

Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 6

You are invited to the sixth session in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment.

This session on *'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform'* will be held on **Wednesday 20th November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown.**

To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

Memorial Mass for those Bereaved by Suicide

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated at St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. on **Tuesday 19th November** at 6:45pm for 7pm start. RSVP 14 November Phone: 8843 2575 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

Reflection Day for Women

Preparing our hearts for Advent - Reflection Day for Women. On **Saturday 23rd November** from 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. *Take some time out for prayer and reflection!* To register: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 4773 8338.

Order of Malta Annual Lourdes Day Mass

The Order of Malta will be celebrating their annual Lourdes Day Mass on **Saturday 7th December at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and the Chaplains of the Order will celebrate Mass and bless the congregation, with vials of Lourdes water to be distributed. For more information please call 9331 8477 or email info@smom.org.au or macolmi@bigpond.net.au.

Handel's Messiah at St Patrick's Cathedral

To end their inaugural year, 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 17 December at 7.30pm. For information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>



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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 2 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

CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Catholic Outlook is back!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

LA Religious Education Congress Information Night

Find out why everyone is talking about the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2020! This Congress, which will be held on 21-23 February 2020, offers great formation, liturgy, resources and spiritual nourishment. Come to the information night to hear more. Tuesday 19th November, 7.30pm at the Diocesan Ministry Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Queries and RSVP to Lisa Bright on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org.

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**16TH & 17TH NOVEMBER,
2019**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.



Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.
or
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

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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We, the people of Corpus Christi,
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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 November *Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East*



That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

John Harvey (11/10/19), George Pilley (04/10/19)

Mass Intentions:

Christ Zahra

And for those who are sick:

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.

Catholic Foundation Collection

The next collection for the Catholic Foundation will take place on the weekend of 30th November/1st December. More details to follow next week.

Columban Calendars.... If you would like to place an order for 2020 Columban Art Calendars, please put your details and the quantity required on the sheet in the foyer. Cost \$10 each. Payment can be made when you receive your order. Thank you!

Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Second Rite with visiting priests)

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

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

November Book of Remembrance...

You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

November Offering envelopes are available at both entrances of the church. Please print the names of people clearly on the envelope and then either place the envelope in the collection plate or drop it into the Parish Office during office hours.

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week and displayed. Please understand that with the number of loved ones especially remembered in November, we will focus any public mention of names at Masses on current losses and where there is a first anniversary of loss.

Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

Green Sunday

Following on from a recent suggestion in the Suggestion Box around sustainability and our Parish impact on the environment, the PPC are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating our first Green Sunday shortly. Green Sunday will be a chance for us to reflect on the precious gift God has given us that is our Planet and the resources it houses. The date of Green Sunday will be scheduled and notified via The Net and on our Facebook page. We would like to invite any Parishioners who may like to be involved with this initiative to put forward any ideas they have to celebrate this liturgy via the Suggestion Box. If you would like more information on Green Sunday, please feel free to ask any of the members of the PPC.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Parish Working Bee



A working bee will take place on **Saturday 23rd November from 8.30am to 1pm** to prepare the grounds for Christmas.

People are asked to bring equipment to clean the gardens, prune the shrubs and sweep the paved areas.

Access to the Church

The Parish Finance Committee is seeking comments on what the issues are that people have when accessing the church.

Please place your comments in the parish suggestion box in the main foyer area.

Letterbox Drop

The Parish Pastoral Team is having a flyer printed for Advent/Christmas/New Year's Day liturgies inviting all to come and celebrate at Corpus Christi Cranebrook. The flyers need to be letterbox dropped between 16th–25th November 2019. We are looking for volunteers to distribute leaflets around Cranebrook and Jordan Springs. If you can volunteer to distribute some leaflets, please write your details on the form that is available in the Sacristy this week. Enquiries: Cathy Richmond 0412 916 788.

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.

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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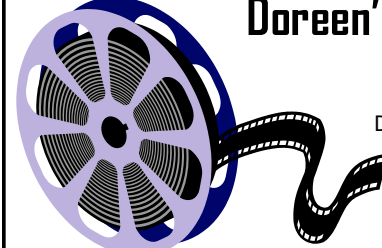
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Break Open the Word for Readers

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.

Save the Date...Carols by Torchlight

On Saturday 14th December after the 6pm Vigil Mass, Corpus Christi 2749, our Parish Youth Group, will be hosting a Carols by Torchlight in the school hall. They will be joined by some special friends to lead us in our favourite Christmas Carols. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family and friends. Seating will be available for our less mobile Parishioners. We will also have a couple of Carols sung by our primary school aged children on the night. If your children would like to be a part of the primary group, please contact Denise Caffrey for further details on 0409 558 553. Anyone interested in being a part of the Carols Team is welcome to contact Denise Caffrey for further information.

Youth Group 2020 - Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Parish Pastoral Council will be starting a youth group for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in February 2020, to be held on the last Saturday of each month after 6pm Mass (at the same time as Corpus Christi 2749). This group will be based on making the teachings of Christ relevant today for the children, via fun activities. It will also interact with Corpus Christi 2749 during meal times, buddy sessions and special joint events. We hope to see as many youth as possible take advantage of this excellent programme. Please spread the word to as many parents as possible who have children who may like to come and see what it's all about, have some fun and meet new friends in a wonderful environment under adult supervision. Volunteers to assist would be appreciated. Enquiries contact Cathy Richmond on 0412 916 788.

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