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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YR C**

**28TH & 29TH MAY 2022**

## REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

**Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory**

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make



it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is

beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the *fullness* of creation dwells'.



## 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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# Parish News

Best wishes to Fr Chris as he commences  
his long awaited leave this week.  
We hope he enjoys the company of his  
family and friends in Ghana.  
God bless and stay safe.

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## Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

This weekend, 28th & 29th May, our Parish is proud  
to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's  
Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal.

Funds raised through the Appeal will enable our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park to provide for the education and formation of the faithful men who have answered God's call to become beacons of light for us, His people.

As our Diocese continues to grow, we need to train more visionary young men to join our 14 seminarians in becoming good shepherds of Christ's flock. We invite you to be the extended formation community for our seminarians on their journey to becoming priests.

Please give generously via the giving envelopes and place them in the receptacle for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Thank you.

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## Planned Giving by Credit Card

Parishioners who donate to Parish Planned Giving  
by credit card:

**if your details have changed in any way can you  
please contact Marie at the parish office asap as a  
couple of transactions were not accepted this month.**

Could you also 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.

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## Advertising in The Net...

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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**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.**

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## 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.

## 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

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## Corpus Christi Website & Facebook

Please visit our website or Facebook page for up to date  
Parish and diocesan news.

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www.corpuschristi.org.au

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## 'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of  
each month after 9.10am Mass.

Come along, share some stories and enjoy the company.  
Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea.  
New members are welcome!!! If you would like some  
more information, please contact the Parish Office.

# Diocesan News

## 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/](https://parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/) or email [gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

## \*SAVE THE DATE\*

### *Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening*

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20th July from 6pm to 9pm - more details will follow in June.

## Catholic Schools Across the Diocese are Enrolling Now!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023.

To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-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](mailto: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/](https://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.

## Pentecost Scripture Evening: 1 June

You are invited for a night of prayer, scripture and reflection on the theme of Pentecost! The evening will be held on Wednesday 1 June at 6.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, and led by Dr Michele Connolly rsj. To RSVP, please email Tanya at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## View the Draft Diocesan Synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto: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

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## 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>

## Pastoral Formation 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](http://pfparra.org.au) or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) for more details.

## Free Lecture

### *The Outsider Pope:*

### *Where is Francis leading our Church?*

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm

Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta.

Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2nd July to [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org)





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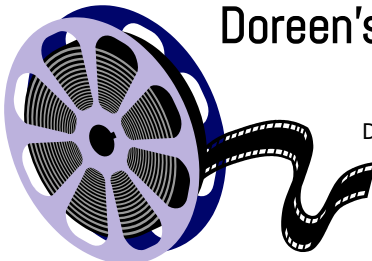
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