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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

**4TH & 5TH MARCH
2023**

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'



Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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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PARISH TEAM:

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- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

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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

Catechist News... Are you able to help???

Are you willing to share your faith journey?

Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, at university or a shift worker we need you!!!

What's Involved?

- * Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

What do I need?

- * An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

What help will I get?

- * Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.
- * A teacher's manual containing easy to follow lesson plans.
- * Student activity books for each child.
- * Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

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.



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.

Expressions of Interest CPR Training

The Diocese of Parramatta is offering free CPR training to any parishioner who is interested. It is one session on a date to be decided.

If you would like to participate in this course please place your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Joan Schneider-Hooton (02/03), Arnold Toirkens (19/02), Iggi Bartolo (12/02)

Anniversaries:

Fr George O'Mara (28/02/2018), Jerry Kuncewicz (10/02/21)

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti & Viviana Kirk



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](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!

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 option to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office..

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!
For more information, 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. 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. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Parish News

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950

Acct No: 1000000698

Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

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.*

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.

Message for Parishioners who Donate to Planned Giving by Credit Card...

Over the past couple of months some credit card transactions for Planned Giving have failed to go through and the bank has suggested that people may have updated their cards. If anyone has recently made changes to or cancelled their credit cards could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

Parramatta Diocesan News

Worship Celebrating Holy Week Seminar

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.

St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, are hosting the St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast, acknowledging faith and nation building and connecting Not-For-Profit organisations with business communities. Friday 17th March from 7am to 9am at the Cathedral Hall, with guest speaker Dr Andrew Charlton MP, Federal Member for Parramatta. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1012636>

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

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/>



Second Sunday of Lent 4th & 5th March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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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