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**4TH & 5TH FEBRUARY
2023**

Dear Friends,

A warm welcome back to everyone for 2023!!!

We hope you had a good break and we look forward to another year of working together as a community in our parish of Corpus Christi.

The Parish Office is now back to its regular days of Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Office hours are 9am— 3.30pm.

The Parish Team.



REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

by appointment

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

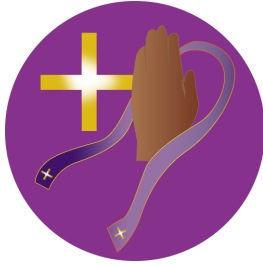
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Parish News

Children & Sacraments for 2023

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)



Children in Year 4 and above at school are invited to register for the Parish Sacramental Program, commencing with the Sacrament of Penance.

Parents wanting their child to participate in the program are required to pick up Penance Information Packs and register their child on

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH, 2023

BETWEEN 6.30PM & 7.30PM

IN THE CHURCH.

Confirmation Photos

Photos for children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in November, are available to be collected from the parish office during office hours.

Break Open the Word for Readers

For any readers who would like a copy of Break Open the Word for Year A, they are now available in the Sacristy. The cost \$20 per copy. Please leave your payment in the large envelope that is with the books in the Sacristy.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti & Viviana Kirk



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.



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.

New Ministry Roster for 2023

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

**Your care and commitment to our
parish community is truly appreciated!**

The new Ministry roster, which commenced last weekend 28th/29th January, has been emailed to volunteers.

If you are a volunteer and did not receive your roster, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Parish Ministries

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

One of the most rewarding ways we can share our faith and be part of the weekend liturgies is by taking the young children and sharing with them your ideas about the readings and/or the feast day messages. Please consider becoming part of the team as we need people to fill the roster. Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. If you can see yourself being part of this ministry 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 2023.**

If you can spare about an hour (including preparation time) each week during school terms and would like to find out more about being a teacher or helper 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.

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.



Parramatta Diocesan News

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES WILL RECOMMENCE IN FEBRUARY.

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

Last chance to secure your Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage spot!

There are only 10 seats left on the Diocesan pilgrimage with Bishop Vincent to WYD23 in Lisbon! Young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to secure their place as soon as possible to avoid missing out. View the pilgrimage itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing and registration information at www.parrawyd.org

Faith and Formation Session for Catholic Healthcare Professionals

You are invited to a faith and formation session for those who work and volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on

Saturday 11th February, from 9am to 10.30am
at the All Saints of Africa Centre,
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February to met@parracatholic.org. For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org

First CPR Training Expressions of Interest!



The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community.

The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

Positions Vacant:

- Parish Office Administration Assistant – St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.
 - Policy Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 20th February**
 - People and Culture Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 20th February**
- More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held on **Saturday 11th February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.**

Worship Celebrating Holy Week Seminar

The MET - Worship team are organising a seminar for acolytes and ministers at the altar (senior servers) in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week.

Presented by liturgist Chris Ohlsen, it will be held on **Saturday 4th March from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown.**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

To RSVP by 28th February, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3456.

MET Lenten Music Formation Session

Musicians and liturgy planners are invited to attend an evening exploring music for Lent on

Monday 13th February from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.

The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, MET, and Assistant Music Director at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To RSVP, please contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

MET Lenten Scripture Reflection Night

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods.

Tuesday 21st February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM.
Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course

Want to learn more about the Bible?

Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET).

6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Thursdays:
23rd February, 2nd March and 9th March.
Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, 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.

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