

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

3rd and 4th May 2025

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

Second Friday of each month

(Healing Mass)

Fourth Friday of each month

(Anointing Mass)

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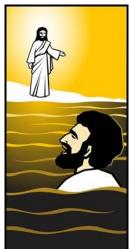
We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world. A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

You know I love you

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: "Lord, you know that I love you."

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter



it was to feed and shepherd "my lambs, my sheep." What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is to love what God loves.

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. "For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son." (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do?

Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, "You are the Salt of the Earth." You must preserve the Earth so that it Postal: does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

He went on: "You are the Light of the Cosmos." You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: PARISH TEAM: "We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love Parish Priest-Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is."

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		Mrs Sue Weekes — Secretarial Support
First Reading Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41 <i>We are witnesses of these words, and so is the</i>	The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing. Gospel Acclamation	 sw@corpuschristi.org.au Mrs Vanessa Sultana – Office Support cranebrook@parracatholic.org
Holy Spirit. Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Second Reading	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia! Gospel John 21:1-19	SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH: Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200 (Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke) Xavier College – ph 4777 0900 (Principal - Mr Michael Pate)
Revelation 5:11-14	Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.	

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

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Parish News

Please join us for the Installation Mass of

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

as Parish Priest of

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH CRANEBROOK

May 31st, 2025 6.00pm

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

A reception will follow afterwards at the Corpus Christi Primary School Hall



PRIEST UPDATE

On Saturday 17th of May Fr Jessie and Fr Abraham will concelebrate our Vigil Mass as we farewell Fr Jessie and welcome Fr Abraham. After Mass we will have a supper together in our outdoor courtyard to celebrate this occasion. We invite everyone to come along. Please bring along a plate to share.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children who have completed the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is taking place on Saturday 14th of June

PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PICK UP CONFIRMATION INFORMATION PACKS ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY BETWEEN 6.30PM & 7.15PM IN THE CHURCH FOYER.



Dates for your diary...

SATURDAY 17TH MAY, 6PM -

Fr Jessie Farewell and Fr Abraham welcome celebration (after Mass)

FRIDAY 30TH MAY, 9.10AM -

Young in spirit' Seniors group morning tea (after mass)

SATURDAY 31ST MAY, 6PM -

Fr Abraham's Installation Mass and celebration

SUNDAY 13TH JUNE - 9.30AM

Parish Monthly Morning Tea (after Mass) note: our May morning tea will not be taking place as its Mother's Day

New Parishioners...

A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish. So that we can get to know who you are, it would be great if you would please fill out a Census Card available in the foyer and hand it in at the sacristy or parish office

PARISH MINISTRIES... 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.

PARISH LOST AND FOUND...

Our parish has a lost and found area which is located near the entrance to the sacristy. It's filled with many items such as books, glasses, umbrellas and water bottles. Please check if any of the items belong to you.



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Simon Camilleri, Pope Francis, Donna Hall, Joyce Cauchi Anniversaries:

John Costa, Anthony and Carmen Portelli, Carmelo and Giovanna Dingli, Joseph and Carmelina Micallef, Joseph and Tereza Vella, Pacienza Piscopo

For those who are sick:

Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr Jerome Antogop

Parish News



The registration date for First Eucharist is

Wednesday 20th August, 2025 at 6.30pm

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

Saturday 6th September at 11am Saturday 6th September at 6pm Saturday 13th September at 11am Sunday 14th September at 9.30am

Confirmation

The registration date for Confirmation is

Wednesday 7th of May, 2025 at 6.30pm

The sacrament of Confirmation (for children who received Penance and First Eucharist last year) will take place on the following date:

Saturday 14th June, 2025 at 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Baptisms and Weddings

Baptisms take place in our parish on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11am. 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.

Wedding bookings are taken by request. Please contact the parish office to discuss available dates and to make a booking.

