



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

The Net

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

**11TH & 12TH AUGUST,
2018**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.



There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

or

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

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.

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:

Dioscoro Sampaga Snr, 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...

Angelo Vella, Eugena Jerome, 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.

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.



*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



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**A reminder to all those who are attending the
St Mary MacKillop Centre bus trip next
Saturday 18th August...
please be at the parish carpark by 8am.
The bus will depart at 8.15am.**

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 a group to prepare this event, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

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.

St Vincent de Paul...

Corpus Christi Conference

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.

A member of our conference will be representing Corpus Christi at the Vinnies Western Sydney Sleep Out. Vinnies are hoping to raise \$100,000 from the event and each participant is being encouraged to raise a minimum of \$500 so funding can occur to the programs to prevent homelessness.

More details of the event and how donations can be made will be in next weeks net.

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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 25th August

CCC Youth group

Saturday 22nd September

Tweenies Group

Saturday 13th October

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park

Saturday 8th December

Christmas Gingerbread House Making

Wednesday 19th 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 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

Feast of the Assumption Walk

THE ANNUAL WALK ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION will take place on Wednesday 15th August, beginning at Noon with Mass at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville). The walk starts after Mass at 1pm, continues along Windsor Road to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta (14km). Refreshment stops occur along the way. All are welcome. Join us at any point of the walk. Contact the parish office to register on 9629-2595.

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

Dad's Support Group: Tuesday 14th August

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm - 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Road, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au

Migrant and Refugee Week: 20-26 August

Pope Francis has chosen 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

Catholic Men's Conference

What is Courage? How do we build authentic relationships? What is commitment?

Saturday, 1st September at

Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe.

Registration: \$60 Early Bird \$48 (11 August). Find out more: www.sydneycatholicmen.com/conference or contact Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. A collaborative of men from Brothersoul (Schoenstatt Men), menALIVE, The Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern Cross, The Men of St Joseph & Catholic Men's Fellowship.

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

Positions Vacant...

- * If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more information contact ddffinance@parradfd.org.au
- * Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>



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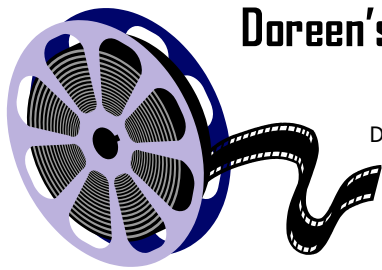


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