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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**

**22ND & 23RD APRIL  
2023**

### *Reflection* by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the



journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of

faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.



### **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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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.

## Corpus Christi WYD Pilgrims

**Our parish WYD pilgrims will be providing tea and coffee after each Mass this weekend, 22nd and 23rd of April, to all parishioners.**

**A gold coin donation would be appreciated, however not required.**

## ANZAC DAY MASS

**Tuesday 25th April at 6.00pm**

## Parish Office Hours

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 25th April as it is a public holiday.**

## '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,

### Anniversaries:

Mario Vella (16/03/2006)

### For those who are sick:

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



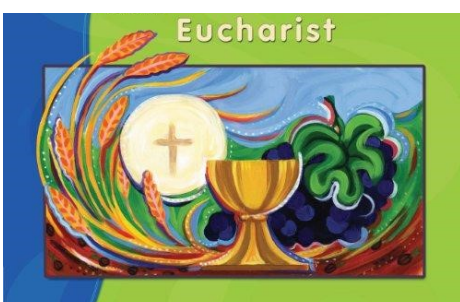
**We, the people of Corpus Christi,  
seek to grow in living  
a Christ-centred mission,  
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,  
justice and community in today's world.**



**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

## 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](mailto: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/>

## 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](http://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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Faith in Marriage Seminar

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology.

This free event will be held on

Friday 19th May at 7:30pm at

St Paul the Apostle Church,

40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills.

Register your attendance at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

## 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](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## Invitation to Register for CPR Training

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a FREE course to the Parishes of Parramatta Diocese as part of a project being offered by the University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or

Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

## ANZAC Day – Tuesday 25th April

### *Ode of Remembrance*

They went with songs to the  
battle, they were young.

Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end  
against odds uncounted,

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old,  
as we who are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.





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