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# TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

# 22ND & 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2018

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday

# **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS** Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest

today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous.



We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of

the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever. **Responsorial Psalm** (*R.*) The Lord upholds my life. **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! **Communion Antiphon** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. *or*  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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Xavier College – ph 4777 0900 (Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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 September

# Universal – Young People in Africa

) That young people in Africa may have access to generation and work in their own countries.

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...

Benita Azores, Rodolfo Sison, George Pirotta

### Mass Intentions:

Christ Zahra, Manolo Montesa, Rizalina Montesa, James Vella, Mario Vella, Carmen Attard, Sarah Sacol, Maria Supena, Dionesio Supena, Bernado Supena, Olinda Ornelas, Grahame Dawson, Brent Downes, Sam & Vicky Borg, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Dioscoro Sampaga Snr,

### Anniversaries:

Nina Deguara, Vicky Pesani, Liliane Ducasse (23/08/04), James William Sinnett (20/08/81), Bernard Maloney (12/08/13), Fermin Sampaga

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

Sr Merilyn Browne (*recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer*), Jayden Maloney, Angelo Vella, Marie Martin (Hooton), Joan Schneider, 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.
- ◊ Intentions remain in The Net for 4 weeks. Please contact the parish Office for further inclusion.



# **Plenary 2020 Information & Training Sessions**

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

- Saturday 29th September 2018 from 10am to 12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood)
- Saturday 29th September 2018 from 2pm to 4.30pm, Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall (17 Troy St, Emu Plains)

RSVP: <u>marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org</u> / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency.

# 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

# Adult Confirmation for 2018

Adult Confirmation for 2018 will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information.

Alternatively you can contact The Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

# Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

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### Corpus Christi Parish Outing... Fatima Day Coach Trip to Penrose Park SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER

A Parish coach trip is being organised for Fatima Day on Saturday 13th October. Cost is \$20 per person for the coach trip. There will be refreshments on site to purchase or BYO. The coach will leave at approximately 7.30am and return about 5pm.

### Payments need to be made by Monday 1st October. A sign up sheet and envelope for payment is available in the foyer.

The day is planned by the Pauline Fathers as follows:

- 10am: Confessions on the shrine grounds
- 10am: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Rosary in the Shrine Church
- 11am: Solemn Mass
- 12.30pm: Lunch (BYO or purchased from a stall provided)
- 1.30pm: Eucharistic Procession to Grotto with the Rosary2.00pm: Grotto Devotions, Benediction and Blessing of
- pilgrims 3.00pm: Conclusion

### CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2018 Please note these parish events in your diary:

**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

## A Note of Thanks from the Parish Team...



Congratulations to the children who recently celebrated First Eucharist. Thank you to their parents and to the group leaders. Appreciation is also extended to the Parish School Staff for making the parish

connection so tangible in the various expressions of support for sacraments processes.

Whilst on the subject of thanks... acknowledgement and gratitude must be given to the Acolytes who give significant time before, during and after each liturgy.

And similarly, our thanks for those behind the scenes of everything that happens here... who clean, set up, create beautiful liturgical environment and prepare and present everything that appears on the screen to support our worship. Likewise we owe a great debt of thanks to our music ministry who supported us with each celebration.

# **Planned Giving Envelopes**

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PRO-GRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

### 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 our parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

### 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. 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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### **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28th October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of work-St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass. Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on email Imf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

### Little Mother Eileen O'Connor: 13 October

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish would like to invite all women to join an evening retreat focused on the spirituality and the life of Little Mother Eileen with renowned author and researcher of Eileen's life, Jocelyn Hedley. This is a free event mation afternoon. You'll hear testimonies and learn about and Jocelyn's books will be available for purchase for \$15 on natural options which assist fertility. For more information the night. Please send RSVPS or any dietary requirements or questions to events@stpatscathedral.com. Saturday October 13 from 7:00pm until 9.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Function Room, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

### National Catholic Men's Conference

The menAlive and the Young Men of God Movement are Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a uniting in 2018 to host the inaugural National Catholic lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and Men's Conference. It will be a life changing weekend where commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by men from all over the country will gather to share an en- our Garden Crew Supervisor. Please contact 02 8843 2500 or counter with Christ. It will be a weekend of prayer, wor- visit our website www.ccss.org.au ship, sports, and formation, led by a powerful lineup of speakers including Robert Falzon, Ben Galea, Fr Ken Bark- Holy Family Fair er, Jonathan and Karen Doyle and many more. It is on 19th-21st October 2018 at Stanwell Tops. Details at ymgmove- The event will be held at the Holy Family Carpark via 254 ment.org, or call or text Nathan on 0422 546 517.

### OZ Rosary and The Global Rosary

#### Australia will 'Light the Match' to the Global rosary! The World Rosary will take place on

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER when a global rosary will be said. To register your location on the world map. Go to http:// holyleagueofnations.com, or for info phone 0467 535 595. All updates will be posted at https://www.facebook.com/ OZROSARY53/

Oz Rosary will also take place on May 12 next year!

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### Liturgy Conference 2018 Saturday 10th November **Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams**

shops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

### **Healing After Abortion**

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 November.

### Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11th November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an inforcontact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

### Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation.

### Saturday 13th October, from 10am - 3pm.

Luxford Rd, Emerton. Calling for stall-holders! Applications close on Monday 8th October. Please contact Malia for more info on 9628 7272 or email enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

### Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 - 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@grieftograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.grieftograce.org

