



Visit our website: www.corpuschristi.org.au

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YR C

5TH & 6TH MARCH 2022

REFLECTION by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.



The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense,

these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.



**First Sunday of Lent:
5th & 6th March**



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022
to help young people succeed in the future
and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

Website:

www.corpuschristi.org.au

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Address: 86-92 Andromeda Drive
Cranebrook, NSW, 2749

Postal: PO Box 21
Cranebrook, NSW, 2749

Phone: 4730 1249

Fax: 4729 2989

Email: parishteam@corpuschristi.org.au

Presbytery: 4730 6258

Office Hours:
9am - 3.30pm
(Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

PARISH TEAM:

**Fr Christopher Antwi-Boasiako -
Parish Priest**

Christopher.Antwi-Boasiako@parracatholic.org
Mobile: 0415 505 594

Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary
- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

**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)

Parish News

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE TELEPHONE IS STILL NOT WORKING PROPERLY. WE HAVE AN INTERIM PHONE TO WHICH THE OFFICE NUMBER HAS BEEN DIVERTED. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ANSWERING SERVICE ON THIS PHONE SO YOU CANNOT LEAVE A MESSAGE.

You are welcome to email at
parishteam@corpuschristi.org.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Fr Chris is looking for families to lead Stations of the Cross (one family each week).

If you would like to participate please add your name to the list in the SACRISTY.

Lenten Program

*Are you preparing for your 2022 Lenten journey?
How will we meet the challenges of
integrating a practice of Lenten reflection into
our busy lives and schedules?*

The following Lenten Programs are being offered:

Remember – Lenten program

from Wollongong Diocese
www.dow.org.au

The Spirit of the Cross – reflection program

from Brisbane Diocese
Brisbanecatholic.org.au

Please note that each of these programs involve a cost that you will need to pay before you can access the program.

Call for Church Cleaners

A couple of people have come off the cleaning roster due to personal reasons. We thank them for their commitment and care over the past years. We are in need now for some volunteers to join the roster. It requires an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Thank You!!!

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

The Catechist Team is currently in need of volunteers to teach in our government schools in 2022.

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about being a teacher or helper please contact the Parish Office.

Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, a shift worker or at university **we need you!!**

Xavier College Open Night

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH FROM 4PM - 6PM.

Prospective 2023 Students and Families are welcome to attend. Tours & application forms available on the night. For more information contact the college on 4777 0900.

Confirmation Photos

Please note that photos for children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in December 2021, are available to be collected from the parish office during office hours.

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR APRIL – OCTOBER 2022 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

If you are:

* contributing to the Planned Giving Programme 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 Programme; please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

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

ALTHOUGH RESTRICTIONS HAVE NOW BEEN EASED, COVID-19 IS STILL IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE CARE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.

ALTHOUGH FACE MASKS ARE NO LONGER MANDATORY PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTINUE WEARING ONE.

New Ministry Roster for 2022

A huge thank you to all who continue to support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

IF ANYONE WHO HAS TAKEN A BREAK FROM THE MINISTRY ROSTER AND WOULD LIKE TO RESUME VOLUNTEERING PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

The Net

If you know of anyone who is not receiving The Net via email and they would like to, please ask them to email the Parish Office or write their details on the list in the foyer.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges



We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Vincent Bartolo (17/02/2022), Fr Spiro Galea (09/02/22)

Anniversaries:

Jerry Kunciewicz (10/02/2021)

For those who are sick:

Rosa Pronesti, David Wakeling, Don Reid, Peter Sinnett, Eleanor Albertyn, Kevin and Mary O'Connor



Diocesan News

Synod 2023: Sharing Responsibility



Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility?

How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close Sunday 13th March.

Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023.

Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Young People of the Diocese – we are with you

“I am with you always” *Matthew 28:20*. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Diocese of Parramatta Launches Plenary Council Resource Website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

God's Word 2022 Daily Reflections Booklet Available at St Pat's Gift Shop!

God's Word 2022, a book of daily reflections, offers a great service for all who wish to unite their prayer with the Sacred Liturgy and be spiritually nourished by the Word of God. Copies are now available from St Patrick's Gift Shop, located in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for \$19.95. Visit the website www.stpatricksgiftshop.com or grab in store on Tuesdays to Fridays 10am-3pm and Sundays 9am-1pm.

Vinnies Support Centres

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centre in Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Faith Formation Programme 2022 St Finbars Catholic Parish Glenbrook

The Liturgical Readings of this year's Holy Week celebrations are taken from the Gospel of Luke. While Luke's Narrative on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus was influenced by Mark and Matthew, the author of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles gave to his version a distinctive theology. So, we invite you to our Parish Lenten Biblical Studies on:

The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke

**8th & 22nd March and 5th April from 7pm – 8.30 pm
in the Parish Hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773**

The presenters are Fr Dr Joseph Lam, Sr Dr Margaret Ghosn & Fr John McSweeney, Lic. Bibl.

Cost: Gold Coin Donation. Please RSVP your attendance via secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is Open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

World Meeting of Families: 22 – 26 June 2022



Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022.

*With many thanks to all these local businesses
who support our parish throughout the year.
Please consider supporting them when in need of these services...*



Michael Xiberras
0412 914 332

plumbing, drainage, gas fitting,
backflow prevention, roof plumbing

michael@smickplumbing.com.au Lic No: 246475C



Services Provided:
Installation & Service of:

- * Alarm Systems
- * CCTV
- * Video Intercom

Vic Xiberras
Alarm Technician
Security Lic.ence: 407 563 753
Masters Licence: 409 810 455

Vic Xiberras: 0418 234 293
Dianne Xiberras: 0400 774 213
info@cranebrooksecurity.com.au
www.cranebrooksecurity.com.au

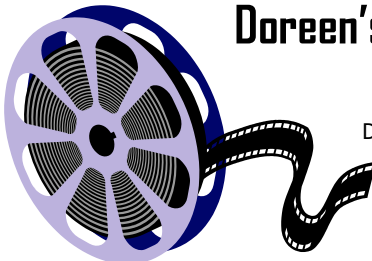
CHIROPRACTOR

Mary Anne Lowery
Doctor of Chiropractic & Osteopathy

For the treatment and prevention of:

- Back & neck pain
- Sporting injuries
- Headache
- Postural problems
- Whiplash injuries
- Sciatica

44 Castlereagh St Penrith • 4721 2143 • 0413 835 555



Doreen's Movie Transfer

Transfer all your Movies,
Films, Photos & Negatives to a
DVD, Blue Ray Disc, Memory Stick
or Portable Hard Drive.

Doreen Vella
Mobile: 0414 289 944

Bateman Battersby
L A W Y E R S

*We invite members of the parish to take advantage of our legal
services specialising in:*

Property Law, Business Law, Wills & Estates and Family Law.

Ph: 02 4731 5899
www.batemanbattersby.com.au



**NEPEAN VALLEY
FUNERALS**


Traditional Care with Dignity & Respect

Tel: 4722 8222 24hrs / 7 days
Local family owned and operated.

Shop 4 / 2-6 Castlereagh Street, Penrith



Catholic Cemeteries
& Crematoria
Care, Compassion, Choice



Nicholas Farrugia
0423 904 650

- ⇒ Domestic
- ⇒ Commercial
- ⇒ Industrial

Lic No: 254443C



Peter Betros
Sales Consultant - 0400 093 458

352 High Street Penrith
T 0247 284 000 F 0247 225 228

propertycentral
.com.au

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE
FOR ADVERTISING.
FOR MORE DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 4730 1249.**