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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
- YEAR B**

**10TH & 11TH MARCH,  
2018**

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.



Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

### 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

When the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is read:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

or

When another Gospel is read:

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

### 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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(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.*

**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 (brother-in-law of  
Anne Marie Bosworth), Savior Bugeja (father of Maria Galea),  
Maria Portelli, Katherine McGreevy (sister of Brian O'Neill  
who died 26/02/18 in Ireland)

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Carmela Pronesti, 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 Az-  
zopardi, Elizabeth Formosa, Rita Xuereb, Angelina Said,  
Marie Nolan, Lawrence Refalo, Diane Vella, Tony Caruana,  
Rose Portelli, Laurenza Saliba, Carl Hawkins, Rosemary  
Fehon, Beth Fehon, Joanne Sammarco, Pat Morris, Maria  
Teresa Vella, Doris Grech, Trevor Almeida, Margaret Col-  
lins, 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...**

Salvina Vella (Jo Debono's Mum), Amalia Schafer (Jo & Ray  
Debono's granddaughter), Florence Foran, Benita Azores,  
Joyce O'Brien, Marlene Baldacchino, Zeny Johnson, Neil  
Grant, Ross Dean, Peter Thom, Marlen Dolor, Sharon Daw-  
son, Charlie Galea, Jayden Maloney, Kevin McCormack,  
George Marabouti, Geraldine Carvalho, Kevin Coyle.

## **Vale Fr George O'Mara...**

**Father George's funeral Mass will be held here at  
Corpus Christi Parish, where he so faithfully served, on  
Tuesday 13th March at 11am.**

*Father George has had a heroic three year journey battling can-  
cer. He had several operations and treatments during that  
time, but always managed to stay posi-  
tive 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 very last two days of his  
earthly journey.*

*Fr George was a much loved leader of  
our faith community at Corpus Christi. He led our parish from  
November 2006 to his passing. He will be remembered with  
much fondness by the people of our Parish and we will always  
be thankful for his selfless commitment to our parish life and  
the richness of his homilies. We were blessed to share many  
wonderful celebrations with Fr George including his Jubilee  
Mass in 2010.*

*Please keep Sr Maria Marin PBVM, a dear friend of Father  
George, who selflessly cared for him during his entire illness.  
May she be comforted knowing that he is now safely in the lov-  
ing arms of his Father in heaven.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon him.*

## **Project Compassion...**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016.  
With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen  
to the role of Senior Artsworker at Djilpin Arts Abo-  
riginal Corporation, now a multi-level contempo-  
rary arts centre and major employer for young  
people in her remote Northern Territory community.

*Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulner-  
able 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or pho-  
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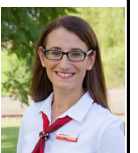
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## Children's Mass...



We will be celebrating a children's Mass on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## 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

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**Also, If you are:**

- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme by way of credit card and your details have changed;
  - ◇ or contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
  - ◇ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, please contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.
- Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.**

## 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.



## Parents of Sacrament Children ...

Final preparation for all children who are making their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 6th April will take place on **FRIDAY 16TH MARCH FROM 3.30PM – 5.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.** It is essential that all children attend. Please contact the parish office if there is a problem.

## The Catholic Foundation Appeal

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.

**Thank you to all those who contributed to the appeal last weekend. If you were away and didn't have the opportunity to contribute, envelopes are available at both entrances of the church.**



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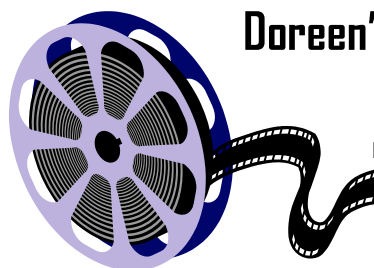
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## Corpus Christi Tweenies

Are you in Year 5 or 6 at any of the schools in our Parish? Do you miss hanging out with your Church friends from Children's Liturgy? Why not come along to our CC Tweenies Group and hang out with your Church friends after school!



**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH FROM 4PM – 6PM  
IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM**

Have mum or dad let us know by calling Francis Fenech on 0413908107 by 19th March. All primary school kids who have made their Sacrament of First Communion are welcome. Afternoon tea will be provided. All supervising adults have completed the Working with Children check. RSVPs are essential to enable a suitable adult to child supervision ratio.

## Corpus Christi Collective Youth Group Trivia Night

**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH AFTER 6PM MASS.**

Students in Years 7–12 are invited to attend our March gathering. Entry is \$5.00 for pizza and refreshments.

## Corpus Christi Easter Egg Hunt



OUR ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI EASTER EGG HUNT WILL TAKE PLACE ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS AND WILL BE OPEN FOR CHILDREN AGED 2-12.

All children who take part in the hunt will receive a chocolate Easter egg so please remember to RSVP to ensure we have enough eggs for all participants.

There are 3 age groups for participation with each group having a major prize for the most "eggs" found. Kids will need to find as many 2 dimensional paper eggs as possible. If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate, please put their name and age on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

If you would like to donate a prize, please do so before Palm Sunday. Suggested prizes include Easter egg packs, soft toys such as Easter bunnies, Easter craft packs or Easter baskets.

If you would like to assist in the running of the Easter Egg hunt, please contact Ann on panitzs24@tpg.com.au or Denise on mcaffrey@bigpond.com.

## 2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

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

## Catholic Outlook now on Facebook

Our diocesan magazine Catholic Outlook is now on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/catholicoutlook>

## Stations of the Cross...

Celebrated during Lent each  
Friday at 7.00pm, in the Church.

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**CORPUS CHRISTI  
COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION  
TUESDAY 13TH MARCH AT 7.00PM**  
*Please note that there will not be the usual  
7pm Mass on that evening.*

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Thursday 29th March - 7.30pm**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

**Friday 30th March - 10.00am**

**The Stations of the Cross**

**Friday 30th March - 3.00pm**

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

This moving ceremony honours the  
great sacrifice of Christ.

**Saturday 31st March - 7.00pm**

**(Note not 6.00pm)**

**The Easter Vigil**

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

**Sunday 1st April - 7.30am & 9.30am**

**Masses of Easter Morning**

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.

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