

## Parish Gardening Roster



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

If access is needed to work on the garden area please contact 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 Saturday morning. If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, contact the parish office.



## St Dominic's College Open Day

**Sunday, 8th March**

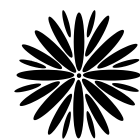
You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College.

\* 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](mailto:info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au) or visit [www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au)

## Catholic Outlook Magazine March Edition



Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly 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.



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## 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](mailto:donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au) or [paul.roberts@ifm.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**22ND & 23RD FEBRUARY,  
2020**

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the



other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

or

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

## 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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Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200

(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(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.

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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 February

*Listen to the Migrants' Cries*



We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers  
and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking,  
may be heard and considered.

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Recently Deceased:

Frank Buttigieg (31/01/2020)

### Anniversaries:

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 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.



## 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.



**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.*

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

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**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.

- February 23rd: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 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

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

Acting on a suggestion received, the Parish Pastoral Council will be starting a youth group for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. This group will meet 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.

**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](mailto:cranebrook@parracatholic.org)**

## Baptism Preparation Team Volunteers

We are looking to expand this team and are asking anyone who is interested to please contact the Parish Office.  
Baptism Preparation takes place on the last Sunday 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.

**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](http://www.corpuschristi.org.au/news)**

## Praying the Rosary - Great Opportunity

Mary's Rosary Chain will be giving out free rosary cards and beads after the weekend Masses on 7th & 8th March.  
They will also give a one minute announcement to encourage the faithful to take extra for families and friends.

## The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to submit suggestions in any of the following ways:

- Person to person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- Email to [corpuschristippc@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristippc@gmail.com), a direct email address to the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Letter mailed or hand delivered addressed to:  
The Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council  
Corpus Christi Parish  
PO Box 21, Cranebrook NSW 2749  
Suggestion Box, located in the foyer of the Church.  
*Please remember to include your name and contact number in case we need to contact you for any clarification or update.*

## 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 Planned Giving 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.*

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY MEMBERS OF OUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PROGRAM, ENVELOPES FOR APRIL—OCTOBER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER NEXT WEEKEND.**

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