

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 2025

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.

From Parish Priest's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel this Sunday (Luke 17:5–9), the apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." Jesus responds with an imagery: "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Faith, even if small, has power when it is genuine and lived out.

But Jesus does not stop there. He tells a parable about a servant who, after finishing his work in the field, continues to serve his master at table. The servant does not expect praise for doing what was commanded—he simply fulfills his duty. Here, Jesus reminds us that faith is not only about miracles or extraordinary signs, but even in the small ordinary things. True faith shows itself in humble obedience, in doing what God asks of us every single day.

Sometimes we want faith to be spectacular: moving mountains, changing situations overnight, solving all our problems. But Jesus teaches that faith is lived in ordinary acts of obedience—praying daily, forgiving those who hurt us, caring for our family, being honest at work, showing kindness to strangers, serving our parish.

A mustard seed is tiny, yet it grows into a great tree. In the same way, small daily acts of faithful obedience—listening to God's Word, attending Mass, helping the needy, speaking truth with love—grow into a deep, strong faith that transforms lives. And through the acts though ordinary, we will be able to bring in change in the lives of others and ours.

As disciples, we do not serve God to be praised or to be rewarded, but because it is our calling and our joy. Faith is both trusting in God and doing what He commands. As St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "God has not called me to be successful; He has called me to be faithful."

This week, let us pray: "Lord, increase our faith." And let us show that faith in simple, daily obedience to God's will.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,

harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith!

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 5.00pm - 5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ROSARY

Fridays after morning Mass

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Parish News

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all staff and volunteers in our parishes, chaplaincies, agencies, ministries and councils are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding.

All staff and volunteers are required to undertake safeguarding training and must complete three mandatory modules which total six points.

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

Module 1: Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

Module 2: Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct)

Module 3: Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

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

Module 4: Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk

Module 5: Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct

For online training opportunities please visit: https://earning.safeguarding.org.au/

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

CORPUS CHRISTI WILL BE HAVING A

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DAY

ON SATURDAY 25TH OF OCTOBER FROM 9.30AM-2.30PM

This meeting will provide any volunteer who has not yet completed their mandatory safeguarding training an opportunity to complete the training in a face-to-face setting alongside other volunteers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please contact the parish office to register.

WORLD ROSARY HOUR

World Rosary Day is a global prayer event where Catholics worldwide pray the Rosary together at a specific time to unite in prayer. Corpus Christi will be participating in World Rosary Hour and praying the Rosary on

Monday October 13th at 7pm Mass will be celebrated beforehand at 6.15pm

October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, we hope to pray the Rosary for 10 consecutive days together in the church beginning on Tuesday 21st of October through to Friday 31st of October.



Mass will also be celebrated on these days. If you are interested in participating, please write your name on the sheet available in the foyer and indicate if you would like to lead.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of October everyone is welcome to give names of those to be remembered during our November Masses by adding their names to one of the remembrance sheets which are available in the foyer.

Please print the names of people clearly on one of the sheets and return it on the basket provided.

At the beginning of November all the returned sheets will be rolled carefully into a scroll which will be placed on the sanctuary throughout November.

If you would like an individual Mass intention for a loved one, please take one of the Mass offering envelopes, fill it in and hand it to Fr Abraham along with a donation.

A MASS FOR ALL SAINT'S DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON SATURDAY 1ST OF NOVEMBER AT 9.10AM.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

October 4th: Saint Francis of Assisi

October 6th: Saint Bruno

October 6th: Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

October 9th: Saint Denis and Comp October 9th: Saint John Leonardi



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Lord Jesus,

You, who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together.

We live in a world full of beauty, but also wounded by deep divisions. Sometimes religions, instead of uniting us, become a cause of confrontation. Give us your Spirit to purify our hearts, so that we may recognize what unites us and, from there, learn again how to listen and collaborate without destroying. May the concrete examples of peace, justice, and fraternity in religions inspire us to believe that it is possible to live and work together, beyond our differences. May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope, and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world. Amen

LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Deb Fanning

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/9/14), Max Ducasse (25/09/24), Bernardo R. Chanyungco.

