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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**12TH & 13TH AUGUST  
2023**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.



As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.



### 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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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)**

## 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.*

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Bellingham, Mary Peacock, Abraham Galea, Michael Pace

### Anniversaries:

George Pirotta (15/08/18), Anthony Azzopardi, Bibiana Zahra



### For those who are sick:

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

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

*For World Youth Day*

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



## 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.*

**To assist in catering for Fr Chris' farewell celebration, could you please bring a plate of food to share.**

**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](mailto:ness_sultana@hotmail.com)**

**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](mailto: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.*



**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

## 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!!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

# Parramatta Diocesan News

## Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod.

The Novena will begin the week of Sunday 13th August and conclude the week of Sunday 8th October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly - Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October.

You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer.

More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

## Nominations open for Papal, Civil and Diocesan Awards

From today until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit [parracatholic.org/awards](https://parracatholic.org/awards). The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

## Marriage Retrouvaille Program Information Session

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

## Mandatory Safeguarding Face-to-Face Training Opportunities

### Mandatory Modules 1-3:

- St Canice's Church, Katoomba on Saturday 28th October, 10am-3pm.

### Renewal Mandatory Safeguarding Training (4 pts):

**Venue:** Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes

**Time:** 10.00am-11.30am

- Tuesday 22nd August 2023: Renewal Module 4 - *Understanding the Child Safe Standards & Working With Vulnerable People*
- Tuesday 29th August 2023: Renewal Module 5 - *Legal Compliance - Risk of Significant Harm & Mandatory Reporting*

**Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.**

Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

## 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://pffarra.org.au/faithlife/>



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