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### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18TH & 19TH AUGUST, YEAR B 2018

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a



paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink and the sale in the sale in

came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon**

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

or

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever. 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

5.15 pm - 5.50 pm 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...

George Pirotta, Marlene Baldacchino

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Tony Zahra, Olinda Ornelas (17/08/16), Grahame Dawson, Brent Downes, Sam & Vicky Borg, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Dioscoro Sampaga Snr, Anthony Azzopardi, Bibiana Zahra

#### Anniversaries:

James William Sinnett (20/08/81), Bernard Maloney (12/08/13), Fermin Sampaga, Brian Norman Panitz, Frank Puleio

#### And for those who are sick...

Benita Azores, Jayden Maloney, 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.



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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...

A reminder to parents that the first group session for First Eucharist will take place this week.

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, 3.30pm - 5pm 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 & at 11.30am.

### Migrant and Refugee Week: 20th-26th 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 information please visit: parracatholic.org/ socialjustice

#### 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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### Children's Liturgy Workshop

WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM - 9PM Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

To register email ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or phone 8838 3456.

This is an important evening for all who assist with Children's Liturgy in their parish.

### Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 1-2.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

#### 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.

### Corpus Christi St Vincent de Paul... **Vinnies Winter Sleepout**

Greg Hall from the conference will be representing the Cranebrook conference at the vinnies sleep out to be held on the 30th August.

The aim is to raise a minimum of \$500 so the sleep out can meet their target of \$100,000

If anyone would like to donate or support Greg you can go to https://nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/ page/GregHall or make any donations to the vinnies box in the main fover area.

On the weekend of the 25th/26th August collection buckets will be placed at the doors after each mass for any one who may wish to donate to the community sleep out.

Thank you for your support.

### St Vincent de Paul DROUGHT APPEAL

Help support struggling rural communities facing tough drought conditions. Help individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support

Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12, www.vinnies.org.au/ drought or at any local Vinnies Shop.

#### 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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### Plenary Council 2020

decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the will be held on Saturday 2020 at the new website, online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

### 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: 28th 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, helping the whole family. This is a Reflection Day for Women free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

#### Catholic Men's Conference

What is Courage? What is commitment? How do we build authentic relationships? Saturday 1st September at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe.

A collaborative of men from Brotherssoul (Schoenstatt Men), menALIVE, The Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern *Cross, The Men of St Joseph & Catholic Men's Fellowship.* 

More details: www.sydneycatholicmen.com/conference or Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. Registration: \$60



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### Seminar - Understanding Family Law

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is holding a two session to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It Seminar on "Understanding Family Law". These sessions is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and 25th August 2018. Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on Session 1: 10am - 12pm - Understanding the Family Law the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Act - Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs. Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Session 2: 1pm -3pm - Understanding the Family Law Act now -Focus on Property Settlements.

> Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Entry and onsite parking via Boom gate on Victoria Road.

Cost: \$10.00 per session.

Registration Essential: Phone 8843 2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

### Bringing the Old Testament to Life

Great themes that influenced Jesus and his spirituality Tuesday 28 August at 6.45pm for 7pm start

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION, 1-5 MARION STREET, BLACKTOWN Led by Dr Laurie Woods - this is one of the sessions of the Reflective Ministry Program that we specially open up for wider attendance. You are welcome to register and bring a friend or family member of any faith background.

The cost is free, donations accepted.

RSVPs are essential: email connect@ifm.org.au or call Charbel on 9296 6369.

We look forward to hosting you or friends on the day.



Join us in celebrating Our Lady's Birthday Saturday 8th September from 9.30am - 3.00pm Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa

The day will be hosted by Sr Mary Louise Walsh. The cost is \$25 / BYO lunch - tea & coffee provided. Register by 4th September at info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 4773 8338.

### Position Vacant...

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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