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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A—25TH AND 26TH 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 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again:



'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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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25 APRIL ANZAC DAY WE REMEMBER THEM

We honour all Australian and New Zealand service men and women who have served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping.



Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13



Lest we forget.

We pray for peace in our world.



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 Desktop

The Gospel of this Sunday presents to us the powerful image of Jesus as the Gate. He says, "I am the gate..." This image is deeply connected to our identity as His disciples. We are not only sheep who listen to His voice, but we are also called to reflect His presence in the world—to become, in a spiritual sense, both shepherd and the gate for others.

To be a shepherd means to care, to guide, and to lead others closer to God through our words and actions. In our families and parish community, each one of us is entrusted with this responsibility. A kind word, a listening ear, a helping hand—these are simple but powerful ways of shepherding others. To be a gate means to become a channel through which others can encounter Christ.

A gate opens, welcomes, and protects. Jesus presents Himself as the gate from the peoples lived experience. A shepherd takes his sheep for finding pasture and when they are brought back he lies down to take rest at the gate so that no one can enter the gate without his knowledge. This is an additional protection for the sheep. When our lives are rooted in Christ, we become doors through which others experience God's love, mercy, and peace.

This call becomes concrete in our Stewardship Programme, especially during this second week focused on Prayer and Worship. Prayer is where we listen to the voice of the Shepherd. Worship is where we gather as His flock and are nourished by His presence. Without a deep life of prayer, we cannot recognise His voice; without faithful participation in worship, we cannot grow as a community of believers.

As good stewards, let us renew our commitment to personal and family prayer. Let us also participate actively and faithfully in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life. In doing so, we allow Christ to shape us into true shepherds who becomes welcoming gates for others.

May this week be an invitation to deepen our relationship with the Lord, so that through our lives, many may find their way to 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 28th:** St. Peter Chanel
- April 29th:** St. Catherine of Siena
- April 30th:** St. Pius V
- May 1st:** St. Joseph the Worker
- May 2nd:** St. Athanasius



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Joseph Dimeck, Anthony Borg

Anniversaries:

Charlie Cauchi, Anthony Mallia, Josephine Cauchi, John Lennon

For those who are sick:

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

Parish News

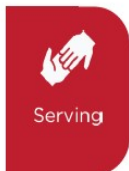
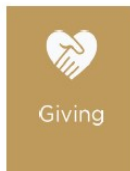


JOIN OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

A CALL TO PRAYER, SERVICE, AND GENEROSITY



Your support helps our parish grow and flourish, ensuring that our faith community remains strong for years to come. Every gift is a blessing - **Thank you!**



SCAN TO JOIN



corpuschristi.org.au/stewardship

GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH PRAYER AND WORSHIP— WEEK TWO OF OUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

This week in Our Parish Stewardship Program, we reflect on the importance of prayer and worship in our lives. As Catholics, our faith is nourished through the Eucharist, personal prayer and the Sacraments.

Time spent in prayer and worship is not only a source of personal renewal – it is also a beautiful gift you offer to God and to your faith community. How can you strengthen your relationship with God this week through prayer and worship?

Here are a few meaningful ways to grow in faith:

- ⇒ Prioritise Sunday Mass: The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.
- ⇒ Deepen your prayer life: Take time daily to talk with God, whether in silence, with Scripture or in Eucharistic Adoration.
- ⇒ Receive the Sacraments: Reconciliation and the Eucharist renew and strengthen us. Let us commit to making prayer and worship a priority, individually and as a parish family.

May our love for Christ deepen as we journey together in faith! Our parish is strongest when we come together in prayer and worship.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Save the Date!

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)


MASS
9.30AM


PROCESSION
FOLLOWING MASS


CELEBRATION
TO FOLLOW



SUNDAY 7TH OF JUNE | 9.30AM

More details will be provided next weekend.

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

Registration for the sacrament of confirmation has already taken place with the following formation coming up

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation preparation program has now begun in our parish, and we warmly thank all the families, children, and sacramental team who are part of this journey.

