

Institute for Mission

⌘ Themes of Faith

The Themes of Faith program invites participants to share conversation and reflection in small groups. Each group is accompanied by a mentor with a focus on different key life/faith theme each time. Sessions, arranged in two blocks of 5 Monday evenings, start on **2nd March**.

To register, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/tof> and for more information, contact Donnie or Fr Paul on 9296 6369 or donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au or paul.roberts@ifm.org.au

⌘ Reflective Ministry Program

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on **Tuesday 10th March** and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks.

To register: <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on 9296 6369 or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au



⌘ From Invisible to Invincible

'EMBRACING GOD'S GIFT OF YEARS'

A workshop with the feel of a mini-retreat.

This session will include:

- Sharing of stories of our life
- Finding and re-defining our Baptismal call
- Tools for the journey through centering prayer
- Prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL – FROM 10AM–1PM
OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH HALL, EMU PLAINS

To register, contact Marie @ the parish office during parish hours on 4730 1249 or email: mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Saint Nicolas Festa - 'The Big Fete'

The Big Fete will be held on **Sunday 8th March** at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 130-136 Hyatt Road, Plumpton (opposite the shopping centre).

⌘ Entertainment - The Heartbeats commencing at 1.30pm.

⌘ Entry and parking is free for everyone and plenty of food and drinks will be available for purchase.

⌘ Free ice creams for all the kids.

All welcome! For more information, contact Emmanuel Vella on 0405 677 064 or Jacqui Isagon on 0433 320 944.



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Much of the training will be 'on the job', but before this happens there will be four 'classroom' training days from 9am–2.30pm on Mondays: 20th April; 27th April; 4th May; 11th May.

For more information, or to receive an application form, phone 4734 2052 or email: Cathy.Gault@health.nsw.gov.au
Closing date for applications: Monday 30th March.

St Dominic's College Open Day

Sunday 8th March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College.

* The morning session starts at 10am, followed by a tour of the College at 10.30am.

* The afternoon session starts at 12.30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1pm.

For further information contact the College on 4731 1933; email info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au or visit www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au

Caroline Chisholm College Open Night

Monday 9th March from 4.30pm-7.30pm

2021 Enrolments for Girls Years 7-12

* Tours of the College from 4.30pm.

* Principal's Information Sessions at 5.30pm & 6.30pm.

Enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the College on 4737 5500.

For further information contact the College on 4737 5500 or visit www.ccclenmorepark.nsw.edu.au

Penola Catholic College, Emu Plains

(Co-educational Year 7 – 12)

Open Evening

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH FROM 5.00 – 8.00PM

* Meet the Principal, staff & student leaders

* Tours of the College facilities

* Enrolment packages available

* Principal Presentations

For more information or visit:

www.penolaemuplainscatholic.edu.au phone 4728 8100



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YR A

**29TH FEBRUARY &
1ST MARCH, 2020**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first

measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
or
The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.

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 March

Catholics in China



We pray that the Church in China may
persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel
and grow in unity.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Pauline Meilak (24/02/2020), Frank Buttigieg (31/01/2020)

Anniversaries:

Emmanuel Camilleri, Georgina & Fortunato Zahra, Doris
& Paul Grech, Toni & Mary Agius, Sheila Tavares, Tiegian
Rickard Perdue, Jovito Juinio Jr., Fr George O'Mara

◇ 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 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.

Special Prayers for Sacrament Children



Please keep in your prayers the children
of our parish who are preparing for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember also their families and
our Sacrament leaders who encourage
the children on their journey.

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

Parish Lenten Groups

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LACK OF NUMBERS,
THE LENTEN GROUPS WILL NOT GO AHEAD.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI
ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH AT 7PM.
Please note that there will not be the usual 7pm Mass
on that evening.

Monthly Sunday Adoration at Corpus Christi



Adoration will commence immediately after
the conclusion of 7:30am Sunday Mass and
concludes 20 minutes prior to commencement
of 9:30am Mass. The exposition and reposition
of the Eucharist is intended to follow a similar
format as Tuesday night Adoration.

- March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent
- April 26th: Third Sunday of Easter
- May 24th: The Ascension of the Lord
- June 21st: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Sunday of Lent

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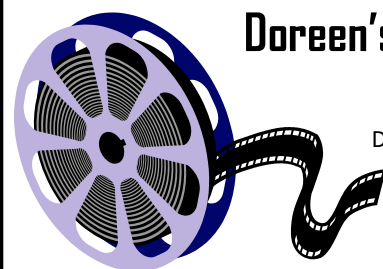
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Youth Group 2020 - Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
THE FIRST MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER
6PM MASS ON SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY.

Enquiries: Call Cathy Richmond on 0412 916 788.

Baptism Preparation Team Volunteers



We are looking to expand this team and are ask-
ing anyone who is interested to please contact the
Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation takes place on the last Sun-
day of the month after 9.30am Mass from January
to October.

We are hoping to have enough people to create a roster so
that the commitment is reduced to a few times a year.

Parish Gardening

Just a reminder to the people who have agreed to look
after a section of the gardens around the church and par-
ish grounds, the rain and humidity have really made eve-
rything grow drastically.... can you please inspect your
area for weeds, etc.

If access is needed to work on the garden area please con-
tact the parish office to arrange for the gate to be opened to
gain access to the area.

If you require access outside of parish office hours you are
welcome to contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

Call for Church Cleaners—New Roster

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Due to some volunteers having to come off the roster for
personal reasons, and some just needing a rest as they have
been on the ministry for several years, **we are in need of
some volunteers to join the Cleaning Roster.**

It will require an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a Sat-
urday morning. If you are able to join a cleaning team or
would like more information, contact 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

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ENVELOPES FOR APRIL—OCTOBER ARE NOW
AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER.



Praying the Rosary - Great Opportunity

Mary's Rosary Chain will be giving out free ro-
sary cards and beads after the weekend Masses
on 7th & 8th March.

They will also give a one minute announcement to encour-
age the faithful to take extra for families and friends.

Parish Planned Giving

*Could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office if
you are:*

- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the
envelope system and would like to change to credit
card or direct debit;
- ◇ or if you would like to join the Parish Planned Giv-
ing Program.

*Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of
your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our
parish community and beyond.*