# **Youth Ministry Masterclass** Saturday 16th March, 9:30am-4pm at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill

tial youth ministry skills, leadership, basic Christian theology, leading others in prayer and spiritual encounter, networking within a parish context and the basics in safeguarding.

Two streams are offered throughout the day for those be- mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org ginning in youth ministry and for those with more extensive experience.

For more information visit parracatholic.org/cyp-youthministry-masterclass/

# Mind, Body & Soul Retreat

Mind, Body & Soul Retreat at Mt Schoenstatt for Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church. Facilitated by Andrea Dean.

Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa from 5pm on 22nd March to 2pm 24th March.

The cost is \$230, which includes two nights private, ensuite accommodation and all meals.

For more details or to book: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338.

## 24 hours of Adoration for the Lord

MT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE, 230 FAIRLIGHT ROAD, MULGOA. Begins with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 29th March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 30th March. Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period. Enquires for

# The Gospel of Luke... with Dr Laurie Woods

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Walk the Camino Portugués Gospel of St Luke. The presentation will take place at the Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, 2pm on Fridays March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 12th. All are welcome. BYO lunch.

Please register with Maree on 8838 3486.

phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338.



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# Conversation with Dr Austen Ivereigh

Wednesday 20th March at

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

A day of workshops, input and resource sharing in essen- You are invited to a public conversation between papal biographer & UK Catholic journalist Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as they discuss Pope Francis and becoming a humble, listening and learning Church. RSVP by 13th March to Br Mark O'Connor:

# **Affordable Housing Assembly**

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH AT 6.PM

You are invited to join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good.

Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians.

Register now at https://register.eventarc.com/41575/ march-2019-assembly

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# Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month and takes about groups or individuals: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Office Blacktown or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

Institute for Mission, Marion St Blacktown from 10am – Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See www.catholicmission.org.au/getinvolved/immersions/camino-portugues





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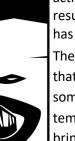


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#### **NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -**9TH & 10TH MARCH, 2019 YEAR C

# **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS**

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter



actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable - feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us - we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero,

the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Responsorial Psalm** 

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## **Communion Antiphon**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

**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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Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament Support

# SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200 Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900 (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.

# Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March Recognition of the



Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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...

Marie Jones (28/02/19 – aunt of Anne Marie Bosworth), Katie Sultana, Anthony Cassar

#### Mass Intentions:

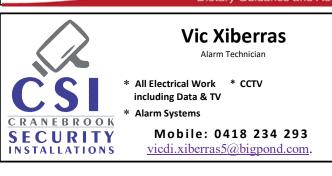
Christ Zahra, Jovito Juinio jr, Maria Aquilina, Our Lady, the souls in purgatory, the souls of the faithfully departed Anniversaries

Fr George O'Mara (28/02/18), Carmela Napoli (02/03/77), And for those who are sick...

Veronica McMahon (mother of Anne Marie Bosworth), Bill Ross, Sr Merilyn Browne, 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 four weeks. Please contact the parish Office for further inclusion.





# **Bishop Vincent's Pastoral Letter**

Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter to the people and clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta can be found at: catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincents-pastoral-letter

# Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Many thanks to all who recently donated so generously to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal.

The total amount raised by our parish was \$3781.60.

You can still be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

> **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated during Lent each Friday at 7.00pm in the Church.

# **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.

# PROJECT First Sunday of Lent COMPASSION Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would

walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

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#### Also, If you are:

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Program by way of credit card and your details have changed;
- ♦ or contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct
- ◊ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, 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.

**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.

# **Catechist News...** *Are you able to help???*

The Catechist Team is currently in need of volunteers to teach in our government schools in 2019.

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about being a teacher or helper please contact the Parish Office.

#### Vacancies are at the following schools:

- Year 6 at Samuel Terry Thursdays 12.50pm 1.20pm
- Kindergarten at Henry Fulton Thursdays 11.30am 12pm Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, at university or a shift worker we need you!!

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Have you been thinking about growing in your faith?

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Are you Baptised and would like to receive the

Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you are ready to take these steps in your faith journey,

If you would like to find out more about this program

Caroline Chisholm College Open Night

Monday 11th March from 5.30pm-7.30pm

2020 Enrolments for Girls Years 7-12

For further information contact the College on 4737 5500 or

\* Principal's Information Sessions at 6pm & 7pm.

we invite you to take part in our parish RCIA program.

McCarthy Catholic College Enrolments are now open for 2020. Open Night Tuesday 19th March, from 5pm – 8pm

- \* Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders
- \* Tours of the College facilities

please contact the Parish Office.

\* Tours of the College from 5.30pm.

visit www.ccclenmorepark.nsw.edu.au

\* Presentations at 5.15pm, 6.00pm and 6.45pm

For further information contact the College on 4728 8100 or visit www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au

### Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic Twitter @parracatholic

#### Corpus Christi 2749... Our parish Youth Group

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 in Year 6 and above under adult supervision.

'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 assistance.

The Net is available on the Corpus Christi website each week. Please visit www.corpuschristi.org.au/news





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