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#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YR C**

#### **7TH & 8TH MAY 2022**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



#### **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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#### 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**

## Mother's Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tender hearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

## Planned Giving...

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

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Program by way of credit card and your details have changed;
- or contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- $\Diamond\,$  or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

#### 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.

## Advertising in The Net...

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 If you can spare about an hour each week during school months for a cost of \$350. There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis.

As we are not printing hard copies of The Net, your business will be advertised on our website.

At present, readership of *The Net* on our website is around 1000 people per week for forty- eight weeks of the year. To ensure good exposure, we still only accept no more than

twelve businesses for advertising. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

> Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.



### **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.

#### 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.

**EVEN THOUGH FACE MASKS ARE NO LONGER** MANDATORY PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTINUE WEARING ONE.

#### 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.

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!!

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Charlie Caruana (28/03/22)

#### **Anniversaries:**

James Vella (02/05), Margaret Vella (11/05), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Malcolm Bryant.

#### For those who are sick:

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

## Mother's Day Remembrance...

We especially remember all mothers who have gone from this life and give thanks for their influence of faith and love. May the Lord reward all of our loved mums who have gone from this life with peace and joy.



## **Diocesan News**

### 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 Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 Penrith 8861 and on (02)To find out more about what support is available, visit http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw

## Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! commencing in Melbourne on 18th October, journeying Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary designed to provide practical youth ministry training, MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29th October build community between youth leaders across the associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For information please call 8912 4818 or email national. visit Pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Website: www.marymackillopplace.org.au

## Catholic Schools Across the Diocese are Enrolling Now!

enrolling now for 2023.

To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or www.parra.catholic.edu.au/ourour website schools/find-a-school.

## 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 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

## **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.

#### Catholic Outlook Lent/Easter

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, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

## Madonna magazine - a gift of spiritual sustenance that lasts a whole year

Madonna magazine, published by Jesuit Communications, is an ideal spiritual companion - containing daily prayers, deep reflections and faith-focused articles. We invite you to subscribe or consider taking out a gift subscription for a loved one for only \$53 a year. You can find out more about Madonna, how to subscribe, purchase a gift subscription or donate a subscription on the website: www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions

## The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

During the pilgrimage we visit many places Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

## View the draft Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to VIEW the online version of the draft Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit https:// parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/ email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

### **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 information, website. For more met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Pastoral Formation offering leadership and formation courses in 2022

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation - Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU - all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session). see our website pfparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.



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