

## Bishop Vincent's Statement on the Christchurch Attack

Bishop Vincent has issued a statement on the Christchurch attack. The statement can be found here: [catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack](http://catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack)

## 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-vincent's-pastoral-letter](http://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent's-pastoral-letter)

## Safeguarding Superheroes

Thursday 28th March from 6.30pm – 9pm

Novotel Hotel, Norwest

*Ensuring a safe environment for young people is an essential requirement of any ministry initiative.*

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The Diocese of Parramatta is hosting an evening for 'on the ground' volunteers who are predominantly present at activities or ministries that involve young people. Let's build a network of safeguarding officers for the future! More details at: [parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/)

## 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 groups or individuals: [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338.

## Positions Vacant

Diocese of Parramatta...

- \* Web developer/programmer
  - \* Pastoral Planning Officer
  - \* Project Manager
  - \* Parish Secretary – Merrylands Parish
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)
- \* Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

More details at: [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au)



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## Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

Sunday 28th April

St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith

- \* Blessing of the Divine mercy Image
- \* Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- \* Stations of the Cross
- \* Homily and Benediction
- \* Reconciliation until 4pm
- \* Afternoon tea 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- \* Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm

## Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

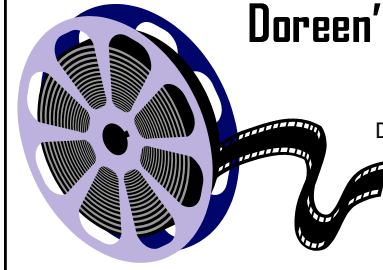
We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month. Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or at [George.Bryan@parracatholic.org](mailto:George.Bryan@parracatholic.org)

## Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home - you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For details contact Deb Woolacott on 0418114055 or [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au)

## For Filipino and Interested Parishioners...

Major MUSICAL production, NOLI ME TANGERE, Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Based on the Philippines national novel by Jose Rizal. Low prices from \$35 so families can celebrate their culture together, March 29 – April 6. Song clips on Riverside Theatres website. Nice restaurants and parking nearby – a great night out! Stars Marcus Rivera, Pam Picart, and many others. Bookings easy: 8839 3399 or [riversideparramatta.com.au](http://riversideparramatta.com.au)



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

**23RD & 24TH MARCH, 2019**

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel



from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness.

Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

## Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

or

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

## 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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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...

Paul Trevaskis (Margaret Blair's dear Dad – 19/03/19), Paul  
Grech (28/02), Marie Jones (28/02), Katie Sultana

### Mass Intentions:

Christ Zahra, Charlie Saliba, Our Lady, the souls in purga-  
tory, the souls of the faithfully departed

### Anniversaries

Sheila Tavares (25/03), Rita Saliba (14/03/08), Joseph  
Kallarackal (15/03/91), Mario Vella (16/03/06), Fr George  
O'Mara (28/02/18), Carmela Napoli (02/03/77),

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

Noah Macalinao, Veronica McMahon, Bill Ross, Sr Meri-  
lyn Browne, Kevin McCormack

♦ If you would like a family member or friend's name to be in-  
cluded in the sick list, please gain permission from that per-  
son before you make the request to the parish team.

## 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.

## Stations of the Cross...

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

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## CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7.00PM

*Please note that there will not be the usual  
7pm Mass on that evening.*

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### Thursday 18th April - 7.30pm

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

### Friday 19th April - 10.00am

#### The Stations of the Cross

### Friday 19th April - 3.00pm

#### The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This moving ceremony honours the  
great sacrifice of Christ.

### Saturday 20th April - 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 21st 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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## Corpus Christi Facebook Page...

Our parish Facebook page is now up and running at  
[www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook](http://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook)

## Ministry Roster for Easter...

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries for  
the Easter Liturgies, please put your name on the list in the  
foyer. Thank you!

## Easter Children's Choir

If any children would like to be part of the children's choir  
for **Easter Sunday Mass at 9.30am**, contact Shanice Vella  
on 0434 147 092 or Email [svella22@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:svella22@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Holy Thursday Collection

The money raised from the collection at the Holy Thursday  
Mass will be used to support the charitable works of the St  
Vincent de Paul Society.



## Third Sunday of Lent

*Peter is thrilled to now have clean water  
on tap at his boarding school. Long  
walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is liv-  
ing with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses  
caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on  
his studies, providing him with brighter future.*

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visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or by  
phoning 1800 024 413.

### 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](http://www.corpuschristi.org.au/news)**

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