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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**

**29TH & 30TH APRIL  
2023**

## *Reflection by* Fr Michael Tate

### The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.



In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!



## 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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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)**



## Fundraising for Our Parish World Youth Day Pilgrims

Three members of our parish community will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in July.

*To help show our support for them on this exciting faith filled journey there will be a collection at all Masses on the weekend of 20th/21st May.*

## 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.

## 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.

## '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!!!



## Safeguarding Training

Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, is hosting Maria Kervin on Saturday 27th May for face-to-face training.

The sessions are from 10am – 3pm. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

For more information and to register please contact Padre Pio parish office on 4789 2232.

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Recently Deceased:

Carmelo Schembri, Viviana Kirk, Peter Farrugia

### Anniversaries:

Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16)

### For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Daryle Young



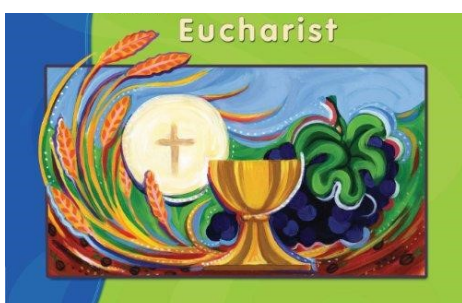
**We, the people of Corpus Christi,  
seek to grow in living  
a Christ-centred mission,  
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,  
justice and community in today's world.**



**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

## Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!



Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us.

Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod2023](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023)

## 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](https://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.

## Diocesan Food and Toiletries Drive for Refugees

Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of Refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. You can organise a food and toiletries drive in your parish, school or workplace, or make a cash donation to support JRS and HoW. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](https://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

## Positions Vacant:

- **Communications and Digital Manager** – Diocese of Parramatta
- **Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta
- **Lead Support** – Diocesan Synod

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](https://parracatholic.org/employment)





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