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The Net

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR B**

**4TH & 5TH AUGUST,
2018**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.



Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

or

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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 - Mr Paul Devlin)

Xavier College – ph 4777 0900
(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 August...



Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists
and politicians may protect the family as one of
the treasures of humanity.

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...

Marlene Baldacchino, Frank Sultana, Michelle Louise Arcilla

Mass Intentions:

Anthony Azzopardi, Bibiana Zahra, Carmen Axiak, Paul Axiak, Carmen Sciberras, Carmen Sciberras, Jose Cordovilla Descalso Jnr, Christ Zahra

Anniversaries:

Brian Norman Panitz, Frank Puleio (29/08/13)

And for those who are sick...

Marie Martin (Hooton), Joan Schneider Hooton, Kevin McCormack.

- ◇ If you would like a family member or friend's name to be included in the sick list, please gain permission from that person before you make the request to the parish team.
- ◇ Prayer intentions remain in The Net for 4 weeks. Please contact the parish Office for further inclusion.



*Please keep in your prayers the children
of our parish who are preparing for the
Sacrament of First Eucharist.
May their families be great models of faith
for them during this important time.*

First Eucharist Preparation Groups...

First Eucharist Group Sessions will start on 22nd August for the Wednesday group, 23rd August for the Thursday group & 25th August for the Saturday group.

If you are unable to attend your assigned session, please contact Marie at the Parish Office to arrange attending another group.

Final Preparation for First Eucharist

The final preparation for the children will take place on Friday 7th September from 3.30pm - 5.00pm in the school hall.

It is really important that all children attend as it will be their only practice as a group.

Dates for First Eucharist are:

- ◆ Saturday 8th September during 6pm Mass.
- ◆ Sunday 9th September during 9.30am Mass.
- ◆ Sunday 16th September during 9.30am Mass and at 11.30am.

Social Justice Sunday...

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:

'A Place to Call Home:

making a home for everyone in our land'.

The statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Parish Ministries...

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office.



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WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST IS THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT
MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP.
MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.10AM



WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
AND A HOLY OF OBLIGATION.
MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.10AM & 7.00PM.

Confirmation Photos... Photos for those children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently, are available to be collected from the parish office.

Tax Receipts...

If you require a tax receipt for the financial year for your contribution to **The Catholic Foundation**, please phone the Parish Office or send an email to mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Call for Church Cleaners!!

We are **still in need** for some volunteers to join the Church Cleaning roster so it is not left to just the one person to clean the whole church. **It requires an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Many hands make light work!**

If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

Corpus Christi Parish Car Rally...

A couple of people have kindly put their hand up to be on a committee to organize the Parish Car Rally for 2019. If anyone has experience in organising a rally or is interested in being part of group to prepare this event, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul...

Corpus Christi Conference

✱ The conference need a lounge and some chest of draws or bedside draws for a person who has just moved into the area and has no furniture. If anyone has a lounge or chest of drawers that they no longer need or use can they contact Greg Hall on 0407484020 to arrange a pick up time.

✱ Vinnies are encouraging each conference to have a representative to participate in the sleep out to be held on the 30th August 2018.

This year the conference will not hold its annual winter appeal collecting but instead seek sponsorship from parishioners for the person who will represent the conference at the sleep out.

If any member of the Corpus Christi community would like to represent the Cranebrook Conference at the sleep out please contact Greg Hall by calling the above number.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our parish conference.

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018

Please note these parish events in your diary:

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:

Christmas Lights Bus Trip to St Mary's Cathedral

The Corpus Christi Collective Youth Group (C3)

meets on the last Saturday of every month in the Parish Meeting Room immediately after Mass. 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 aged between 12-18 (year 7-12) and are supervised.

'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.

Kneelers available in Foyer...

As you are aware, the kneeler pads are available for you to use them if you choose. For the time being they are all located in the main foyer and under the Holy Oils Cabinet. For safety, we ask that you please take the kneeler back to the storage box at the end of Mass.

Corpus Christi St Vincent de Paul..

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

The Net is available on the Corpus Christi website each week. Please visit www.corpuschristi.org.au/news



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Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19th August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan on 0420 310 771 or email johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

This enjoyable program aims to enrich those involved in service/ministry of Catholic communities - excellent chance for learning and further shaping of faith and purpose. Ten Tuesday evenings and two Saturday mornings are spread out across August 18 to Dec 1 - presenters' inputs, journaling and application to ministry - group size about 35. See ifm.org.au or call the IFM team 9296 6369.

Ministry of the Communion to the Sick and Dying

Saturday 11th August, 9.30am - 2.00pm

Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown

Morning tea & lunch provided. To register contact Ingrid on 8838 3456 or email: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta Friday 17th August

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles - Tickets via www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au - More details at: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Migrant and Refugee Week: 20-26 August

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'. We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context. For more information please visit: parracatholic.org/socialjustice

St Joseph's Parish Kingswood Winter Fete

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST FROM 9AM TO 3PM

12 Richmond Rd, Kingswood.

Creating a Safe Church...

31st August - 1st September

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, and members of the Church.

Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via parracatholic.org/safechurch

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

10th November 2018.

Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta.

Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to: parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/ Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

Position Vacant...

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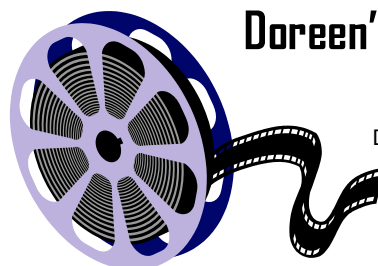
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