

### Palm Sunday Procession: 14th April

The annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm. Register at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### Good Friday Night Walk: 19th April



Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### Bach at St Finbar's on Good Friday

The traditional candle light Good Friday service from 7.30pm at St Finbar's, Glenbrook will be a highlight of this year's Lenten Season. Featuring the music of JS Bach and sacred readings, the Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by Sydney City Organist, Robert Ampt, who will direct the choir as well as perform several Bach works on the organ. RSVP to Judy on 4754 1780.

### Office of Tenebrae

The Office of Tenebrae 2019 is part of Holy Week celebrations with a reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets. Tenebrae will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm on 15th April 2019 and will be led by Bishop Vincent Long.

### Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

#### Sunday 28th April at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith

*Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Homily & Benediction, Reconciliation until 4pm, afternoon tea 4.15pm – 5.15pm, Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm*

**IFM Workshop...** The second half of life enrichment at the Institute for Mission offers an encouraging workshop for men and women who are over 50 years of age... *"From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years."* Held on **24th April from 10am to 1pm and 1st May from 6pm to 9pm**. Registration and questions welcome to Sr Grace 02 9296 6369 or [grace.rocławska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.rocławska@ifm.org.au)

### Vocation Discernment for Young Women:

A vocation discernment day for women aged 16-29 will be held at Mt Schoenstatt. The theme will be 'Here I Am, the Servant of the Lord' (Luke 1:38). Where is it that God wants me to serve His kingdom on earth? Find answers to this question on 23rd April from 10am-4pm. Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd., Mulgoa. RSVP: 17 April to Sr Luka 0439 537 843 or [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au).

### Easter Camp for Girls

Girls aged 10-13 are invited to a three day camp experience at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. We will explore what the Easter message means for our everyday lives. The program will also include prayer, craft, outdoor and fun activities. From 7pm on 25th April to 7p on 27th April at 'Home of Light' Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. The cost is \$95, which includes food and accommodation. RSVP by Friday 11th April. For registration and enquiries please contact Sister M Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843 or email [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au)

### Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

### Positions Vacant

- \* Risk Officer – Diocese of Parramatta
  - \* Sacramental Coordinator – Stanhope Gardens 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)

### One Million Rosaries

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3rd, 4th and 5th May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>



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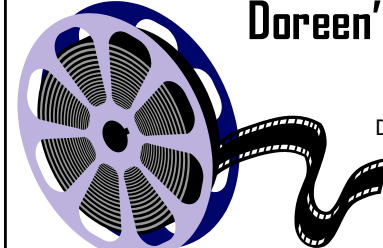
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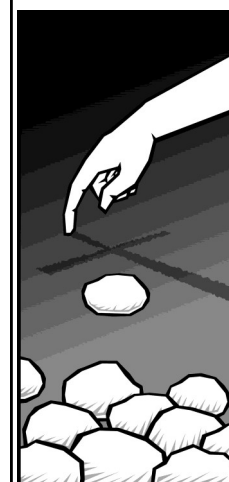
## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

**6TH & 7TH APRIL, 2019**

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.



The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

#### Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of Lazarus is read:

Cf. Jn 11:26: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.  
or

When the Gospel of the Adulterous Woman is read:

Jn 8:10-11: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

### 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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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 April

*Doctors and their Collaborators  
in War Torn Areas*



For doctors and their humanitarian  
collaborators in war torn areas, who risk  
their lives to save the lives of others.

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...

Bernard Tabi (29/03), Dora Lesseps-Fonseca (28/03), Paul  
Trevaskis (19/03), Paul Grech (28/02)

### Mass Intentions:

Charlie Saliba

### Anniversaries

Dominic Tavares (11/04), Rudy Lesseps-Fonseca, Juana  
Fernandez (13/03), Ignacia Fernandez (25/03), Rocco Val-  
ore (18/03/17), Salvatore Cavallaro (27/03/18), Leo Valore  
(12/01/18), Sheila Tavares (25/03), Rita Saliba (14/03/08),  
Joseph Kallarackal (15/03/91), Mario Vella (16/03/06)

### 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.

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## Communal Reconciliation in Neighbouring Deanery Parishes.

PENRITH: MONDAY 8TH APRIL AT 7PM  
LUDDENHAM: WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL AT 7PM  
RICHMOND: MONDAY 15TH APRIL AT 7PM

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### 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 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.



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the  
time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened.  
In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe  
Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two  
strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the  
education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift commu-  
nities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to pro-  
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## 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.

We especially need volunteers for the following...

### HOLY THURSDAY:

Data Operator

Altar Server

### GOOD FRIDAY:

Adult Server/Acolyte

### HOLY SATURDAY:

Adult Server/Acolyte

Reader

Special Minister

### EASTER SUNDAY - 7.30AM:

Special Ministers

Altar Servers

### EASTER SUNDAY - 9.30AM:

Altar Servers



## 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 re-  
member 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 partici-  
pate, 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 East-  
er baskets.

If you would like to assist in the running of the Easter Egg  
hunt, please contact Ann on panitzs24@outlook.com or  
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**PLEASE NOTE THAT MORNING MASS ON  
FRIDAY 12TH APRIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.30AM**

## 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.

## Youth News...

### Corpus Christi 2749

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross

This year, the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday  
will once again be a pilgrimage with Jesus around the  
school grounds led by Corpus Christi 2749. Although we  
will be moving from station to station around the school,  
seating will be available for those who are unable to walk  
or stand for the duration of the Stations.

*Anyone in Year 6 to Year 12 who would like to join our  
Youth Group in leading the Stations is welcome.*

Any singers or musicians who would like to accompany us  
as we move between stations are also welcome.

**WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FIRST  
REHEARSAL FOR THE YOUTH ONLY  
(NOT MUSICIANS & SINGERS) THIS SUNDAY,  
7TH APRIL STRAIGHT AFTER 9:30AM MASS.**

Please contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553 if you would  
like more information on joining our Youth or Musicians.

## Good Friday Adoration / Vigil at the Tomb

All members of the Parish are invited to join Corpus Chris-  
ti 2749 as they lead a reflection of The Passion in the main  
church at 7:30pm.

This will be followed by Adoration in the Chapel. We will  
have the Chapel available for individual Adoration from  
7:45pm- 8:45pm.

Please contact Denise Caffrey for further information on  
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