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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

**18TH & 19TH MARCH
2023**

REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

Spittle and Mud

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.



God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.



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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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.

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

Parish Working Bee for Easter

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON

Please bring your gardening tools, blowers, whipper snippers and any other items that can be used to weed the gardens and trim the plants.



There will be a BBQ to follow.

For catering purposes, can you please place your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Thank you for your support.

Children's Nativity Costumes

We are looking for volunteers to help with sewing new costumes for the children's nativity. We are hoping to have the costumes completed before we reach the busy lead up to Christmas. It will be simple sewing and all materials will be supplied. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

FOR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

25TH AND 26TH MARCH.

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve his people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/ appeal. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

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

**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.*

Parish News

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!

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.

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.

Our Prayers and Sympathy to...



Jo Debono on the loss of her mother Salvina Vella on 8th March. Our prayers are with Jo, her husband Ray and the extended family.

Salvina's funeral will take place on Monday 20th March at St Aidan's Catholic Church, Rooty Hill at 10.30am.

Live Streaming Link:

<https://youtube.com/@terencesmith1460>

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Joan Schneider-Hooton, Arnold Toirkens, Iggi Bartolo

Anniversaries:

Mario Vella, Fr George O'Mara

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Viviana Kirk



Church Toilets

It has been brought to our attention by the cleaners that there has been some damage in the church toilets (graffiti etc). As the toilets are only open during weekend Masses, please be mindful that this is happening.

'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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18th & 19th March



***Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam.
With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development,
Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.***

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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