



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

The Net

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—4TH AND 5TH APRIL 2026

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.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24
(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

or
1 Corinthians 5:6-8
You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence

The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.
Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

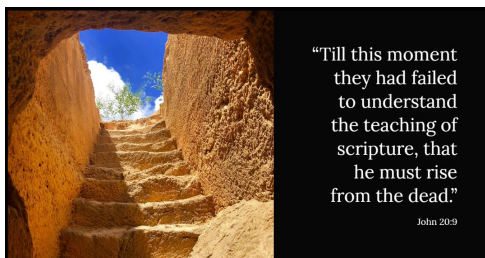
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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John 20:9

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

Visit our website: www.corpuschristi.org.au

From Parish Priest's Desk

Easter is not simply a day to remember; it is an invitation to choose a way of life. The Resurrection of Jesus is not only something that happened to Him—it is something that must begin in us.

The empty tomb quietly asks each of us: What kind of life am I choosing?

A life still wrapped in fear, resentment, and discouragement? Or a life slowly rising—filled with hope, courage, and new beginnings?

Resurrection is not magic. It is a movement.

It is choosing forgiveness when holding on to hurt feels easier.

It is choosing hope when situations seem dark.

It is choosing faith when answers are not clear.

"The stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to let us in."

We often wait for life to change before we change. But Easter reverses that logic: we change—and life begins to rise.

Think of a seed buried in the soil. It does not complain about the darkness; it grows through it. Resurrection life is like that—quiet, patient, but unstoppable.

So this Easter, let us ask: What needs to rise in me?

What needs to be left behind in the tomb?

Where is God inviting me to begin again?

For families, this may mean choosing love over distance.

For children, choosing kindness over anger.

For all of us, it is a call to live with a renewed heart.

The Risen Lord does not force the door of our lives. He stands and calls. The choice is ours.

Let us not celebrate Easter only at the altar, and end with festivities at home.

Let us carry it into our homes, our relationships, and our daily decisions in a decisive way.

Because every act of love, every step of faith, every moment of hope—

is a small resurrection. Christ is risen. Let us rise with Him.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

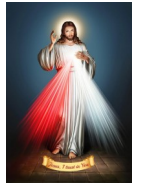
For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

April 12th: Divine Mercy Sunday



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Joseph Dimeck

Anniversaries:

George Keane, Rodolfo Severino, Charlie Vella, Simon Camilleri

For those who are sick:

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

Funeral Notice:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Dimeck, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish on Friday, 10th April at 11:00am.

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Joseph's family and loved ones. May he rest in peace.

Mass Intentions:

A private Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Simon Camilleri on Thursday, 9th April at 6:00pm.

The Vigil Mass on Saturday, 11th April will be offered for the repose of the soul of Charlie Vella on the occasion of his second anniversary.

Please keep the families of Charlie and Simon in your prayers.

Parish News

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FOLLOWING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks to God for the many blessings of Holy Week and Easter.

We sincerely thank all who contributed to making our celebrations prayerful and reverent — our liturgical ministers, musicians, altar servers, readers, and all who worked behind the scenes to prepare, clean, decorate, and set up our church. Your generous service helped us honour these sacred days with dignity and devotion.

We offer special thanks to our Parish Priest, Fr Abraham, for his faithful leadership and for guiding us through the sacred journey of Holy Week to the joy of Easter.

Above all, we give thanks to Jesus Christ, whose Resurrection fills us with hope and new life. May the blessings of Easter continue to strengthen our faith and inspire us to live as witnesses to the Risen Lord.



Easter

Blessings to Our Parish Community

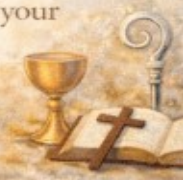
Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a joyful Easter.

May the light of the risen Christ fill our hearts with hope, peace, and new life.

Easter Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, fill us with the joy of your resurrection and help us to be bearers of your love and light.

Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Congratulations to Chase and Jay, fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; Maria and Brendon, who received First Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation—all celebrated during our Easter Vigil Mass. We rejoice in God's grace with them and thank their facilitator, Moreno, for faithfully guiding them on this sacred journey.

Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates 2026

First Reconciliation (Penance)

This sacrament has already taken place for 2026. Dates for 2027 will be published later this year.



CONFIRMATION

Parent Information and Registration evening:

Wednesday 22nd of April at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from April 29th until June 11th. (Seven sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:

Saturday June 27th at 10am

Sunday June 28th at 9.30am

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information and Registration evening:

Wednesday August 12th at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from August 19th until September 10th (Four sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:

Saturday September 12th at 10am

Saturday September 12th at 6pm

Saturday September 19th at 10am

Sunday September 20th at 9.30am



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

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.

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 OF APRIL

'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 24TH OF APRIL



PARISH WORKING BEES – 2026

Thank you to everyone who helps care for our parish!
Upcoming dates:

- **May 30th – Preparing for Parish Feast Day**
- **September 26th – Garden refresh after winter**
- **December 12th – Preparing for Christmas**



All are welcome to join, even for a short time. Light refreshments provided.

