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**22ND & 23RD JULY
2023**

REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

When words fail

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.



One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.



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:

Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200
(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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children who completed the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2022 are invited to 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!!

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.

The organising group are planning to have a slide show at Fr Chris' farewell.

If anyone has any photos they have taken over the years, which include Fr Chris and parish community, and you would like to share, please email them to

Vanessa Sultana at ness_sultana@hotmail.com

Prayers and Sympathy

Michael Bellingham, a long time Corpus Christi parishioner, sadly passed away last Saturday. We commend Michael to the Lord's loving embrace and offer our prayers and sympathy to his wife, Leonie, and his family.

Michael's funeral will take place here at Corpus Christi on Thursday 27th July at 11.00am.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Michael Bellingham, Mary Peacock, Abraham Galea, Michael Pace

Anniversaries:

Bibiana Zahra, 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.



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 people per week for forty-eight weeks of the year. To ensure good exposure, we still only accept no more 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.

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.

Parramatta Diocesan News

Fr Carl Ashton Funeral Arrangements



Fr Carl Ashton, Pastor Emeritus of Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South, died on Thursday 13th July 2023, aged 86. A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday 24th July at Sacred Heart Parish, Mt

Druitt South, from 7pm, followed by a prayer vigil.

The Requiem Mass for Fr Carl will be held on Tuesday 25th July at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by a committal at Pinegrove Memorial Park, Minchinbury. In your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Fr Carl and remember his family in your prayers.

Follow our World Youth Day Pilgrimage from Home!

170 young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have officially taken off to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal for an experience of a lifetime.

Our pilgrimage will travel through some of the most beautiful and sacred parts of Europe including Lourdes and Fatima and you are invited to follow along from home. We will be posting videos, photos and articles throughout the trip, so you can see and hear what our pilgrims are experiencing.

Sign up today by visiting catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News or scanning the QR code on the poster in the church foyer.

Updates can also be found on our World Youth Day pilgrimage website parrawyd.org, our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#) pages, as well as on [Catholic Outlook](#).

We wish to share our pilgrims' stories of encounter and faith widely and anticipate people will be keen to see where our pilgrims venture.

Apply to be a Member at our Diocesan Synod

If you are someone with a commitment to discern prayerfully with others what God wants for the whole diocese, then you might be called to be a member at our first Diocesan Synod! Details of the selection criteria and requirements are available on our website now parracatholic.org/synod2023. Applications are welcome now until 31 July. Further enquiries can be sent via email synod2023@parracatholic.org

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/>

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://pfarra.org.au/faithlife/>



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