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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**19TH & 20TH AUGUST
2023**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

On Catholic Dogs

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.'



The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan woman* stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!



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.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Michael Bellingham, Mary Peacock

Anniversaries:

James William Sinnett (20/08), 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.

An Important Carpark Safety Message

Please ensure you park in the allocated parking spots.

We also ask that you **do not park in the School Drop Off area that runs along the front of the Church.**

This area is clearly marked and signed NO PARKING.

ALSO, please be aware that the parish carpark has a **ONE WAY ENTRY AND EXIT.**

The access in front of the Parish Office is an **ENTRY ONLY.**

PLEASE DO NOT EXIT THE CARPARK VIA THE ENTRY - IT IS DANGEROUS!!!

New Ministry Roster

A huge thank you to all who support our Parish of Corpus Christi by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated.

⌘ **We are about to start preparing the Roster to cover the period 1st October – 17th December.** Would all those in rostered Ministries please check your plans and advise Marie at the office by either phone or email **before Tuesday 19th September,** of any planned absences or non-availability during that period.

⌘ If anyone who is not on the roster would like to be involved in the parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the parish office.

Thank you.

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

Until Thursday 7th 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. The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

Evening of Sacred Music

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25th August at 7:30pm.

The event will be a night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJISM>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au

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

For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

St Marys Parish Don Bosco Relic Visit 23rd - 27th August

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic and celebrate Mass, Adoration and Confessions throughout the week. For more information, contact the parish office on 9623 1962 or email secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au

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