COMING SOON: PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

We're excited to announce that our parish will be running a **five-week Stewardship Program, beginning Tuesday, 18th April!** This program is a wonderful opportunity to explore how our time, talents, and treasures can be shared to strengthen our parish community and grow in faith.

Through prayer, reflection, and practical steps, participants will be inspired to deepen their discipleship, support the mission of our parish, and contribute to a vibrant, faith-filled future for all. Whether you're looking to get more involved, learn how your gifts can make a difference, or simply connect more deeply with your parish family, this program is for you!

Stay tuned for more details – we can't wait to see our parish come together to celebrate and share God's gifts!

Other News



Caritas
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PROJECT
COMPASSION

Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY

this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

We invite everyone to return their Project Compassion Boxes during our Holy

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday

On Good Friday, our parish took up the Holy Land Collection. This annual collection helps support the Church in the Holy Land, including the care of holy sites, local parishes, schools, and the Christian community living there. Your generosity allows pilgrims and local Christians to continue their faith and maintain these sacred places.



We thank you for your support and prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—5th of April 2026

Gospel Reflection

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Different View – An empty tomb?

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not

'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What emotions do you think Mary might have experienced upon discovering the tomb?
- Q. Why did the gospel writers portray the disciples' initial disbelief and doubt about the resurrection?
- Q. What Christian belief/s flow from the resurrection of Jesus?
- Q. In what ways does the account of Jesus' resurrection inspire hope in Christians?
- Q. In what ways is Jesus still present in the world?

Questions for Adults

- Q. Why is the passion, death and resurrection central to Christian belief?
- Q. What message do you take from the beloved disciple who 'saw and believed'?
- Q. Does the significance of the Easter events receive proper recognition in society today?
- Q. Why do you think the cross became the symbol of Christianity, rather than the empty tomb?

Learning moments

Read the section of the gospel immediately following this week's passage (John 20:10-18) which relates Mary Magdala's encounter with the risen Christ. In what ways does this 'complete' the story of the empty tomb?

Prepare a 'Consequences Chart' to identify the chain of consequences for us today that stem from belief in Christ's resurrection. (Because we believe in Christ's resurrection, then .etc) Locate artistic images of the empty tomb story and create a virtual gallery of images with comments about why each image appeals or not. (Locate images through online image searches.) Traditionally, a lot of emphasis is placed on the season of Lent, leading up to Easter. How might we better celebrate and focus on the season of Easter that continues from now until Pentecost Sunday?

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.



The **Living Word**

For Children

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—5TH APRIL 2026

FIRST READING

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

GOSPEL READING

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So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

What do you have that is new?

How do you feel when you have something new?

Today, Easter Sunday, is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us.

How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?

Children's Worksheet

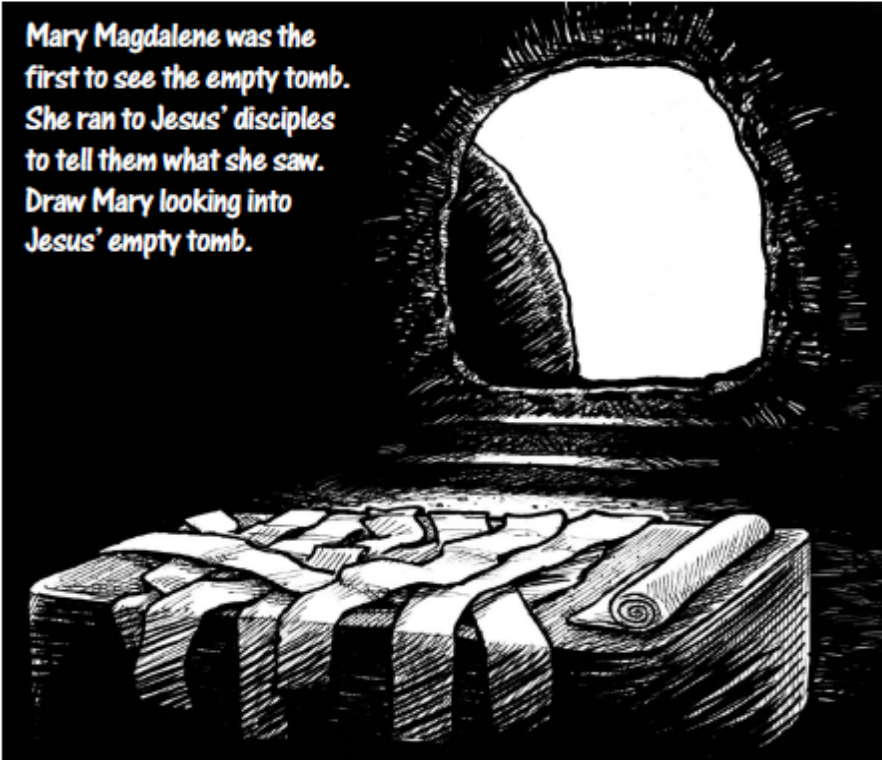


He is risen! Alleluia!

