# Feast of the Assumption Pilgrim Walk



The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption. Thursday 15th August. Assumption, Thursday 15th August.

the pilgrimage begins. Everyone is welcome to begin walk- time to achieve or postpone pregnancy. For information ing from any point of the 14km walk.

For more information, please contact the Kellyville parish or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org office on 9629 2595.

# Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day "Come and See Day"

at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 18th August

This is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invita- The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for tion to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Com*see*", found in the Gospel of John.

with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning contact the Office for Worship team on with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent.

RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

# "Putting Rungs on the Ladder"

Reflecting on the Australian Catholic Social Justice Statement 2018-19 A PLACE TO CALL HOME: MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND Wednesday 28th August 2019

St Patricks Cathedral Hall Parramatta 6.00pm for 6.30pm 9pm. Join Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Dioceses of Broken Bay and Paramatta to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the statement. To register call: 8838 3458; or louise.mckeogh@parracatholic.org

# **IFM Reflective Ministry Program** The Institute for Mission's **Reflective Ministry Program – Component 2** starts on 20th August.

This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.



# Natural Fertility Services Information Evening

Thursday 20th August from 7pm Diocesan Ministry Centre, 51-59 Allawah St. Blacktown

Are you looking for a healthy, natural and effective method Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before to manage your fertility? Learn how to identify the best and to register contact Catherine on 8838 3460, 0400 427 605

# Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM-2PM

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munion to the Sick and the Dying. Morning tea and lunch Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation will be provided. RSVP by 10 September. To RSVP, please anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

# **Baulkham Hills Parish Adult Catechesis**

Baulkham Hills Parish is conducting a series of catechesis for adults and teenagers starting on 12th August and running every Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm until 3rd October. Sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, Baulkham Hills and are free, for more information, please contact Lucas Neira on 0428 831 256 or the parish office on 9639 8385.

# **OLMC Parramatta 50 Year Reunion**

Did you commence Year 7 at OLMC in 1964, or attend any year thereafter, such that you did your HSC in 1969, or your SC in 1967? If you left before your exams, you're still welcome at our 50th Reunion on Saturday 21st September! Contact Jennifer Newton: fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (September 2019).

# **Campion College Australia Book Fair**

The Library at Campion College Australia will be holding a book fair with a large number of second-hand books for sale on Saturday 31st August from 10am-3pm at Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Plc, Old Toongabbie. Inquiries 9896 9307 or email k.vanaardt@campion.edu.au

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# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 10TH & 11TH AUGUST, 2019

# **Reflection by Diane Bergant CSA**

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent - vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live



lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

# **Entrance Antiphon**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

# **Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

### **Communion Antiphon**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.



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 - 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.

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# **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August**



Families, Schools of Human Growth That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

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# Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

**Recently Deceased:** Giuseppa Galea (15/07/2019)

# Mass Intentions:

Helen Bonnici, Angelo Cavallo (16/07/79)

# Anniversaries:

Rodolfo Sison (08/08/18), Fermin Sampaga, George Pirotta (15/08/18), Bibiana Zahra (22/07/17), Frank Sultana

# And for those who are sick:

Eleanor Albertyn, Vincenzo Galluzzo, Noelene Nadalini, Joan Schneider, Julie Williams, Noah Macalinao, Bill Ross

- ◊ 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.





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THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. AND A HOLY OF OBLIGATION. MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9.10AM & 7.00PM.

# **Statement of Abortion Legislation**

COPIES OF BISHOP VINCENT'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE ABORTION LEGISLATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER. **Contact your local Member of Parliament** 

Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are encouraged to continue to contact their local NSW State Member of Parliament about this critical issue.

can find your MP's contact details You here: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/pages/allmembers.aspx

Simply phone the electorate office during business hours & let them know that you are from the local area, and would like to ask the Member to vote against the abortion bill.

If you know a woman experiencing difficulty because of an unexpected pregnancy, know that there is help available.

The Catholic Church, through its many agencies, can provide support to women who feel they have no choice available to them other than abortion.

In the Diocese of Parramatta, women and their families have access to assistance through our CatholicCare pregnancy-related services. They can be contacted on 8843 2500.

# Plenary Council 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

# **Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests**

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese on Father's Day, Sunday 1st September. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and can also be made here: parracatholic.org/csf



# A Note of Thanks...

Congratulations to the children who recently celebrated Confirmation. Thank you to their parents and to the group leaders. Acknowledgement and gratitude to the Acolyte and altar servers who gave significant time for each liturgy. Likewise we owe a great debt of thanks to our music ministry who supported us with each celebration.

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.



Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

# First Eucharist Preparation Groups...

First Eucharist Group Sessions will start on 21st August for the Wednesday group, 22nd August for the Thursday The following acts were voted by popular demand: group & 24th August for the Saturday group. If you are 1st place: Thomas Gardiner with a drum solo unable to attend your session, please contact Marie at the 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Paul Mifsud performing My Immortal on piano Parish Office to arrange attending a different group. 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Holy Mummas with their rendition of YMCA

# **Final Preparation for First Eucharist**

The final preparation for the children will take place on Friday 6th September from 3.30pm - 5.00pm in the school hall. It is really important that all children attend as it will be their only practice as a group.

# Dates for First Eucharist this year are:

- Saturday 14th September during 6pm Mass
- Sunday 15th September during 9.30am Mass
- Saturday 21st September during 6pm Mass
- Sunday 22nd September during 9.30am Mass
- Saturday 28th September during 6pm Mass

# 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 5 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.

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

# THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR ADVERTISING. FOR MORE DETAILS



# **Parish Census**

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking to plan new - ministries and activities for our parishioners. To do that, we need up to date information.

So, we are going to hold a Parish Census on the weekends of 17th-18th August and 24th-25th August. Census forms will be distributed at all Masses on those week-ends.

We ask that you please fill them in, giving as much detail as you can. Adults over the age of 18 living with parents may fill out a separate form. All information you provide will be kept strictly confidential.

Enquiries: Fr Chris or any Parish Pastoral Council Member.

# **Talent Show Wrap Up**



Corpus Christi 2749 held a Talent Show on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. We had a great turn out of people to watch the show. Through the night we were entertained by a vast array of talent including singers, comedy acts and musicians.

The Encouragement prize was won by April Monteleone. Special thanks to all of our acts who performed so well on

the night making the competition a very entertaining one. We would also like to thank the families of our Youth Group and the members of our Parish who generously donated prizes. Special thanks goes to The Coffee Club Nepean River, Atmosphere Gym and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo for their kind donations.

The raffle was also drawn at the end of the night and all winners have been contacted. Thank you to all Parishioners who bought tickets and who supported our Youth Group at the Talent Show.