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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

**11TH & 12TH MARCH
2023**

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she

thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob’s well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed

before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?



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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- sw@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

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)

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR APRIL—OCTOBER 2023 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

Planned Giving...

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.

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.

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.

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!

New Ministry Roster



A huge thank you to all who support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries. **Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated!**

We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period 15th/16th April to 1st/2nd July. Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries, please check your diaries and let Marie know by either phone or email **prior to Tuesday 4th April** of any non-availability during that period.

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???

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.



Parish News

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

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday 6th April - 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 7th April - 10.00am

The Stations of the Cross
(in school grounds)

Friday 7th April - 3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

This moving ceremony honours the
great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 8th April - 7.00pm

(Note not 6.00pm)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

This is the highlight of the Church year when we celebrate
the greatest hope ever given to humanity.

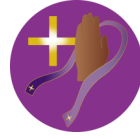
Sunday 9th April - 7.30am & 9.30am

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

A continuation of the celebration of resurrection when the
new Easter light and Easter water of Baptism are used to
help give a blessing of renewal.

Special Prayers for Sacrament Children

*Please keep in your prayers the children of
our parish who are preparing for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Remember also their families and our
Sacrament leaders who encourage
the children on their journey.*



**THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL WILL
TAKE PLACE ON 26TH AND 27TH MARCH.**

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.

'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..

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 Kunciewicz (10/02/21)

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti &
Viviana Kirk



Ministry Roster for Easter...

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries
for the Easter Liturgies, please put your name on the list
in the foyer. Thank you!

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 read-
ings and/or the feast day messages. 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. For more information 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.*



Third Sunday of Lent 11th & 12th March



**Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of
Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and
started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.**

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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