For those who are sick:

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop.

We also continue to pray for Marie Dawson who is recovering from a fall.



MASS FOR OUR 2025 HSC STUDENTS

A Year 12 HSC Parish Youth Mass will be held during our Vigil Mass on Saturday the 11th of October. We encourage all our students as well as their family, friends and our parish community to join in this Mass as we pray together as the students begin their exams.

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH GROUP

Beginning in October we aim to start a youth group for our over 18 year old young parishioners. The aim of this group will be fellowship and faith formation with a vision to become faith leaders for our children and teens. We'd love to have as many youth as possible join this group. If you feel this could be you, place your contact details on the sheet available in the foyer. For more information, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Abraham.



We are pleased to announce that Corpus Christi will be supporting Barnardos Australia by holding a Toy Donation Drive. Baskets will be placed in the church starting from next weekend until Sunday 26th of October for donations of toys or gifts for children aged between 0-16 years of age who might otherwise go without at Christmas time

Together we can make a difference for families who may be struggling this festive season.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on



SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Everyone is welcome. We warmly encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us both for Mass and morning tea

'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. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

FRIDAY 31ST OF OCTOBER

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Special Religious Education

We offer a warm thank you to Lorrene Gorman our Special Religious Education Coordinator who addressed the parish after each of our Masses last weekend. Our SRE Team is currently looking for volunteers to teach in our local government schools.

If you can spare about two hours each week during school terms and would like to find our more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the parish office or, Lorrene on 0414 471 329. Training is provided.

Baptism Formation

We are in need of two new members on our Baptism Formation Team. Baptism Formations run for one hour after the 9.30am Mass on the last Sunday of each month. We currently only have three members on the team and hope to increase this to five members so that each volunteer will only need to attend every second month. Training will be provided. For more information please contact the parish office.

'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.' 1 Peter 4:10

SACRAMENTS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child 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. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)

Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request. Please contact the Parish Office

Our sacraments of penance, First Eucharist and confirmation are already complete for 2025. Dates for 2026 will be published later in the year.

Diocesan News

Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic
Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition!

People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are
welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's
make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and
joy – together. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork –
via parracatholic.org/artcomp

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements.

Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.

The Living Word

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 4th and 5th September 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,

and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,

and all that is held within the circle of heaven;

you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,

but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,

the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink

yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,

to the soul that seeks him.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of Q. In what ways might the disciples have felt overwhelmed by realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, Q. How much faith is enough faith? they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to Q. Who are the 'people of faith' that you admire? What inspires increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny We sometimes develop an attitude that only great people can mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a do great things. Create a gallery of 'Everyday People doing matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How Extraordinary Things' that highlights people acting out of their much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only faith to achieve remarkable things. Ensure that everyday people takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a brief description of how their actions are based in faith. Identify responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking creative and engaging ways in which this display could be used for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Historical Context – Servants and Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return - just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question - and the reply given by Jesus - does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why might the disciples have asked Jesus to increase their faith?
- Q. What is the message of Jesus' reply to them about faith the size of a mustard seed?

- Q. When do you ever feel like the disciples: in need of more faith?
- Q. When have you acted in service of someone else without expecting any reward?
- Q. What opportunities exist for you to act out of faith without expectation?

Questions for Adults

- the expectations of Jesus at times?
- Q. Why is it impossible to 'measure' faith?
- you about them?

Learning moments

of your local community are featured in the gallery. The display Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples might include a photo of the person and/or their work and a in the local community.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie **Calderone-Stewart**

Jesus is telling the Apostles how small their faith actually is. If their faith were bigger - as big as the size of a tiny seed, for example – they could command trees to fly through the air and land in the sea! So obviously he must consider their faith to be very small indeed.

