



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

# The Net

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A—11H AND 12TH 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 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1**

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (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.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

### Second Reading

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the

end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### Gospel Acclamation

**John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

John 10:29

### 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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**Corpus Christi Primary –**  
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**Xavier College –** ph 4777 0900  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

*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](http://www.corpuschristi.org.au)**

### From Parish Priest's Desk

"His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 136)  
 The Feast of Divine Mercy gently reminds us of a truth we often forget, "all of us are in need of God's mercy." Not just the weak, not just the sinners we easily point at—but every one of us. Mercy is not an optional grace; it is the very air our souls breathe.  
 In a world that often measures people by success, perfection, or failure, God looks at us with a different gaze—one filled with compassion. We may carry burdens of guilt, past mistakes, broken relationships, or silent struggles. Yet, Divine Mercy assures us that nothing is beyond God's healing love. As Jesus said, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy."  
 But Divine Mercy is not only something we receive—it is something we are called to give. How often do we hold on to grudges? How quickly do we judge? Mercy challenges us to become more like Christ: to forgive when it is difficult, to be patient when it is inconvenient, and to show kindness even when it is undeserved.  
 Let us ask ourselves:

- Do I truly believe that God forgives me?
- Am I ready to forgive others as God forgives me?
- Where in my life do I need God's mercy today?

This Sunday is an invitation—not to fear our weaknesses, but to bring our weaknesses confidently to the Lord. The doors of His mercy are always open. Let us enter with trust. Thomas the disciple of Jesus receives the compassionate love from the Lord despite his arrogance or folly. Jesus did not judge him but was benevolent towards him. This is the attitude that we too are invited to imbibe to be the messengers of the Lord's compassionate love and mercy. May we not only seek Divine Mercy but become living signs of it in our families, our parish, and in our world.

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 13th: St Martin I



### LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

#### Recently Deceased:

Joseph Dimeck

#### Anniversaries:

Rodolfo Severino, Charlie Vella, Simon Camilleri, Charlie Cauchi, Anthony Mallia.

#### For those who are sick:

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

#### Funeral Notice:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Borg, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish on Friday, 17th April at 11:30am.

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

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 12 April 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a special day in the Church's life when we are reminded that God's mercy is always greater than our sins and weaknesses, and that Jesus continually invites us to place our trust in His loving care.

This devotion was given to the Church through the revelations received by Saint Faustina Kowalska and was later entrusted to the whole Church by Pope John Paul II, who helped to make this beautiful celebration more widely known.

On this day, we are gently encouraged to turn to Jesus with confidence, seeking God's mercy especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and allowing that same mercy to shape the way we treat others in our daily lives through kindness, patience, and forgiveness.

At the heart of this devotion are the simple but profound words of Jesus: "Jesus, I trust in You."

#### Prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday

Most merciful Jesus, whose very nature is love and mercy,

we place our trust in You and abandon ourselves into Your hands. We come before You with all our weakness and sinfulness, asking for the grace of Your unfailing mercy.

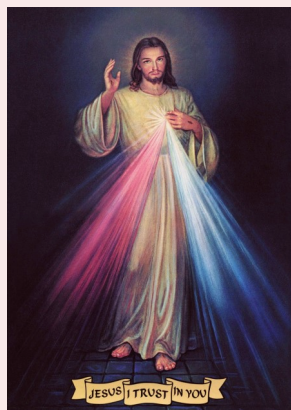
Look upon us and upon the whole world with compassion.

Draw all hearts to Yourself, and pour out upon us the healing power of Your love.

May we never doubt Your goodness, but always trust in You with confidence and peace.

Jesus, we trust in You.

Have mercy on us and on the whole world.  
Amen.



## Parish News

### COMING SOON: PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

We're excited to announce that our parish will be running a **five-week Stewardship Program, beginning Saturday, 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



### VOLUNTEER HANDYMAN NEEDED

We are seeking the help of a **volunteer handyman** who may be able to assist with some small maintenance work in the parish office. Two areas in our bathroom spaces have broken tiles that need repair, and we would greatly appreciate the assistance of someone with the skills to help fix them.

If you are able to help, or know someone who might be willing to assist, please contact the parish office. Thank you to all who generously share their time and talents in caring for our parish facilities.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMING SOON

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin shortly in our parish. Confirmation is a special moment in the life of our young people, when they are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and continue their journey of faith as full members of the Church.

Parents of children in year 5 or above who have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion are invited to attend the Information and Registration Evening on **Wednesday 22 April at 7.00pm**. Please refer to the parish calendar below for further details.

