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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
- YEAR B**

**3RD & 4TH MARCH,
2018**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of



history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

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.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God so loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blesses are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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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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, Savior Bugeja (*father of Maria Galea*),
Maria Portelli, Maria Relunia (29/01), Katherine McGreevy
(*sister of Brian O'Neill who died 26/02/18 in Ireland*)

Mass Intentions:

Leonie Deane, Mickelena Caruana

Anniversaries:

Janet Borham, Fely Sampaga, Rita Neal, Jack Cottee,
George Buttigieg, Lina Dogao, Carmel Sultana, Belinda
Menezes, Vilma Roberts, Graham Roberts, Mary Agius,
Carmel Sultana, Jacob Muscat, Sam Azzopardi, Elizabeth
Formosa, Rita Xuereb, Angelina Said, Marie Nolan, Kevin
Wells, Lawrence Refalo, Diane Vella, Tony Caruana, Da-
vid Lenahan, Rose Portelli, Laurenza Saliba, Carl Haw-
kins, Dorothy Loughlin, Rosemary Fehon, Beth Fehon,
Joanne Sammarco, Pat Morris, Maria Teresa Vella, Doris
Grech, Joe Vaughan, Oliver Ryan, Trevor Almeida, Marga-
ret Collins, Carmelo Agius, Rose Said, Frances Micallef,
Andrew Jaja, Maryann Sultana, Mary Marron, Sam Vella,
Roger Borg, Betty Tabone, Carmen & Frank Pirota.

And for those who are sick...

Florence Foran, Benita Azores, Joyce O'Brien, Marlene Bal-
dacchino, Zeny Johnson, Neil Grant, Ross Dean, Peter
Thom, Marlen Dolor, Sharon Dawson, Charlie Galea, Jay-
den Maloney, Kevin McCormack, George Marabouti, Ger-
aldine Carvalho, Kevin Coyle.

Vale Fr George O'Mara...

It is with great sadness and difficulty to inform you that
our Parish Priest, Fr George O'Mara's earthly journey
ended on Wednesday night.



Fr George has had a huge and heroic
three year journey battling cancer. He
had several operations and treatments
during that time, but always managed
to remain positive to the very end .
Throughout his illness, his trust in God
never failed, and he was quite prepared

to meet the God who had called him to his vocation. He
remained alert and active until the last two days.

Fr George's wise and knowledgeable spirit will certainly
remain with us here at Corpus Christi parish where he
served as Parish Priest for eleven years. Rest in peace dear
Fr George.

Please keep in your prayers, Sr Maria Marin, a dear friend
of Fr George, who selflessly cared for him during his en-
tire illness. May she be comforted knowing that he is now
safely in the loving arms of his Father in heaven.

**A funeral for Fr George will be held here at the parish of
Corpus Christi on Tuesday 13th March at 11am.**

Stations of the Cross

will be celebrated during Lent each
Friday at 7.00pm in the Church.

**FR CHRIS IS LOOKING FOR FOUR FAMILIES TO LEAD
STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ONE FAMILY EACH WEEK).**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE ADD
YOUR NAME TO THE LIST IN THE SACRISTY.**

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI
ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH AT 7PM.

*Please note that there will not be the usual 7pm Mass
on that evening.*

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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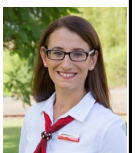
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Children's Mass...



We will be celebrating a children's Mass on **Sunday 18th March 9:30am** with the families from our Parish school and all of our local government and independent schools. We warmly invite all of our parishioners to join us in this joyous celebration.

Choir rehearsal for any children who would like to participate in our Children's Choir for this Mass are invited to join us for rehearsal in the Church on Saturday 17th March at 3pm.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed...

One of the most rewarding ways we can share our faith and be part of the weekend liturgies is by taking the young children and sharing with them your ideas about the readings and/or the feast day messages.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING PART OF THE TEAM AS WE NEED PEOPLE TO FILL THE ROSTER.

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses.

We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. If you can see yourself being part of this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

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

Thank you to the three 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.

Tradesmen Needed... Please!!!

We are looking for tradespeople who can provide us with quotes for some small jobs that need to be done around the Parish site.

- * small paving repair
- * some concreting work
- * carpenter/joiner for some dress timber work



Please email your contact information to parishteam@corpuschristi.org.au

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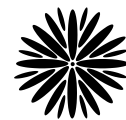
The Catholic Foundation, Diocese of Parramatta was launched in Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains on 19th November 2017, when it officially replaced the Diocesan Works Fund as the central charity for the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta.

The Catholic Foundation sustains the works of Faith, through the Holy Spirit Seminary and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; works of Hope through the Ephpheta Centre; and works of Charity through CatholicCare.

In support of The Catholic Foundation, our Parish will be holding a special collection **this weekend**. Appeal Envelopes will be provided at the Masses, and we invite all Parishioners to support the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta, by coming prepared and giving generously to The Catholic Foundation Appeal **this weekend**.

Catholic Schools Week 2018

This year from 4th - 10th March 2018, all 80 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).



Dioceses across NSW and the ACT are joining together to celebrate CSW 2018. The theme for Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Schools is 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

During Catholic Schools Week, schools will be reaching out to their communities and showcasing learning.

Catholic Schools Week strengthens connections between all those that have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community - by showcasing our activities and actions.

It is important to celebrate and strengthen the close connection between school and parish, and it is for this reason that parishioners from Corpus Christi Parish are encouraged to connect with Corpus Christi Primary as we join together for Mass on **Thursday 8th March at 9:15am**.

Church Air Conditioning

Thank you to everyone who have contributed towards the cost and installation of the air conditioner.



If you would still like to donate, envelopes are available at both church entrances. Thank you!!!

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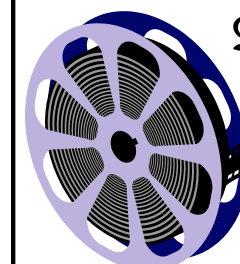
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Project Compassion... THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of mission out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Byrd Consort Concert - With 'Recorder Collective' Easter Polyphony: Renaissance to Bruckner. Tickets via St Patrick's Cathedral Office 02 8839 8411. **Saturday 10th March at 3pm.** Entry: \$12, Concession: \$8. All proceeds to go to the St Patrick's Cathedral parish. More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

24 hours for the Lord: 9th -10th March

From Friday 5:30pm until Saturday 5:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Commences with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concludes with Evening Prayer and Benediction. For event details: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Lenten Concert Reflection: 18th March

'Ashes to Easter' with Peter Kearney from **3.00-4.15pm in the Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic singer-songwriter and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. To register, email concerts@peterkearneysongs.com.au specifying 'Parramatta' and number of seats needed. Suggested donation \$10 at door.

2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: goo.gl/2F77m9

Xavier College Open Night

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH FROM 4PM - 6PM.

Prospective Students and Families are welcome to attend. For more information contact the college on 4777 0900.

St Dominic's College Open Day

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH FROM 10AM - 2.30PM

Visit www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au or phone 4731 1933 for more information.

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@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org



The Permanent Diaconate

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. **he 2018 dates are Sundays: 11th March, 6th May, 8th July, 9th September and 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

Australian Catholic Historical Society

Lecture: 18th March

Br Dr Kelvin Canavan fms -The bureaucratisation of Catholic schooling and the emergence of the Catholic Education Office. Meet at 2.00pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's, Church Hill (Grosvenor Street). Admission is free and open to all. Visit the ACHS website:

www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.



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