*Loving God,
bless our young people as they prepare for Confirmation.
Fill them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and guide them as they grow in faith.
Amen.*

Please continue to keep our candidates and their families in your prayers..

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 10TH OF MAY

'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 29TH OF MAY



LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS – MAY AND JUNE ROSTER

Thank you to all our liturgical volunteers for your generous service and faithful commitment to our parish. Your ministry is deeply appreciated.

The roster for May and June was sent out via email last Thursday. If you did not receive it, please contact the parish office.

Thank you again for all that you do.

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS – REMINDER FOR VOLUNTEERS

We thank all our parish volunteers for your generous service and commitment to our parish.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities and upcoming audit, all volunteers would have recently received an email outlining the required documentation, including the Code of Conduct, Working With Children Check (WWCC) notification, and/or Cycle 1 Safeguarding Training, as applicable.

To assist you, a table has been set up in the church where you can complete any outstanding forms. A secure box will also be provided for you to return your completed forms.

If you volunteer in any ministry in the parish, and did not receive an email regarding safeguarding, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming parish for all.



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/>

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal. Training will be held on **2nd May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. Additionally face-to-face Safeguarding training will be taking place at Corpus Christi on 9th May from 9am—2pm. Please contact the parish office to register.**

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

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.

40 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

This year marks 40 years since the Diocese of Parramatta was established.

To celebrate this milestone, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on **Sunday 31st of May at 2:00pm**, followed by afternoon tea.

Our parish is invited to send three families to represent our parish. We especially encourage families who have been part of the parish since around the time it was established to consider being among the three families representing us.

If your family would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office. We warmly invite you to express your interest.



Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year A—25th and 26th of April 2026

Gospel Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10 – an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, ‘I am the good shepherd’.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today’s passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd’s voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd’s commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

Historical Context – A line of shepherds

When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to ‘shepherd’ their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.

Scriptural context – Psalm 22

Today’s responsorial psalm uses Psalm 22 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 23), ‘the Lord is my shepherd’. It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that the Lord is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

Gospel Focus – Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why do these images of the sheep and the shepherd seem to have so much appeal today?
- Q. To whom might Jesus have been referring when describing the ‘others’ as thieves and brigands?
- Q. In what way does Jesus act as a gate?
- Q. What do you think it means to live life to the full?

Questions for Adults

- Q. Why might Jesus have used these images of himself as the gate and as the shepherd?
- Q. Why might the Jews have been attracted to an image of God as shepherd?
- Q. How can the concept of ‘life to the full’ be misunderstood or misused?
- Q. In what ways is the invitation to have life to the full also a challenge?

Learning moments

Use the quote ‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full’ as the stimulus for creating or composing an artistic work (song, poetry, prose writing, sculpture, painting, illustration, collage, t-shirt print).

Research the status of shepherds in the first century and suggest reasons why Jesus may have chosen this metaphor to describe himself.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Shepherd’s Voice

In Jesus’ time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as ‘thieves and brigands’.

In John’s gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: ‘Feed my lambs, feed my sheep’.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd’s voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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

Jesus is the front door. Anyone else sneaking around, climbing fences, going through the back door, or doing anything in secret means trouble. Be upfront, do what you do in broad daylight, and it is usually the right thing. You are proud of what you do when it is the right thing. If you are sneaking because you do not want to get caught, you are probably doing something wrong! Doing the right thing brings abundant life! Doing wrong things can hurt your ability to enjoy life abundantly.

What is ‘abundant life’ or ‘life to the full’? Do you think you can get it through Jesus? Do you think you can get it sneaking around, trying back doors, and climbing over fences? Why or why not?

Sheep pretty much follow the crowd. Not too many sheep are ‘individuals’. Being an individual is fine, especially when the crowd is not a good bunch to follow. But following the crowd can be fine too, especially when the crowd is a fine crowd and is doing good things.

Are you usually an individual? Or do you prefer to follow the crowd? Give an example of when you have been either an individual or a crowd follower.

How can you tell if someone who wants you to follow them is really following the way of Jesus?