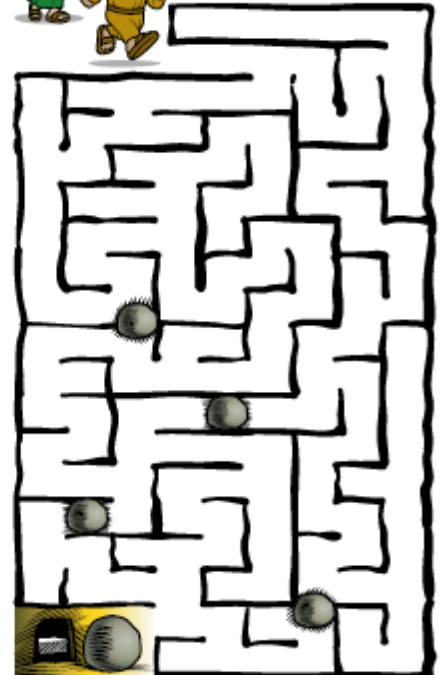


Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.



Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.



This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!



What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M _____ went to the tomb.

"They have taken the _____ from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d _____ _____ of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f _____ _____ than Peter.

He saw the strips of _____ cloth lying inside the tomb.

B _____ he did not go in.

When he saw _____ he believed.

The Scriptures s _____ _____ Jesus would rise to life.

Bishop Vincent's Easter Message 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you! In this Easter season of 2026, we are all living in very troubled, wounded times. With so much conflict, violence and entrenched hatred, we might even be tempted to occasionally lament: Where is our God?

In such chaotic times it is good to be reminded of a wonderful story about St Teresa of Avila.

One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus? Teresa replied: "You didn't have any wounds - Christ has wounds!"

One of the most striking elements of our Gospel's Resurrection stories is that Jesus is still wounded in all of them. The crucifixion wounds do not disappear. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. It is not until the disciples see the wounds of Christ that they recognise Jesus for who he is.

Our Catholic faith, however, refuses to gloss over our own personal wounds - the wounds of our brothers and sisters, and those of our suffering planet, with hollow positive thinking. Instead, our Holy Father Pope Leo urges us to move beyond passivity. Leo challenges us to become peacemakers!

And we can all become peacemakers in very simple ways. If only we had the eyes of faith we would notice that peacemaking is all around us. To name only a few examples:

- In the quiet, tender care of our nurses and care-givers in our hospitals, especially to the elderly and the dying
- ♦ In the patient and professional care of our Catholic teachers who generously serve our young people
- ♦ - In the quiet heroism of parents as they sacrifice themselves for the good of their children
- In the outreach of our social services like Catholic Care who help the needy
- In the lives of ordinary people who refuse to become resentful and instead choose to forgive and love their enemies.

Yes, the wounds of such peacemakers do not embitter them but become fountains of peace and hope for others.

This Easter let us allow the risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts. May we banish all violence from our lives. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all.

For "By His wounds we are healed". A blessed Easter to you all.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta

Diocesan News

Springwood East Timor Support Group INVITATION

27th Annual Tribute Night

Join with us to celebrate
30 Years of support
for Timor Leste'



Timor Medal
Awarded to SETSG 2025

Saturday 16 May 2026

7:00 pm for a 7:30 start

St Thomas Aquinas School Hall
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To aid the Timorese people
with medical and education initiatives

BYO nibbles & drinks - Tables of 8 to 10

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WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC:

AN IMMIGRANT BISHOP FOR AN IMMIGRANT CHURCH

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026
6.00PM

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1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

PLACES ARE LIMITED!

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parracatholic.org/jimenez

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

A CONVERSATION ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

The Bishops' 2025 Statement on homelessness raises a critical question for all of us:

*How can we, as individuals and communities,
strengthen our support for people
who have been made homeless,
and work collaboratively to bring about greater justice?*

With the support of Bishop Long, join us for an hour-long
conversation on zoom at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 April to raise
some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops'
Statement: **Signs of Hope on the Edge**.

This is a major issue for many of us who are deeply concerned with the rapidly
increasing homelessness in this country, the rising cost of housing, the number of
women and children living in cars, and the lack of affordable housing for younger
Australians.

With the support of Bishop Long, we would like to hold a conversation to discuss
these concerns. We look forward to sharing ideas on this critical issue.

If you would like to participate
in this conversation, please sign
up, using the QR code.

Return date for registration:
Monday 20 April



Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart



May ✨ Rosary Making Workshops

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE, BLACKTOWN

LEARN HOW TO MAKE ROSARIES TO BE
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MAY 5TH 2026

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Parish Notices

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.

For online training opportunities please visit: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

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

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

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