### Annual Red Mass: 28th January

Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public ser- Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is vice officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on 28 January at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

# World Day of the Sick Mass: 11th February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at CEDP High Support Learning Centres Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Kirinari, located in Llandilo and Wiyanga, located in Dun-Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout by 31st January on 8838 al disability and high support needs. If you have a child or 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org to assist with know someone who would benefit from an alternate platseating and catering.

# Office for Worship

#### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

#### **Catholic Healthcare**

Government-funded Home Care Packages. Catholic from 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$5. Registration Essential. Healthcare's local Care Advisors can work with you to cre- \* Bereavement Support Program CatholicCare Solo Parent nursing. Get a quote on 1300 734 350.

# Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session

1pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. At this session, February from 10am -11am. you will have the opportunity to select and explore one of For more information and to register call Rita on 8843 2575 the six Themes for Discernment. Morning tea provided. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org.

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#### CatholicCare Solo Parent Services

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation \* "Stepping Beyond" Support Group is held on the last Courses will be held again next year, commencing early Tuesday of each month for those navigating their way February 2020. If you are interested or would like more in-through a difficult separation or divorce. Guided by trained formation, contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. Our First gathering for the year will be held on Tuesday 28th January at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

ate a customised support plan. Their in-home services in- Services is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support clude gardening, shopping, meal preparation, transport and Program at St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. It will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am - 12pm, beginning 13th February to 26th March.

You are invited to attend a Plenary Council 2020 Listening There will be an Information session and Overview of the and Discernment session on 6th February from 10.30am to Program for anyone interested in attending on Thursday 6th

email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

# **Catholic Mission Camino 2020 Pilgrimages**

Catholic Mission is organising two pilgrimages to walk the Camino Portugués (17 days) 11th to 27th May and the \* Office Manager Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW & Camino Francés (16 days) 19th September to 5th October. ACT), Parramatta Diocese. Applications close 3rd February For details contact Sr Veronica Rosier OP on 0451 387 906 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020.



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#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

# 25TH & 26TH JANUARY, 2020

# **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS**

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear



the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called

to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

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.

#### **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 - 5.50pmor by appointment

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Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament Support

#### 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 January



**Promotion of World Peace** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

# Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

- ♦ 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 for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick will remain in The Net for 4 weeks. Please contact the parish Office for further inclusion.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING LENT EACH FRIDAY AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.

#### Parish Lenten Group

If anyone is interested in attending a Parish Lenten Group please place your name on the list in the fover. There are the options of

> THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM OR

FRIDAY MORNINGS AFTER MASS.

Please note that the groups will only go ahead if we have enough numbers.



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#### Dear Friends,

A warm welcome back to everyone for 2020!!! We hope you had a good break and we look forward to another year of working together as a community in our parish of Corpus Christi. The Parish Office is now back to its regular days of Tuesday - Friday. Office hours are 9am - 3.30pm. The Parish Team.

# PLEASE NOTE THAT WEEKDAY MASSES WILL RESUME IN THE WEEK COMMENCING **TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY**

### **Australian Church Bushfire Response**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

#### Call for Church Cleaners

We are in need of some volunteers to join the roster. It will require an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a

Saturday morning.

If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

# ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday.

Masses will be held here at our parish at

9.30AM & 7.00PM.

Please note not 9.10am as normal, as school children will be attending.



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# New Ministry Roster Now Available...

The new roster has been prepared and is available for collection from the foyer this weekend. So, if you are on a liturgical ministry, please pick up a copy of the roster marked with your name. Thank you!

**Parish Ministries...** If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office.

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

Acting on a suggestion received, 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 6:00pm Mass at the same time as Corpus Christi 2749 meets. The new youth 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 upcoming 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: Call Cathy Richmond on 0412 916 788. 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.

We will need a name to call this Youth Group. So we are encouraging parents to have Think Tank sessions with their children and submit suggestions prior to our first evening on Saturday 29th February. Email your suggestions to cranebrook@parracatholic.org A MEETING FOR ALL CATECHISTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY AT 10AM IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

# Children & Sacraments for 2020



Letters have been issued through the neighbourhood via the **current YEAR 4** in our six local schools welcoming parents to enrol their children in the next round 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.

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 fo morning tea. New members are very welcome!!! For more information, please contact the parish office.

#### Corpus Christi St Vincent de Paul...

ners who wish to know more about conference activities. Phone 1300VINNIES for assistance. Corpus Christi conference welcomes enquiries from parishio

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