Diocesan Forum Resources You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

Go Out Into the Deep
Becoming the Community Christ Calls Us to Be

"Do not be afraid to convey the Gospel in new ways and launch into the deep."

That was one of the messages Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, shared at the inaugural Diocesan Forum on Saturday 13th July. The forum called diocesan representatives to respond to the signs of the times as we listen to what the Spirit is saying through our own communities and through the Plenary Council process.

View the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, reports from the forum data and images from the day here: www.parracatholic.org/forum2019

Further opportunities will invite us all to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives coming out of the forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM – 2PM
INSTITUTE FOR MISSION, BLACKTOWN

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10th September to anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

Divine Mercy and Rosary Prayer Session

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, is hosting an intercessory prayers session on **SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER FROM 3PM** in the PMR1 Room. People of all backgrounds are welcome to unite as God's family and pray.

For more information, please contact Steffi Sequeira on 0436 395 763 or steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com

Parramatta Catholic Foundation Gifts in Wills Campaign

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

During **Include A Charity Week**, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations.

For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2019/20

The Australian Catholic Bishop Conference has launched its 2019/20 Social Justice Statement: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world,' ahead of Social Justice Sunday on 29th September. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Order the Statement online at bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. For further details about the Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day

Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St Padre Pio Parish at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park on **Sunday 22nd September**. The procession will start at 9.30am, followed by the feast day Mass, veneration and blessing by St Padre Pio's Holy Relic and other festivities.

A Triduum will precede the feast day from 19th to 21st September. For more information, please contact the parish office on 4737 9735.

Office for Worship RCIA Workshop

The Office for Worship is holding a full-day workshop for those already involved or wishing to get involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Saturday 5th October at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 9am to 4.30pm.

Registration is $10 an includes lunch, tea and coffee. RSVP by 1st October.

To RSVP and for catering purposes, please contact the Office for Worship team on Ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C **7TH & 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

Entrance Antiphon
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm
(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge .

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.
or
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life

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Friday 9.10am

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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 September

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Bill Attard *(passed away 09/08)*, John Fisher *(David Fisher's brother, passed away 19/08)*, Giuseppa Galea *(15/07/2019)*

Mass Intentions:

Liliana Ducasse *(23/08/2004)*, Helen Bonnici

Anniversaries:

Charlie Collins *(25/08/2015)*, James William Sinnett, Carmen Vella *(13/08/2011)*, Benita Azores *(24/08/18)*, Hilda Henrisson *(14/08)*, Rodolfo Sison *(08/08/18)*, Fermin Sampaga, George Pirotta *(15/08/18)*, Bibiana Zahra *(22/07/17)*

And for those who are sick:

Eleanor Albertyn, Vincenzo Galluzzo

◊ *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.*

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children

Gracious God, you said "Let the children come to me".
The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us.
Trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs.
Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.
We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.
Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.
May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience, build stronger communities safe for children.
Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.
We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children flourish and are safe.
Amen

Bishop's Collection for Retired & Sick Clergy

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church or foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate.

If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details for a receipt.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

Once again, my deepest thanks to each of you for your help in promoting the Father's Day Appeal.

With best wishes, Fr Wim

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Child Protection Sunday—2019

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR OCTOBER 2019—APRIL 2020 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

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◊ *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.

Spring is here!!! Parish Gardening Roster

Just a reminder to the people who have agreed to look after a section of the gardens around the church and parish grounds… can you please inspect your area for weeds.

If access is needed to work on the garden area please contact the parish office to arrange for the gate to be opened to gain access to the area. If you require access outside of parish office hours you are welcome to contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

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.

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

Confirmation Photos…

Photos for children who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are available to be collected from the parish office during office hours.

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

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All married couples and their families are invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on **Sunday 27th October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** Lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 8838 3460.

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

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