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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

**25TH & 26TH MARCH
2023**

REFLECTION *by* Dianne Bergant CSA

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul



refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the

grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

by appointment

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

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: 1000000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

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

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR APRIL—OCTOBER 2023 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

Planned Giving

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

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

Message for Parishioners who Donate to Planned Giving by Credit Card...

Over the past couple of months some credit card transactions for Planned Giving have failed to go through and the bank has suggested that people may have updated their cards. If anyone has recently made changes to or cancelled their credit cards could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

Advertising in The Net...

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net? Or know anyone who might be? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$330. There is also the option to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office.

New Ministry Roster



A huge thank you to all who support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries. **Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated!**

We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period 15th/16th April to 1st/2nd July. Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries, please check your diaries and let Marie know by either phone or email **prior to Tuesday 4th April** of any non-availability during that period.

IF ANYONE HAS TAKEN A BREAK FROM THE MINISTRY ROSTER AND WOULD LIKE TO RESUME VOLUNTEERING PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Parish Working Bee for Easter

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON



Please bring a wheelbarrow and a rake to spread mulch over the front gardens and any other items that can be used to weed & trim the plants.

There will be a BBQ to follow.

For catering purposes, can you please place your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Thank you for your support!

An Important Carpark Safety Message

Please be aware that the parish carpark has a

ONE WAY ENTRY AND EXIT.

The access in front of the Parish Office is

ENTRY ONLY.

Please **DO NOT EXIT THE CARPARK VIA THE ENTRY.**

Building Parishes Together

Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards
From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards.

Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7.

Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well.

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by visiting: [https:// learning.safeguarding.org.au](https://learning.safeguarding.org.au)

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org
Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!

Children's Nativity Costumes

We are looking for volunteers to help with sewing new costumes for the children's nativity. We are hoping to have the costumes completed before we reach the busy lead up to Christmas. It will be simple sewing and all materials will be supplied. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

**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.*

Parish News

Ministry Roster for Easter...

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries for the Easter Liturgies, please put your name on the list in the foyer. Thank you!

We still need volunteers for the following:

- **Palm Sunday 6pm Vigil:** 2 Readers
Musicians
- **Palm Sunday 7.30am:** 1 Reader
- **Palm Sunday 9.30am:** 2 Readers

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday 6th April - 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 7th April - 10.00am

The Stations of the Cross
(in school grounds)

Friday 7th April - 3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

This moving ceremony honours the great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 8th April - 7.00pm

(Note not 6.00pm)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

This is the highlight of the Church year when we celebrate the greatest hope ever given to humanity.

Sunday 9th April - 7.30am & 9.30am

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

A continuation of the celebration of resurrection when the new Easter light and Easter water of Baptism are used to help give a blessing of renewal.



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

George Marabouti (husband of Maria) who died suddenly last Tuesday morning.

Carmelo Schembri (dear father/in law of Charlie and Pauline Schembri who died.

May George and Carmelo be welcomed into the embrace of the Lord and may their prayers assist the faith and hope of their special families.

Anniversaries:

Mario Vella (16/03/2006), Fr George O'Mara (28/02/2018),

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Viv Kirk, Daryle Young

THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Catechist News... Are you able to help???

Are you willing to share your faith journey?

Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, at university or a shift worker we need you!!!

What's Involved?

* Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

What do I need?

* An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

What help will I get?

* Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.

* A teacher's manual containing easy to follow lesson plans.

* Student activity books for each child.

* Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you can spare about an hour (including preparation time) each week during school terms and would like to find out more about being a teacher or helper please contact the Parish Office.



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25th & 26th March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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