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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

#### 15TH & 16TH JULY 2023

# **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from



another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation

of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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#### 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. <u>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</u> 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 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 100000698 Acct No: 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.

# SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children who completed the Sacraments of First Bibiana Zahra, James & Margaret Vella, Maryann Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2022 are invited to Azzopardi register for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

> Parents are required to pick up **Confirmation Information Packs on** Wednesday 25th October

#### between 6.30pm & 7.30pm in the church foyer.

If your child is in Year 5 or above and has received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in a another year, you are welcome to register him/her for this year's Confirmation program by contacting the Parish Office.

#### 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.

# **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!!

As we are not printing hard copies of The Net, your business will be advertised on our website.

# **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.

# **Corpus Christi Youth Group**

There will be a Youth Group Meeting after 6:00pm Mass on the 15th July for our young Parishioners from age 12+. The theme for the meeting is World Youth Day.

# Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

**Recently Deceased:** 

Mary Peacock, Abraham Galea, Michael Pace **Anniversaries:** 

#### 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.

#### ବର୍ବବର୍ବବର୍ବବ

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.

# **Parish News**

#### 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.

#### 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 \$350. There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. At present, readership of The Net on our website is around 1000 peo- One of the most rewarding ways we can share our faith and be ple per week for forty- eight weeks of the year. part of the weekend liturgies is by taking the young children To ensure good exposure, we still only accept no more and sharing with them your ideas about the Gospel messages than twelve businesses for advertising.

For more details, please contact Marie at 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.

### **New Ministry Roster**

A huge thank you to all who continue to support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries. Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated! The new Ministry roster, which commenced last weekend 8th/9th July, has been emailed to volunteers. If you are a volunteer and did not receive your roster, please contact the Parish Office.

### Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed...

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.

# Parramatta Diocesan News

### Safeguarding Mandatory Modules **Face-to-Face Training**

The Diocesan Safeguarding team have organised sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules 1-3 throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3 Please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

#### 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. Ħ
- ж 11th & 18th September: Ministers of the Word.
- ж 9th & 16th October: Ministers of Communion.
- ж 23rd October: Communion to the Sick & Dying.\*
- 30th October & 6th November: Ministers at the ж 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.

### Your stories matter! Send your submissions to the first Diocesan Synod before 31st July

Our Diocesan Synod is calling you to share stories and have conversations at your parish, with a friend, or with family, about how we can walk together to become the Church that Christ calls us to be. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will inform the development of the agenda for the Synod, from 12-15 October 2023, which will gather clergy, consecrated and laity to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Applications to be a member at the Synod are now open. Apply to be a member or make a submission before 31 July: https://parracatholic.org/ synod2023/

### 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 'Synod Home' resources at found here: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\_resources/



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