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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

**20TH & 21ST MAY
2023**

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Where is the Body?

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!



But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills *all* creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the *Church which is His Body*'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which *is* His Body.'



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(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.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal - 27th/28th May

Please note change of date

Our next appeal is raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need.



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Carmelo Schembri, Viviana Kirk, Peter Farrugia

Anniversaries:

James & Margaret Vella, Maryann Azzopardi

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Daryle Young



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.

Invitation to the Diocesan Synod 2023 Deanery Consultation

We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for our Diocesan Synod.

Our Synod is not just about an event, but it is a process where we are inviting you, our community, to participate in the life of the church and to contribute to our future together.

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him to have your say.

Western Deanery Consultation

To ensure that the space for voices across our Diocese is heard, 20 representatives from our parish are invited to the Western Deanery Listening Consultation.

Saturday 24th June 2023
Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair
Commences at 6.30pm with light refreshments

If you are interested in attending this consultation, place your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.



The Sacrament of First Eucharist
will take place on the following dates:
Saturday 20th May during the 6pm Mass
Sunday 21st Mass during the 9.30am Mass

**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.*

Parramatta Diocesan News

Safeguarding Training

Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park,
is hosting Maria Kervin on

Saturday 27th May from 10am – 3pm
for face-to-face training.

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

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

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

*Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not
completed your Safeguarding Training?*

*Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed
your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?*

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard.

In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on:

Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm

at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown

Please register for this mandatory training at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: <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.

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 Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm. Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register.

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

Women's Breakfast

Being the Best Version of Me

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 9.00AM – 11.00AM

Family Hall, Mount Schoenstatt

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Guest speaker is Elizabeth Le Breton, a certified Results Coach and professionally trained life coach.

Cost is \$25, which includes breakfast. Please book by 26th May at <https://www.trybooking.com/chhii>

**If anyone is interested in attending and needs a lift, please contact Ann Panitz on 0419 219 572.

Annual Schoenstatt Marian Pilgrimage



The Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre's Annual Marian Pilgrimage will be held again on Sunday 21st May. Reconciliation will be available from 9.30am before Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv celebrates Mass and recommissions pilgrim mother coordinators. Mass will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Shrine. As this is an outdoor event, please bring your own chairs. Hot food, tea and coffee available for sale or BYO. Enquiries, please call 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au.

Western Deanery Young Adults Group

*The Value of Christian Friendships in the
Journey to Holiness*

All young adults from 18 to 35 years are invited on :

Friday 26th May, 7:00pm at

**St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood
12 Richmond Road, Kingswood 2747.**

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17th October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28th October 2023.

For any enquiries, a copy of the itinerary and application form, please contact Sr Annie Bond at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

Faith in Marriage Seminar

Annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar 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

Diocesan Liturgical Conference

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023!

**Save the date for Saturday 15th July at
St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.**

Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops. More information to come soon.

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