

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

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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 LENT - YR C

**26TH & 27TH MARCH
2022**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Truth and Reconciliation

For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable.



So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.'

That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us.

Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us?

More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration!



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)



**Fourth Sunday of Lent:
26th & 27th March**



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

**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.

Parish News

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE
ON TUESDAY 29TH MARCH.**

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER
WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON
TUESDAY 29TH MARCH AT 7PM.**

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday 14th April - 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 15th April - 10.00am

**The Stations of the Cross
(in school grounds)**

Friday 15th April - 3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

This moving ceremony honours the
great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 16th April - 7.00pm

(Note not 6.00pm)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

This is the highlight of the Church year when we celebrate
the greatest hope ever given to humanity.

Sunday 17th April - 7.30am & 9.30am

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

A continuation of the celebration of resurrection when the
new Easter light and Easter water of Baptism are used to
help give a blessing of renewal.



Ministry Roster for Easter...

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries
for the Easter Liturgies, please put your name on the list
in the foyer. Thank you!

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

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

For those who are sick:

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



Parish Working Bee to Prepare the Grounds for Easter



SATURDAY 9TH APRIL FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON

Please bring your gardening tools, blowers,
whipper snippers and any other items that can be
used to weed the gardens and trim the plants.

Thank you for your support.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

This year the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday
will once again be a pilgrimage with Jesus around the
school grounds led by Corpus Christi 2749, our Youth
Group. Although we will be moving from station to station
around the school, seating will be available for those who
are unable to walk or stand for the duration of the
Stations.

Anyone in Year 6 to Year 12 who would like to join our
Youth Group in leading the Stations is welcome.

Please contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553 if you
would like more information or to be involved.

Good Friday Adoration/Vigil at the Tomb for all Parishioners



All members of the Parish are invited to join our
Youth Group as they lead a reflection on The
Passion in the church at 7:30pm. This will be
followed by Adoration in the Chapel.
The Chapel will be available for individual Adoration by
candlelight from 7:45pm - 8:45pm.

This is a wonderful time to reflect on the readings of the
Passion and to prepare for the joyful resurrection to come.

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tact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

Catholic Outlook Lent/Easter Edition

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all
parishioners. We feature a range of articles on choosing
your next step in life as well as how the faithful across the
Diocese celebrate Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from
your local Catholic Church or Catholic School today.

Parish News

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

THIS WEEKEND 26TH AND 27TH MARCH.



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

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.



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.

New Ministry Roster for 2022

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

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.

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!!**

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



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.

Diocesan News

Nepean Hospital

Pastoral Care Volunteers Wanted

Pastoral Care Volunteers visit patients within many wards offering spiritual and emotional support. They do this on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Much of the training will be 'on the job' but before this happens there will be four class room training days on

MONDAYS 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH MAY

All classes will take place from

9.30am – 2.30pm

and will take place at:

**Penrith Baptist Church
Morello Terrace, Caddens.**

If you are interested please email Michael.turner3@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 31st March, 2022.

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>

Catholic Schools Across the Diocese are Enrolling Now!

Our 80 Catholic schools are enrolling now for 2023. Come along to an open day to learn more and see what a Catholic education can offer your child. Find your local Catholic school and it's open day at <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/coming-up/catholic-school-open-days>


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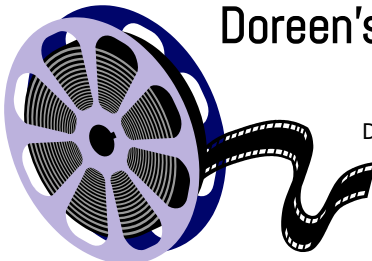
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