The **Living Word** For Children

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —26TH APRIL 2026

FIRST READING

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GOSPEL READING

A Story about Sheep

Jesus said:

I tell you for certain only thieves and robbers climb over the fence instead of going in through the gate to the sheep pen. But the gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and he goes in through it. The sheep know their shepherd's voice. He calls each of them by name and leads them out.

When he has led out all of his sheep, he walks in front of them, and they follow, because they know his voice. The sheep will not follow strangers. They don't recognize a stranger's voice, and they run away.

Jesus told the people this story. But they did not understand what he was talking about.

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Jesus said:

I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep. Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber, and the sheep did not listen to any of them. I am the gate. All who come in through me will be saved.

Through me they will come and go and find pasture.

A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so everyone would have life, and have it fully.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

Whose voice do you know without being told who it is?

How can you tell?

Jesus speaks to us in many ways.

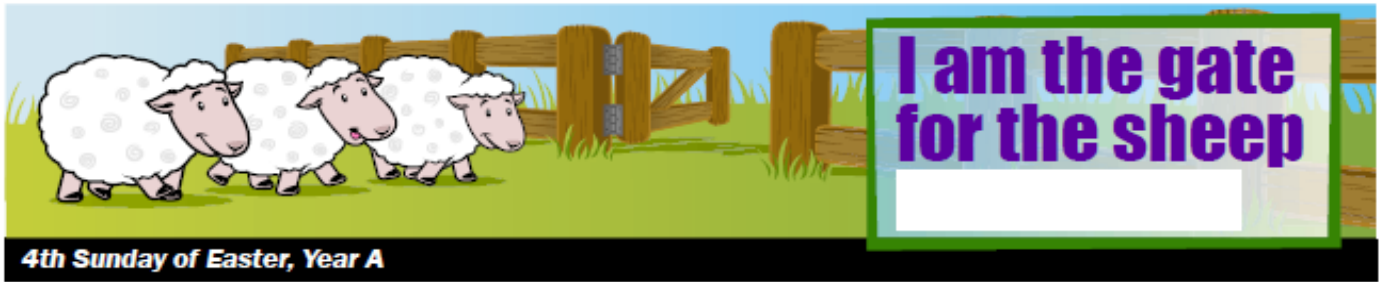
How can we tell the voice of Jesus?

Jesus says that he will always care for us.

Let us pray that we may know and love Jesus more closely.

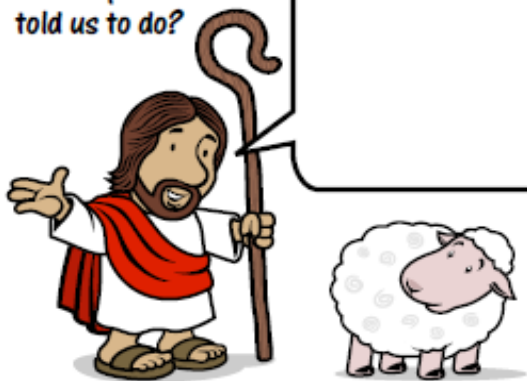


Children's Worksheet



4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus is our good shepherd and we know that we must follow him. What are some of the things our shepherd has told us to do?



A thief has stolen some letters from the passage of text below. Use these letters to discover something that Jesus said to his disciples.



"I _ _ T _ _ GAT _
FOR T _ _ _ _ P _
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T _ ROUG _ _ _ WILL
B _ _ _ V _ D."

Help the sheep find its way to the gate. Keep a look out for thieves!



Diocesan News



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- Family Law
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BETTER TOGETHER AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD® SHORT COURSE



Friday 15 May 2026
8:30am to 5:00pm AEST &
Saturday 16 May 2026
8:30am to 4:00pm AEST

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38 Renwick St, Leichhardt NSW
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Advised costs include: Catering & course materials.

Overview

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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



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Diocese Notices

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 or 0460 037 795.

Music Workshop 'Exploring Music for the Solemnities': 5 May

Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On Tuesday 5 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Please RSVP by 1 May via <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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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Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

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