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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

**24TH & 25TH MARCH,
2018**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.



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Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to

be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.



Living the Gospel - Before the cock crows

Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for us today sometimes?

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.*

**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*), Katherine McGreevy (*sister of Brian
O'Neill who died 26/02/18 in Ireland*)

Mass Intentions:

James Vella, Rocco Valore (18/03/17), 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 Pirotta.

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.

Project Compassion...



SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Com-
passion 2008, she was living in a squatter set-
tlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump
outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a
young social worker, with plans to study a Mas-
ter's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty,
thanks to the support of individuals & Caritas Australia.

*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 or phone
1800 024 413.

Stations of the Cross...

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

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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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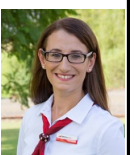


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Week Day Masses During Holy Week

PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING HOLY WEEK
WEEKDAY MASS WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE ON
TUESDAY 27TH MARCH AT 7PM AND
WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH AT 9.10AM.

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.

Parent Only Meeting for Confirmation

The first meeting for the
Sacrament of Confirmation
will take place on

WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL AT 7.30PM IN THE
CHURCH.

Please note that this meeting is only for the
parents of children who celebrated the Sacrament
of First Eucharist in August last year.

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is
Thursday 7th June at 5pm & 7.30pm.

Call for Church Cleaners... We are in need of some volunteers to join the roster. It requires an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a Saturday morning. If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Thank You!!!

Children's Choir for Easter Sunday

If any children would like to be part of the choir for the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday, please contact Shanice Vella on 0434 147 092

Holy Thursday Set Up...

If you have an hour or two from 10.00am on Holy Thursday morning to help set up for the 7.30pm Mass, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information please phone Marie at the Parish Office. Thank you!

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM 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 your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.**

Advertising in The Net...



Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$420. There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.



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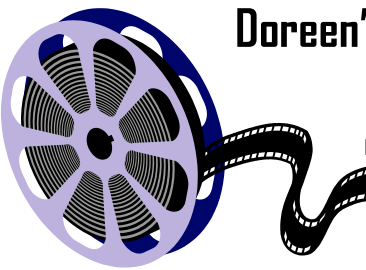
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2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

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

Palm Sunday Procession: 25th March

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Palm Sunday Procession. Starting at Parramatta Town Hall on Sunday 25th March at 5:15pm and walking to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

Good Friday Night Walk: 30th March

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details: parracatholic.org/cyp

First Mass at St Luke's Marsden Park

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

Position Vacant

Credo Youth Group Coordinator:

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For further information, please visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au

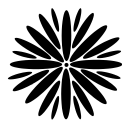
The Feast of Divine Mercy: 8th April

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 8 April 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Celebrations will commence at 3pm with Chaplet, Confessions, Benediction and Mass. There will be fellowship after Mass, please bring a plate to share. No RSVP required.

NSW Pastoral Conference: 1st May

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018 or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

The Permanent Diaconate: 6th May



The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James - 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan - 0407 270 782, Deacon George - 0408 440 769.

Grief to Grace: 8th - 13th April

Healing the Wounds of Abuse - is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th - 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Easter Reflections and Prayer: 14th April

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for a day of Easter Reflections and Prayer on Saturday, 14th April at 2:30pm at Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP Sr Paula by 1st June to: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

Healing After Abortion Retreat:

Weekend 13th - 15th April

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. For information and a brochure visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au



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