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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C

**21ST & 22ND DECEMBER,
2019**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full



comprehension and understanding. Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith. As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things. We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions.

We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living.

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



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)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900

(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.

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), Angela
Murone (10/12/2019)

Mass Intentions:

Pauline Rugg, 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

◇ If you would like a family member or friend's name to be in-
cluded in the sick list, please gain permission from that per-
son 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.

Children & Sacraments - 2020

Letters have been issued through the neighbourhood via
the **current YEAR 3** in the six schools welcoming parents
with children in the next lot of Sacrament programs.

You may have a friend or neighbour wanting to nurture
his/her child in our Church's life of the Sacraments who
need information.

**The 'parent only' meeting will take place on
Wednesday 19th February, 2019
at 7.30pm in the Church.**

Catechist News... Are you able to help???

**The Catechist Team is currently in need of volunteers
to teach in our government schools in 2020.**

If you can spare about an hour (including preparation
time) each week during school terms and would like to
find out more about being a teacher or helper please con-
tact the Parish Office.

Plenary Council 2020...

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to partici-
pate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020.
Ask you priests or Deanery Representatives for session
dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral
Planning Office on 8838 3441.

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

**OTHER THAN NEW YEARS DAY MASS,
THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES
DURING JANUARY.**

**BISHOP VINCENT'S 2019 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE CAN BE
VIEWED ONLINE AT**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqtMPFd06Y4> or
www.parracatholic.org.

**Happy Christmas from Bishop Vincent
and the Diocese of Parramatta.**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

**Thank you for helping vulnerable people in crisis turn
their lives around, recover and thrive.**

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and
CatholicCare thank you for your kind-hearted generosity
and support over the last few weeks.

Our Bishop's Christmas Appeal will provide more peo-
ple with the support and services they so desperately
need to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, ful-
filling family relationships and brighter futures.

For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please
visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Please pray for the wellbeing of all families this Christ-
mas and especially the vulnerable people, parents and
children supported by CatholicCare.

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

To the Parishioners of Corpus Christi...

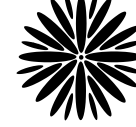
*May joy be your gift this Christmas and may
peace and hope follow you into the New Year.*

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.

Notice re Parish Office Hours...

The parish office will be closed from **20th December** and
will re-open on **Tuesday 14th January**.



If you need to make contact with the parish
team, please phone the office and leave a mes-
sage and someone will be in touch with you
asap. After 14th January, it would also be ad-
visable to phone the Parish Office to ensure that someone
is there.

During January, in the case of an emergency, please phone
Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

The Net takes a break...

There will be no newsletter in January, but please let the
acolyte know of anything important that needs mentioning
at the Masses or projected messages to be included on the
weekend data.

A Note of Thanks from St Vincent de Paul...



Thank you to both Corpus Christi Primary and
Xavier College for their generous donations of
food for this year's Christmas food hampers.

Their continued support of the conference is very
much appreciated.

Many thanks to the people who assisted with the hamper
deliveries last Saturday and the parish for their generous
donations of Christmas food items that were used in the
hampers.

The conference was able to give every family on our list a
Christmas hamper. This is a reflection of the generosity of
our community which includes our schools.

Your continued support & encouragement is appreciated.
The Cranebrook Conference wishes you all a holy and
peaceful Christmas season.

Columban Calendars

If you have ordered a calendar, they are now available to be
picked up from the Sacristy. Each calendar is marked with
your name and an envelope is also attached. Please put your
payment (\$10 per calendar) in the envelope supplied and
place it in the collection plate or alternatively, drop it into
the parish office.

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

*Please note that the following practice times
have been changed from those previously
advertised as Natasha and Alanna will be
attending a funeral a Monday morning...*

Christmas Eve Children's Choir — Practice

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

**Practice for the choir will take place on
Monday 23rd December from 2pm—4pm in the Church.**

Children's Nativity Play — Practices

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

**Practice for the Nativity Play will take place on Monday
23rd December from 3.30pm—5.30pm in the Church.**



Combined Choir for Christmas Vigil Mass

You are invited to join the combined choir at the 8.30pm
Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. **There will be a practice for
this group on Monday 23rd December at 7pm.**

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

Enrolments for Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses
from February to April are now open. 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.

* 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:

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