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EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR B

**31ST MARCH & 1ST APRIL,
2018**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

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.



An Easter Prayer

Lord,

*The Resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
May this gift of joy and boundless love
be glorified through our lives.*

Amen.



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 4729 0696
(Principal - Mr Paul Devlin)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
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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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS WILL TAKE PLACE
ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 9.10AM.**

**Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer;
Recently Deceased...**

Fr George O'Mara, Brendan McLellan, Katherine McGreevy
Mass Intentions:

Mario Vella, Linda Borsato, Rocco Valore, Leonie Deane,
Carmela Pronesti, Mickelena Caruana

Anniversaries:

Valentino Nadalini (22/04/07), Duncan Albertyn, Flora Centino (09/04), Charlie Cauchi (16/04/06), Malcolm Bryant, Luke Sprycha, Catherine Langtry, Vincent Langtry, Charlie Xerri, Bernadette Hammond, Frank Debono, Les Gapps, Lorraine Coop, Olive Azize (31/03/11), June Young (25/03/11), Victoria Farrugia (05/04/07), Neil Whittingham, Lyle Brewin, Luke Bugden, Emmanuel Said, Fr Lionel Sham, Louis Farrugia, Xavier Zammit, Mary Gallop, Frank Pirotta, Joseph Attard, Antonia Vassallo (04/04/93), Nazzareno Said (13/04/78), Bob Foster, Zappi Farrugia, Chloe Communito, Arturo Habana (05/04/06), John Rassack, Joseph Vaughan, Joseph Vella, Brandon Agius, Albert Agius (10/04/04), Grezju Vella (11/04/03), Rita Vaughan, Lyn Wilson, Diane Vella, Wayne Portelli (21/04/04), Virginia Ulloa (28/04/98), Tony Saliba (29/04/03)

And for those who are sick...

Angelo Vella, Joan Schneider Hooton, Robert Kay, Salvina Vella, Florence Foran, Benita Azores, Joyce O'Brien, Marlene Baldacchino, Zeny Johnson, Neil Grant, Ross Dean, Peter Thom, Marlen Dolor, Sharon Dawson, Charlie Galea, Jayden Maloney, Kevin McCormack, George Marabouti, Geraldine Carvalho, Kevin Coyle.

*A warm welcome to any people
who are visiting, returning or new to
Corpus Christi this Easter.
Thank you for the blessing of your
presence in our midst.
Please be 'at home'
as together we honour and worship the
Risen Saviour.*



Go outside every day.
Miracles are waiting everywhere.

**Happy Easter
from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv
and the Diocese of Parramatta.**

Project Compassion...

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 * *As we celebrate Easter, we wish you the gift* *
 * *of new life and hope that the* *
 * *Resurrection of Christ represents.* *
 * *Thank you to all those who assisted in any* *
 * *way over the Holy Week and* *
 * *Easter Celebrations.* *
 * *You are a real blessing to the* *
 * *Corpus Christi Community!* *
 *  *
 * *The Parish Team* *

**NEXT WEEK THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN
 ON TUESDAY 3RD, WEDNESDAY 4TH &
 THURSDAY 5TH APRIL.**

Parent Only Meeting for Confirmation



The first meeting for the
 Sacrament of Confirmation
 will take place on

**WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL AT 7.30PM IN THE
 CHURCH.**

*Please note that this meeting is only for the
 parents of children who celebrated the Sacrament
 of First Eucharist in August last year.*

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is
Thursday 7th June at 5pm & 7.30pm.

Candles for Easter Saturday Vigil...

We have purchased battery operated candles for the Easter Vigil. Could you please return the candles at the end of Mass so that they can be used again next year.

However, if you would like to take your candle home with you we are asking for a \$2 donation. A donation box will be placed beside the candles on the night.

**WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE ON
 TUESDAY 3RD APRIL AT 7PM, WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL AT
 9.10AM & FRIDAY 6TH APRIL AT 9.10AM.
 PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MASS ON
 THURSDAY MORNING.**

Urgent Call for Church Cleaners...

WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE ROSTER. It requires an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a Saturday morning. If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, contact the parish office.

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

Thank you to the four ladies who have volunteered to join the Catechist Team!

Even though some of our catechists have taken on extra classes, **at least two classes don't have teachers.**

So, 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 a helper, 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 \$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 PARISH DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018

*Please note the following parish events
 in your diary:*

Saturday 27th May
 6pm Youth Mass

Sunday 3rd June:
 Corpus Christi Feast Day

Saturday 18th August
 Mary MacKillop Centre, North Sydney

Saturday 13th October:
 Pilgrimage to Penrose Park

Saturday 8th December:
 Christmas Gingerbread House Making

Date to be Advised December:
 City Christmas Lights
 Christmas Lights Bus Trip to St Mary's Cathedral



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Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Lecture Series

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of Mark. Venue: IFM, Marion St, Blacktown. Time: 10 am - 2pm. Dates: Friday April 6, Friday April 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731

The Feast of Divine Mercy: 8th April

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 8 April 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Celebrations will commence at 3pm with Chaplet, Confessions, Benediction and Mass. There will be fellowship after Mass, please bring a plate to share. No RSVP required.

Be part of history at St Luke's Marsden Park:

 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond are invited to attend the first Mass at Marsden Park on Sunday, 8th April. Mass will be held at St Luke's Catholic College (enter carpark via Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park). Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be the celebrant for this first Mass which will commence at 10am. Bishop Vincent has appointed Deacon Tony Hoban as the Pastoral Director for the new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community. Deacon Tony and his wife Annette look forward to welcoming many people to join them for this historic occasion. Marsden Park is on Richmond Road between Blacktown and Windsor. Further details are on the St Luke's website: stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au or via [facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark) or by calling 02 8605 2623.

Grief to Grace: 8th - 13th April

Healing the Wounds of Abuse - is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th - 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539.

For more information visit www.griefftoGraceaus.org

Position Vacant

Credo Youth Group Coordinator - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For further information, please visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Easter Reflections and Prayer: 14th April

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for a day of Easter Reflections and Prayer on Saturday, 14th April at 2:30pm at Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP Sr Paula by 1st June to: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

Healing After Abortion Retreat:

Weekend 13th - 15th April

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. For information and a brochure visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au, call our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

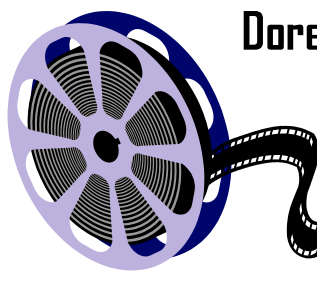
NSW Pastoral Conference: 1st May

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018 or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

The Permanent Diaconate: 6th May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. **The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8th July, 9th September & 4th November.**

For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James - 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan - 0407 270 782, Deacon George - 0408 440 769.



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