



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

# The Net

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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**18TH & 19TH FEBRUARY  
2023**

## REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

### Warfare and the Church

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'



Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since

its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'



## 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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Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200  
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College – ph 4777 0900  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

# Parish News

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday 22nd February is Ash Wednesday.  
Masses will be held here at our parish at  
9.30AM & 6.00PM.

## Lenten Programs

*Are you preparing for your 2023 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:

### Lent 2023 with the Catholic Guy – Bruce Downes

*For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring  
video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Len-  
ten journey more powerful and prayerful.*

This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

### Triumph

*This program provides short daily reflections and  
longer form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer.*

from Wollongong Diocese

[www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)

**Please note that this program involves a cost.**

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

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

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Anniversaries:

Jerry Kunczewicz (10/02/21)

### For those who are sick:

Arnold Toirkens, 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.*

## The Net

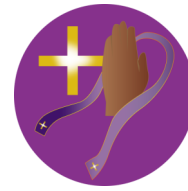
Due to a technical problem, **we no longer have the email  
addresses** of those people who requested to receive The  
Net via email.

**Please contact the parish office or put your name on  
the list in the foyer if you or anyone you know  
would like to receive The Net via email.**

Please note that The Net is uploaded to our parish  
website each week.

## 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.**

## 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.*

## 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 \$330. There is also the opportunity to  
run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more  
details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office  
hours.

## An Important Carpark Safety Message...

Please be aware that the parish carpark has a  
**ONE WAY ENTRY AND EXIT.**

The access in front of the Parish Office is  
**ENTRY ONLY.**

Please **DO NOT EXIT THE CARPARK VIA THE ENTRY.**

# Parish News

## 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!**

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.**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# Parramatta Diocesan News

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Positions Vacant:

- Parish Office Administration Assistant - St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.
  - Policy Coordinator - Diocese of Parramatta -
  - People and Culture Adviser - Diocese of Parramatta -
- Applications close 10pm Monday 20th February**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## 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/>

## Clean up Diocese of Parramatta Day

Catholic Youth Parramatta and MET - Peace, Justice and Ecology invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5th March, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

## 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](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or phone (02) 8838 3456.

## 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>

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