

Bishop Vincent PNG Visit Public Forum

Bishop Vincent will speak on his recent visit to Papua New Guinea as part of a public forum organised by the Justice and Peace office of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Wednesday 4th December 5.30pm for a 6pm start at The Polding Centre, Level 8, 133 Liverpool St Sydney.
The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-catholic-reflection-on-port-moresby-offshore-detention-tickets-83109840771>

Order of Malta Annual Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 7th December at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate Mass and vials of Lourdes water will be distributed.
For details call 9331 8477 or email info@smom.org.au or macolmi@bigpond.net.au

Handel's Messiah at St Patrick's Cathedral

River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's *Messiah* for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on **17th December at 7.30pm**. For information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

Cherry Picking Bus Trip

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith is organising a Cherry-picking trip to Orange with the Young at Heart (over 50 s) on **Wednesday 18th December**. The bus will leave the parish parking lot at 8am and will be back by 5pm on the same day. The trip will cost \$ 65.00, including coffee and lunch at the RSL in Orange. Please call the parish office on 4721 2509 to book your seat. The cost is calculated based on the minimum total of 40 people.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on **2nd January** and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage




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Liturgical Ministry Formation Course
 The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses from February to April for those who are interested. There is no cost for these courses, which will be offered at two locations.

Diocesan Assembly Centre: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown
Mondays at 7pm

- * 10th February: Compulsory Introduction Session.
- * 17th & 24th February: Ministers of the Word.
- * 2nd March: Safe Ministry Training.
- * 16th & 23rd March: Ministers of Communion.
- * 30th March: Communion to the Sick & Dying.*
- * 8th April: Safe Ministry Training
- * 27th April & 4th May: Ministers at the Altar.**

OR

St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith: Parish Meeting Room 1
Thursdays at 7pm

- * 13th February: Compulsory Introduction Session.
- * 20th & 27th February: Ministers of the Word.
- * 5th March: Safe Ministry Training.
- * 19th & 26th March: Ministers of Communion.
- * 4th April: Communion to the Sick & Dying.*
- * 11th April: Safe Ministry Training
- * 30th April & 7th May: Ministers at the Altar.**

* If you wish to complete Communion to the Sick & Dying, you must attend the Ministers of Communion Session first.
 ** If you wish to become a Minister at the Altar, you must attend all sessions.

Deadline for enrolments: 1st February.
 Download an enrolment form at: www.instituteformission.com.au



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER, 2019

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

Entrance Antiphon
 To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm
 (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
 The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:
 Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200 (Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)
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We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
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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 November

The Future of the Very Young



That every country take the measures necessary
to prioritize the future of the very young,
especially those who are suffering.



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Elaine Fisher (15/11/19), Leo Weekes (18/11/19)

Mass Intentions:

Christ Zahra

Anniversaries:

Feliciano Sison (21/11), Michael Portelli (16/11)

And for those who are sick:

Julie Posthuma, Lorraine Camilleri, Eleanor Albertyn, Joan Schneider, Vincenzo Galluzzo, Angela Murone

- ◇ 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.

Plenary Council 2020...

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask you priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.



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Bishop's Christmas Appeal

The next collection for the Catholic Foundation will take place this weekend, 30th November/1st December.

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

A Message of Thanks...



Thank you to all the wonderful Catechists & helpers
for your time and dedication to the
Catechist ministry this year.

May you all have a well earned break.

If anyone is interested in joining our team of Catechists please call the parish office to find out more.

COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Second Rite with visiting priests)

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

(There will be no Adoration or Mass on that evening)



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December

6.00pm— a popular time for young families. Be early for a seat and young children are most welcome to dress as angels and shepherds etc at this special Christmas vigil.

8.30pm— come early to get a seat and capture a friendly and upbeat spirit of Christmas Eve.

Midnight— capture the real magic of Christmas in the still of the night... you won't forget it!!!

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 25th December

9.30am— capture the 'here it is' as many gather in the peace of Christmas Morning.

Christmas Mass & Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting:

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Thank You from the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council thanks our letterbox drop volunteers who braved heat, humidity, wind and smoke to get their areas done. Thanks so very much. We look forward to welcoming more and more people to our Advent and Christmas liturgies this year. Reminder to bring your leftover packs and maps back to the sacristy and fill in the sheet when you do.

Thank You from the Parish Finance Committee

Many thanks to all those parishioners who gave of their time and worked so hard to prepare the parish gardens for the Christmas season.

Ministry Roster for Christmas

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Special Minister, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please put your name on the list in the foyer. Thank you!

Christmas Hampers

Corpus Christi Primary School and Xavier Collage are again providing food hampers for distribution to the Cranebrook community.

If any parishioners wish to contribute some Christmas food for the hampers please place it in the baskets in the main foyer area on the weekends of 30th November and 7th December.



The hampers will be distributed on the 14th December.

If anyone can assist on the day with the hamper distribution can they leave their name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Thank you for your continual support of the conference.

Corpus Christi 2749... Our parish Youth Group

meets once a month either on a Friday night or immediately after the Vigil Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. 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 7 and above under adult supervision. If you would like to find out more about our Youth Group or when our next meeting is, please contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553.

'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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Carols by Torchlight



Join us for Carols by Torchlight on
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in the school hall.

Our youth will be leading us on a special journey as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please bring a torch along so we can light up the night. Bring a picnic dinner, cushions and a rug to enjoy the casual setting on the night. Seating will be available for less mobile Parishioners.

Kids Carols Choir - We will also be having 2 special songs performed by our Kids Choir. If your child would like to sing in the choir, please attend the rehearsal on Saturday 30th November at 4pm. Please contact Rebecca Hocking, Alina Wakeling or Denise Caffrey for more details.

Come along with the family, come along with friends or come along and make some new friends.

Break Open the Word for Readers

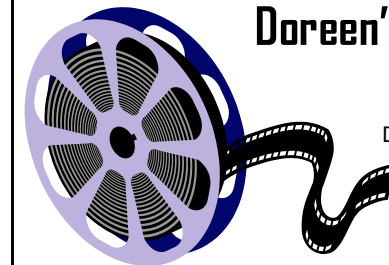
For any readers who would like a copy of Break Open the Word for Year C, they are now available in the Sacristy. The cost \$20 per copy. Envelopes for payment are also available in the Sacristy.

New Ministry Roster

A huge thank you to all who have supported our parish during 2019 by way of the various Liturgical Ministries. Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated!

We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period 1st/2nd February to 27th/28th June, 2020.

Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries please check your diaries and let Marie know by either phone or email prior to Tuesday 3rd December of any non-availability during that period.



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