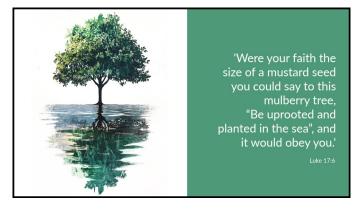
How about your faith? Do you think it is large or small? Why? What influences affect your faith? Has any life experience of yours increased your faith? What happened?

Has any life experience hurt your faith and caused you to have doubts about God? What happened?

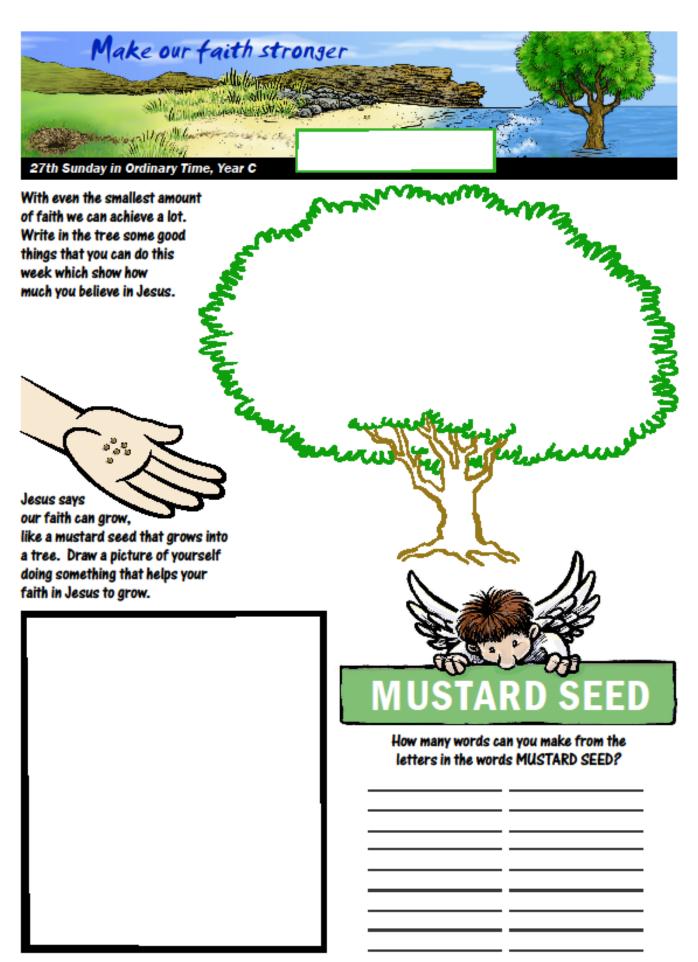
Not only does Jesus expect the Apostles to do great things with their faith, but to also see these miracles as 'no big deal' - as if they were to say: 'It was nothing. We were just doing our job.'

Have you ever done anything that impressed someone else, yet you yourself didn't think it was such a big deal? What was it that you did?

Have you ever seen someone do something that impressed you, yet to that person it was no big deal? What did that person do? Do you believe that having more faith – in God, in yourself, in the power that comes from the Holy Spirit – could really cause miracles to occur? Why or why not?



Children's Worksheet



Luke 17:5-10

Diocesan News









YOU'RE INVITED TO

An Evening of Hope

DINNER & FUNDRAISER



Please join us for a meaningful evening in support of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia, helping to uphold the dignity and rights of refugees and people seeking asylum.

Listen to inspiring guest speakers and live entertainment, win raffle prizes, and be treated to a delicious multi-course meal.

A Companions on the Journey Mass will also be held beforehand at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome.

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2025 • 7:00PM ARRIVAL FOR 7:30PM START ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH HALL: 1 MARIST PLACE TICKETS: \$160 EACH, OR \$1200 FOR A TABLE OF 8

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Parish Giving

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thankyou to everyone who contributes to our parish via our Planned Giving Envelopes. Your donations help with the running costs of our parish.



Planned giving envelopes for the months of October 2025 - March 2026 are available for collection from the church foyer.

Thank you to those who collected their envelopes last weekend

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:

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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

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