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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

**15TH & 16TH APRIL
2023**

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out:



'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the

wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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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Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary
- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

**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

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

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. 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.

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.

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.

Please note that during the school holidays the Parish Office hours will vary.

If you need to visit the office please telephone first to make sure someone is there.

If the office is closed you are welcome to leave a message and we will return your call when we are next in the 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!!!

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

George Marabouti, Carmelo Schembri, Viviana Kirk, Peter Farrugia, who died recently.

May Peter be welcomed into the embrace of the Lord and may prayers assist the faith and hope of his family.

**Peter's funeral will take place here at
Corpus Christi on
Tuesday 18th April at 11.00am.**

Anniversaries:

Mario Vella (16/03/2006)

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti,, Daryle Young



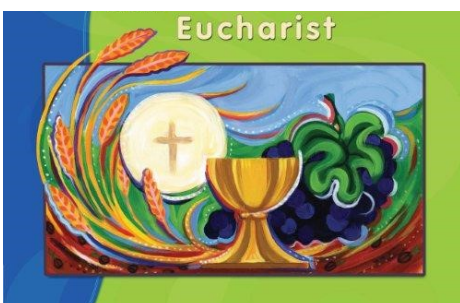
**We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.**



**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.*

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST



Letters regarding First Eucharist have been emailed to all families whose children completed the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this year.

**Parents are required to pick up
Eucharist Information Packs on
Wednesday 3rd May between 6.30pm & 7.30pm
in the church foyer.**

Parramatta Diocesan News



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

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.

CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series: Starting

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting *A Study of St Matthew's Gospel*
April 28th; May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th.
10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.
To book email Maree Collis ccd.training@parracatholic.org

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the

FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer"
with Br Barry Donaghue.

Tuesdays 2nd, 9th & 16th May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

MET Worship Liturgical Music Workshop

Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4th May from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

The FaithFeed On The Move

Have questions about life & faith?

Join with others on the search at **The FaithFeed** live studio audience - hosted by Glenbrook in the Mountains Deanery - all are welcome!

The FaithFeed will be on **Sunday 7th May** at the parish hall after the 6pm Mass. Doors open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

The night will feature faith stories, live music, activities and great conversation.

Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/tffrego>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit 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, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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/>

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

Available for in-person or virtual appointments.



The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office.

Please contact the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Positions Vacant

- **Policy Coordinator** – Diocese of Parramatta
- **Communications and Digital Manager** – Diocese of Parramatta
- **Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Toongabbie Parish is hiring!

Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is looking for a Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish secretary at secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 18 April 2023. If you would like more information regarding this position, please contact the office on (02) 9631 3316.

Position Vacant

Executive Assistant (permanent part-time) – NSW Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools (CCRESS) - **Applications close Friday 21 April 2023**

For more information and to apply, visit <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/executive-assistant-to-ccress-nsw-act/>



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