are now available for collection from the foyer.

## 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.

## 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

**SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 5.00PM**

Mass followed by refreshments.

Please note that parents are welcome to attend the Mass and registration is not necessary.



## CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH MASS DATES

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

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

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



## Parish News

*Special thanks to all our acolytes and helpers who supported our parish with Communion Services while Fr Jessie has been on leave. Your commitment to the parish is greatly appreciated.*



### '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.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> September (Modules 1-3) 10am-3pm at St Marys Parish

For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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 Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation: 19 October**

Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

### **Positions Vacant:**

- Development Manager - Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
  - Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation - Diocese of Parramatta - **Applications close 25 September**
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)
- Marriage Facilitator - Diocese of Parramatta - **Applications close 3 October**

### **Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund**

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code or visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/>



# The Living Word

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

8th September 2024

## 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

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 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?



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## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the second reading, James says it's not enough to pray for homeless and hungry and poor people. We need to give them food to eat and clothes and blankets to keep them warm.

Do you think James means this literally? Do you think this means that even teenagers need to find ways to make the world a better place for people who don't have the same advantages we have? Why or why not?

What opportunities are available for young people to serve the needs of the poor? How can you help? How can you make a difference?

In the Gospel Peter goes from the top to the bottom in no time. He scores high when he answers that Jesus is the Messiah, but then is reprimanded by Jesus when he doesn't want to hear of death and suffering. It's like a roller coaster ride for poor Peter.

Have you ever had one of those roller-coaster days – up one minute, down the next? Describe what it was like. Do you think Peter could relate to that day? Can you relate to Peter's?

Obviously Jesus loves Peter, even when he messes up. He congratulates Peter when he does well, and he criticises him when he does poorly. Peter is praised when successful, and forgiven when unsuccessful. How is Peter's relationship with Jesus like your relationship with your parents? How is it different?

Jesus speaks of following him and taking up the cross. He means that we will have to endure the suffering and the difficult times if we are to be his followers. Have you endured some hard times? Who has endured those hard times with you? When have you supported someone else going through hard times? Do you think this is what Jesus is talking about? Why or why not?

How is taking up the cross and following Jesus (mentioned in the Gospel reading) connected to putting your faith into practice (mentioned in the second reading)? How is Jesus' message similar to James' message?



## 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?

### **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.

#### **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



# Children's Worksheet

## Take up your cross and follow me

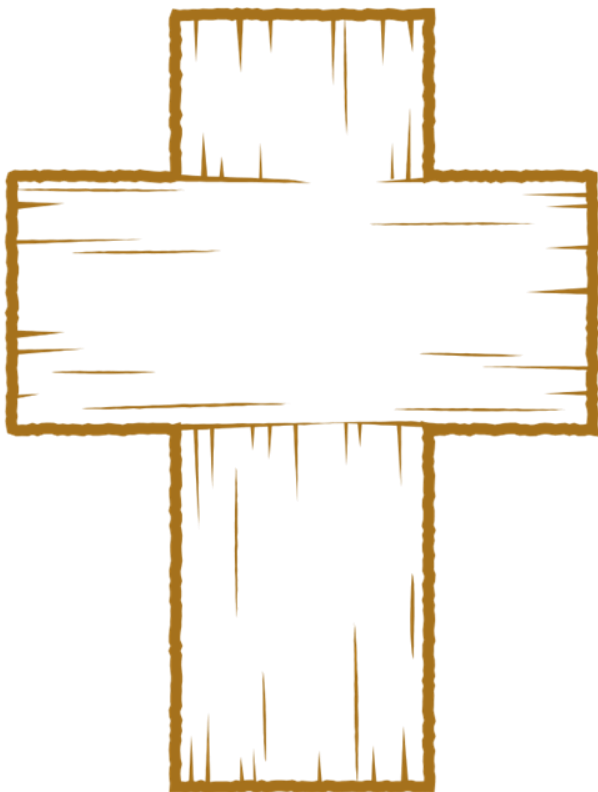


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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."



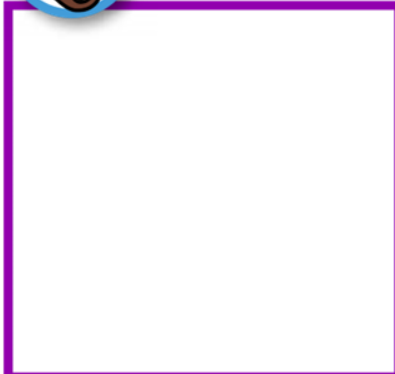
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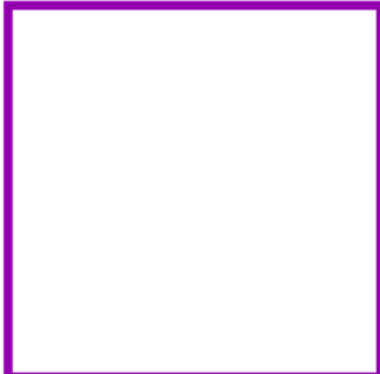
Help Jesus tell his disciples about what would soon be happening.

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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# Solutions

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## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

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