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 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;

 $\diamond~$ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Diocesan News

Positions Vacant

- Facilities Coordinator: Diocese of Parramatta
- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta

Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22-24 May

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday 22 May at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: https://parracatholic.org/ connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: Wednesdays in May Considering learning about theology? Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7 + 14 + 21 May: parracatholic.org/faithlife

Study of Luke's Gospel with Dr Laurie Woods: 2–30 May

Join us for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place each Friday in May from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information RSVP or to by 30 April, contact ccd.training@parracatholic.org

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 15 May

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry.

This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 15 May at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 12 May. For enquiries, please contact **ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.**

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13 May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance please visit **parracatho-lic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/**

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below: May 24: https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24may/

August 16: https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/

November 15: https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesanretreat-15-november/



The Living Word

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 65:1-2 Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia. **First Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading **Revelation 5:11-14**

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was and in spite of there being so many the net

riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them;

sacrificed is worthy to be given power, was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

> After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give

glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.' **Communion Antiphon**

Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

Scholars suggest that the 21st chapter of the Gospel of John is a later addition to the gospel, especially given the finality of the language at the end of chapter 20. The style of chapter 21 is much more church-oriented than the earlier chapters. The barbeque breakfast on the beach takes on a Eucharistic feel and the passage is at pains to portray Peter as the leader of the disciples and the one chosen by Jesus to provide leadership into the future. We must remember that the Gospel of John was written Q. Why is it the amazing catch of fish that lets Peter recognise almost 70 years after the death of Jesus and if this final chapter Jesus? is indeed an addition then it is likely written some time in the Q. Why might this event sometimes be described as a Eucharis-2nd century. It was only in the late 1st and early 2nd centuries that the church began to adopt a structure of bishops as leaders of communities and it was important to clearly establish the John Paul II? authority of Peter as the first leader of the Church and the authority of his successors. Obviously, a scriptural reference to the one to carry on his work? Jesus' choice of Peter would have cemented the case and so this later addition to the Gospel of John may have been constructed to serve this purpose.

Regardless of its original intended purpose, this passage provides a wonderful account of the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. Like other post-resurrection accounts, the disciples do not at first recognise Jesus and it is not until the miraculous catch of fish that the beloved disciple declares, 'It is the Lord'. In a beautifully everyday touch, the risen Jesus prepares breakfast on the beach for the disciples and blesses the simple food in the same way as he did the bread and wine at their last supper.

Gospel Focus - Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from Have you ever been fishing? If so, did you enjoy it? If you have which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the switch sides? Do you think that could help? Jesus had the disciother followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried ples do this more than once in the Gospel stories. Why do you through the years and finds expression in the stylised shep- think he told them to do that? Why do you think they listened herd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by to him? bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why do you think the disciples had gone back to fishing at this time?

Q. Why did the disciples fail to recognise Jesus at first?

Q. What metaphoric or symbolic words and actions can you identify within the text?

Q. What is the significance of the 'Do you love me?' conversation between Jesus and Peter?

Questions for Adults

tic meal?

Q. Why might this reading have been used in the funeral of Pope

Q. What hope for us lies in Jesus' selection of flawed Peter as

Learning moments

Read the end of John 20 and suggest reasons why some scholars believe John 21 to be a later addition to the gospel.

Imagine you are directing the filming of this gospel story. Create a story board to sequence the events and note particular camera shots and effects, music, etc that you would use to convey your understanding of this scene.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

never been fishing, do you think you would enjoy it? What would you say are the biggest challenges of fishing? What is most frustrating about it? What is most rewarding?

If you were fishing on one side of the boat and you were not catching any fish, would you follow someone's suggestion to

The Apostles became courageously loyal to Jesus. Eventually, most of them were martyred. How would you explain such conviction? Is there anything or anyone you could feel that loyal to? Why or why not? What would you be willing to do for that person or cause?

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Mav

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Children's Worksheet

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Jn 21:1-14 My name is



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