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**1ST & 2ND JULY
2023**

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life.



Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life.

We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.



Prayer for Our Diocesan Synod

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life,
we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern.

Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today,
and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church,
to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

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:

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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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.

First Eucharist Photos

First Eucharist photos are now available for those children who received this sacrament recently.

Please collect them from the Parish Office during office hours (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am -3pm).

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed...

One of the most rewarding ways we can share our faith and be part of the weekend liturgies is by taking the young children and sharing with them your ideas about the readings and/or the feast day messages. Please consider becoming part of the team as we need people to fill the roster. Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. If you can see yourself being part of this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

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

Corpus Christi Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass, in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!

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 or write their details on the list in the foyer.

Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Chris

All parishioners past and present are invited to join us for a

Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Chris on Sunday 20th August at 9:30am.

This will be followed by a Farewell celebration in the school hall.

If you would like to help organise the Farewell, please place your name and contact details on the sign on sheet in the Foyer or contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553.

The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to submit suggestions in any of the following ways:

- Person to person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- Email to corpuschristippc@gmail.com, a direct email address to the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Letter mailed or hand delivered addressed to:
The Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council
Corpus Christi Parish
PO Box 21, Cranebrook NSW 2749
Suggestion Box, located in the foyer of the Church.
Please remember to include your name and contact number in case we need to contact you for any clarification or update.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Abraham Galea, Michael Pace

Anniversaries:

James & Margaret Vella, Maryann Azzopardi

For those who are sick:

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses from September to October for those who are interested.

There is no cost for these courses.

**Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown
Mondays at 7pm**

- ⌘ 4th September: Compulsory Introduction Session.
- ⌘ 11th & 18th September: Ministers of the Word.
- ⌘ 9th & 16th October: Ministers of Communion.
- ⌘ 23rd October: Communion to the Sick & Dying.*
- ⌘ 30th October & 6th November: Ministers at the Altar.**

* If you wish to complete Communion to the Sick & Dying, you must attend the Ministers of Communion Session first.

** If you wish to become a Minister at the Altar, you must attend all sessions.

Deadline for enrolments: 28th August.

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain an enrolment form.

Families Called to Share their Stories with the First Diocesan Synod

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/

CYP LIFTED RETREAT 'Behold': 7 - 9 July

Young people aged 18 to 25 are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED Retreat: Behold. Get away from the busyness of life for a weekend of prayer, sacraments, and community. The retreat will be held from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Cost: \$125 per person including accommodation for two nights and all meals. Register at: <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

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/>

Winter Catholic Outlook Magazine

Pick up your free copy of news and views from the Diocese of Parramatta at your local parish.

Refugee Week Diocesan Food Drive

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. This Refugee Week, the Diocese of Parramatta is encouraging schools and parishes to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

National NAIDOC Week Sunday 2 - 8 July

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and celebrates the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

Aboriginal Catholic Care NAIDOC Celebrations

You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4th July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

Diocesan Liturgical Conference

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023!

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; a list of these is on the noticeboard in the church foyer. Lunch Provided.

For more information and to register contact Hannah at hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

FaithLIFE -

3 Night Short Course on Scripture

Want to explore Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Sr Patty Andrew. From 6:30pm to 8:30pm on three Tuesdays: 22nd & 29th August and 5th September. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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