

Handel's Messiah

St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta,
17th December at 7.30pm.

River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's *Messiah* for Western Sydney audiences. 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. Cost is \$65, including coffee and lunch at Orange RSL. To book call the parish office on 4721 2509.

Glenbrook Parish Christmas Concert

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's Christmas concert will be held on **Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm**.

Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Entry via donations – families \$34 and individuals \$15. For enquiries, contact 4754 1780.

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. It begins at Emu Plains on **2nd January** and finishes 7 days later at Bell. Pilgrims walk 110km through the Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating with each parish along the way. Registration: epiphanypilgrimage.org and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

Kellyville Parish Mass of the Holy Innocents

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is holding their annual Mass of the Holy Innocents on 28th December at 11am. Fr David Blowey OFM Conv will celebrate Mass, followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Enquiries: the parish office, 9629 2595.

Position Vacant

* Facilities Maintenance Officer - Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close 16th December. Details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C

**7TH & 8TH DECEMBER,
2019**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king;

Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



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 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 December

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:

Rosina Cavallo (01/12), Feliciano Sison, Michael Portelli

And for those who are sick:

Pauline Rugg, 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.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Thank you to those parishioners who donated to the appeal last weekend. If you were away and would still like to contribute, please pick up an envelope from the foyer and place it in the collection plate.

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.



NEW YEARS DAY
Wednesday 1st January
9.10am

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE
ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2019
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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!

Ministry Rosters for January

The voluntary roster commences on **Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th December**. If you are able to assist with the Ministry Roster from that date until the end of January, please place your name on the roster sheet in the foyer.

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.

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.

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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Christmas Eve Children's Choir

All school aged children are invited to join the Children's Choir, which will be singing at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

If your child is interested in joining the choir, please write your details on the sheet in foyer.



Children's Nativity Play...

All children are invited to participate in the Nativity Play at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

If you would like your child to take part, please write your details on the sheet in the foyer.

Carols by Torchlight

Join us for Carols by Torchlight on Saturday 14th after the 6pm Vigil Mass 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.

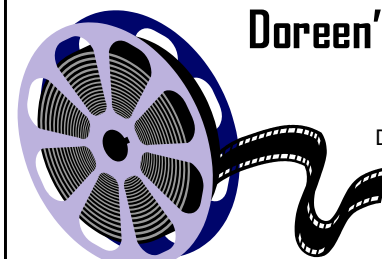
Break Open the Word for Readers

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.

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