CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

The Net

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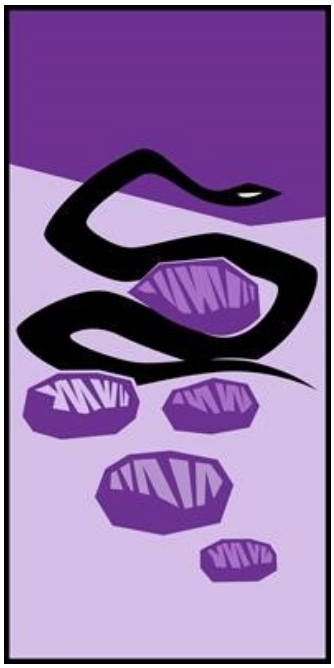
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A **25TH & 26TH FEBRUARY 2023**

REFLECTION *by* Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.



The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

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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- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
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Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament Support

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

MASS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAYS 14TH & 21ST MARCH & WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER
WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI
ON
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH AT 7PM.

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 Lenten 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
Please note that this program involves a cost.

Prayers & Sympathy

Arnold Toirkens has been an inspiring man of faith and love in our parish for many years. Carried by faith and loving family, Arnold went peacefully to the Lord last Sunday. We offer our prayers and love to his wife, Maureen and to his daughter, fellow parishioner Janelle Walker and the extended family. May Arnold be welcomed into the gift of real life forever.

Arnold's funeral will take place here at Corpus Christi next Thursday, 2nd March, at 10.30am.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:
Arnold Toirkens *(19/02)*, Iggi Bartolo *(12/02)*
Anniversaries:
Jerry Kuncewicz *(10/02/21)*

For those who are sick:
Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti & Viviana Kirk

'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!!!
For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Building Parishes Together

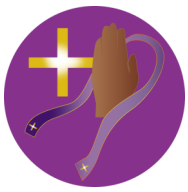
Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards.
Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7.
Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well.
If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by visiting: https:// learning.safeguarding.org.au
If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org
Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!

The Net

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;
◊ 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.

Parish News

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.

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.

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.

Parramatta Diocesan News

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. RSVP by 28th February: mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

Soul Food Podcast–Pastoral Formation

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/

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, join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/

Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord

Come and spend time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, beginning with 6pm Mass on Friday 17th March, followed by Reconciliation from 7:15pm – 10pm. On Saturday, Reconciliation will be held at 10am-12pm and 3pm-4.45pm, with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact paulandramani@gmail.com

Caritas AUSTRALIA

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PROJECT COMPASSION

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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