*We ask our parish community to keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.*

## 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.*

## Other News



### THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



**Please donate today.**

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

**Donation Boxes can be returned to the church this weekend**

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

**Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: 21 April**  
Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agaña in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series. Join us at 6pm on Tuesday 21 April in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, for an evening with Archbishop Jimenez as he reflects on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/jimenez](http://parracatholic.org/jimenez)

**Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May**  
The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 12 May**  
All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, 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 12 May 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May. To register please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

**A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: 23 April**

In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 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. If you would like to participate in this conversation, please register by Wednesday 20 April: <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>

# Second Sunday of Easter—Year A—11th and 12th of April 2026

## Gospel Reflection

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

### Historical Context – My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

### Have you thought? Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

### Scriptural context – Not an ending?

The final two verses of today's gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

## Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why were the disciples in hiding at the start of this passage?
- Q. Why do you think Thomas was reluctant to believe what his friends told him about the Risen Jesus?
- Q. How might the other disciples have reacted to Thomas' unbelief?
- Q. Despite his earlier demand, why doesn't Thomas touch the wounds of Jesus?
- Q. What does Thomas' experience say to 21st Century Christians?
- Q. How do you respond to disbelief and doubt within yourself or others?

## Questions for Adults

- Q. Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why?
- Q. Why does Jesus particularly focus the mission of the disciples on the forgiveness of sins?
- Q. In what situations do you most need to hear Jesus' words, 'Peace be with you'?
- Q. In what ways can you relate to Thomas' experience?
- Q. In what ways does Thomas personify elements of our own culture and society?

## Learning moments

Read the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts (Ch 2) and identify similarities and differences between this account and today's gospel passage.

Compile a word and image collage of ways in which we can witness Jesus' ongoing presence in the world.

Jesus breathed on the disciples and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. Research the Greek word, 'pneuma', and suggest reasons why it was used to mean both 'breath' and 'spirit'.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in



the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and

let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

# The **Living Word** For Children

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — 12TH APRIL 2026**

### **FIRST READING**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

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### **SECOND READING**

Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and a hope that lives on. God has something stored up for you in heaven, where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear.

### **GOSPEL READING**

#### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

#### **Jesus and Thomas**

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!"

A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!"

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

### **CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS**

In today's gospel what people did Jesus appear to?

Where were the disciples?

How did they feel when they saw Jesus?

Who did not believe it was Jesus?

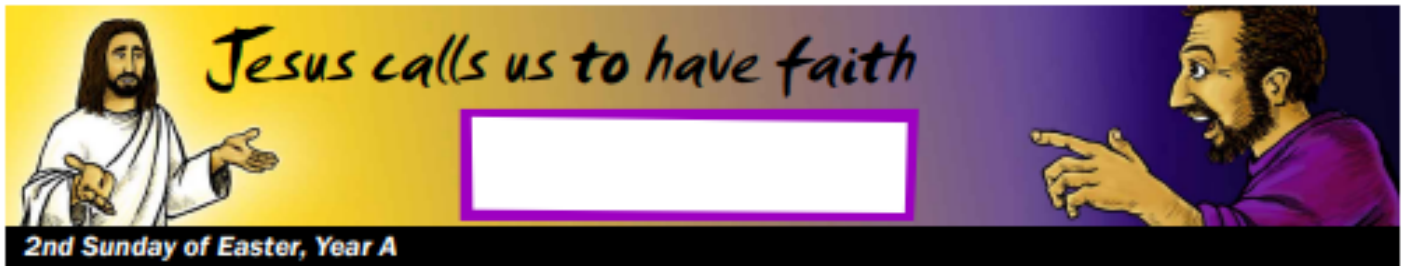
Why did Thomas stop doubting?

When can you sense Jesus is with you, even though you do not see him?

How can we recognise Jesus in other people?



# Children's Worksheet



2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A



When Jesus appeared to his disciples they were very happy.  
Draw yourself being greeted by Jesus.



What do you think it would feel like to be re-united with a close friend who you didn't think you would ever see again?

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There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

- BIBLE
- LOVE
- JOY
- ALTAR
- BREATH
- CHALICE
- CRUCIFIX
- FORGIVENESS
- PEACE
- FLOWERS
- CANDLE
- HOPE

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

E	D	R	C	A	S	F	O	<b>Y</b>
S	A	O	L	F	W	A	U	A
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# 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  
168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood

To aid the Timorese people  
with medical and education initiatives

BYO nibbles & drinks - Tables of 8 to 10  
Eftpos available

Tickets \$20 each (payable on entry)

Enquiries and Bookings: 0425209840



Diocese of  
PARRAMATTA

BISHOP  
VINCENT  
PRESENTS

## ARCHBISHOP JIMENEZ



WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC:

**AN IMMIGRANT BISHOP FOR AN IMMIGRANT CHURCH**

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026  
6.00PM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
CLOISTER HALL,  
1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

PLACES ARE LIMITED!  
REGISTER HERE:  
[parracatholic.org/jimenez](http://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  
DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2026

AT 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

AT 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

\$ 5.00  
/PERSON

REGISTER NOW

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0460 037 795



## 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](mailto: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:

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

*Please contact the Parish Office (02 4730 1249) if you*

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