

Third Sunday of Lent

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Monthly Sunday Adoration at Corpus Christi

Adoration will commence immediately after the conclusion of 7:30am Sunday Mass and concludes 20 minutes prior to commencement of 9:30am Mass. The exposition and reposition of the Eucharist is intended to follow a similar format as Tuesday night Adoration.

- March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent
- April 26th: Third Sunday of Easter
- May 24th: The Ascension of the Lord
- June 21st: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reflection Night

Making the Scriptures Real in Our Lives

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH AT 7PM (FOR A 7.15PM START) OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH HALL, 19 TROY STREET EMU PLAINS

Presented by renowned Catholic bible expert, Dr Laurie Woods, who will help us see into the spirituality of Jesus and to appreciate the scriptures for our own personal lives and growth.

RSVP by Sunday 22nd March by phoning 9296 6369 or email connect@ifm.org.au

Day of the Unborn Child on Sunday 29th March,

commences at 10.30am with Mass at Mary's Cathedral, followed by the Angelus at 12 noon and then Benediction at 1.30pm. Flyers are available in the foyer.



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Pastoral Care Volunteers visit patients offering spiritual and emotional support on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Much of the training will be 'on the job', and there will be four 'classroom' training days from 9am-2.30pm on Mondays: 20th April; 27th April; 4th May; 11th May. For more information, phone 4734 2052 or email: Cathy.Gault@health.nsw.gov.au

Divine Mercy Sunday

Come and celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA, PENRITH AT 2.30PM.

- ◇ Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
- ◇ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◇ Stations of the Cross
- ◇ Homily & Benediction
- ◇ Reconciliation until 5pm
- ◇ Afternoon Tea from 4.15pm-5.15pm
- ◇ Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm

Catholic Youth Parramatta Safeguarding Series #1

Catholic Youth Parramatta presents the first in a series of three safeguarding events in 2020, "Helping Youth Develop Safe & Healthy Relationships," facilitated by Cathy McClellan. The session will be held on Tuesday 24 March in the Greenway Room, Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill from 6.30pm to 9pm, with a light dinner provided. Register at <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

Volunteers Needed for New Life, Marriage and Family Office Program

The Life Marriage & Family Office is looking for married couples to volunteer to undertake a free training course for a new program to be launched in the Diocese in late 2020. The Retrouvaille program aims to assist couples struggling in their marriage. An information meeting about the new program will be held on Tuesday 21 April at the Diocesan Ministry Centre, Blacktown from 7pm. For more information, expressions of interest or to RSVP to the information night, please contact Karin Abrams on (02) 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A

14TH & 15TH MARCH, 2020

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more - for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

or

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday

7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7.00pm

Adoration & Rosary Tuesday at 6.30pm

Wednesday 9.10am

Thursday 9.10am

Friday 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

5.15pm - 5.50pm

or by appointment

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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200

(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a 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.

So that we can get to know who you are,
it would be great if you would please fill out a
Census Card available in the foyer.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March



Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may
persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel
and grow in unity.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Pauline Meilak (24/02/2020), Frank Buttigieg (31/01/2020)

Anniversaries:

Grace Xuereb, Emmanuel Camilleri, Georgina & Fortunato
Zahra, Doris & Paul Grech, Toni & Mary Agius, Sheila
Tavares, Tiegán Rickard Perdue, Jovito Junio Jr., Fr
George O'Mara

♦ If you would like a family member or friend's name to be in-
cluded in the sick list, please gain permission from that per-
son before you make the request to the parish team.

♦ Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those
who are sick will remain in The Net for 4 weeks.
Please contact the parish Office for further inclusion.

Special Prayers for Sacrament Children



Please keep in your prayers the children
of our parish who are preparing for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember also their families and
our Sacrament leaders who encourage
the children on their journey.

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WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING LENT EACH
FRIDAY AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI
ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH AT 7PM.
Please note that there will not be the usual 7pm Mass
on that evening.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross



Our Youth Group, Corpus Christi 2749
would like to invite anyone in years 7-12 who
would like to be involved in the
Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am
to come along to our first meeting on
Saturday 21st March at 3pm in the Church.

We need many hands to help with our procession focus
as well as assisting as we transition between stations.
For more information please contact Denise Caffrey on
0409 558 553.

Change in PPC Executive

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) wishes to advise the
resignation of Denise Caffrey as Chairperson for the PPC.



We thank Denise for all she has accomplished
whilst Chairperson and look forward to her
continued support and contribution as general
committee member for the PPC.

A vote was held by the PPC for the new Chairperson and
we would like to congratulate Michael Blair in his new
role for the committee.

Thank you



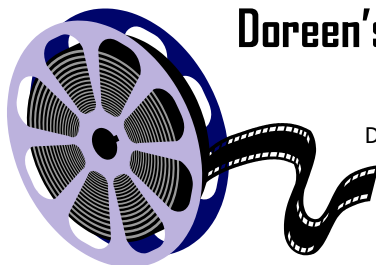
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KIND CORPUS CHRISTI-ANS – (KCC)

Yes, that's the brilliant and innovative name the
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children put forward and voted for at
our first Youth Group event held on 29th February 2020.

Thanks to all who participated in submitting other names which
were also imaginative.

Twenty children spent the evening sharing pizza, getting to
know each other, playing some games and reflecting on our
theme which was: **Preparing for Lent.**

Parents were able to see their children present their Lenten
promises at the end of the evening and children took home some
ideas to share with their families and friends.

Thank you to Angie Saliba and Michael Aure for taking care of
the hospitality and to Maryann Aure for her energetic icebreak-
ers.

The feedback we received was very positive and everyone is look-
ing forward to the March meeting.

For those wishing to attend, the details are as follows:

**KCC will be held every 4th Saturday of the month
(to line up with Corpus Christi 2749) and will end
at approximately 9:00pm.**

A donation of \$5 per family will help us defray the costs
of dinner and equipment as we go forward.

We want to thank everyone for their support of this venture.

**The next KCC meeting will be after Mass on
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2020.**

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Enquiries: Cathy Richmond 0435 221 472.

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Net??? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$420.

There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or
three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the
Parish Office during office hours.

Corpus Christi 2749... Our parish Youth Group

meets once a month either on a Friday night or immediately after the Vigil Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. It is a great place to meet other youth from the Parish, have some fun and share a meal. All activities are open to youth in Year 7 and above under adult supervision. If you would like to find out more about our Youth Group or when our next meeting is, please contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Meet on the last Friday of every month in the Meeting Room after morning Mass. Come along and enjoy the company. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are very welcome!!! For more information, please contact the parish office.

Corpus Christi St Vincent de Paul...

Corpus Christi conference welcomes enquiries from parishioners who wish to know more about conference activities. Phone 1300VINNIES for assistance.

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