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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**26TH & 27TH AUGUST
2023**

Thank You from Fr Chris

Over the last couple of weeks I have been honoured with farewell ceremonies from our parish schools, Xavier College and Corpus Christi Primary, as well as the wonderful parish celebration last Sunday. I have also been blessed with invitations to family homes to celebrate my time here at Corpus Christi.

Thank you all for the tributes and gifts I have received. I am grateful for and appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for welcoming me into your lives during my time here. It has been a time of joy, inspiration as well as some challenges (especially navigating our way through Covid-19 together!). I hope I have helped all of you in some way on your spiritual journey through life.

I wish you every blessing as you move on to the next chapter of parish life at Corpus Christi.

Fr Chris



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)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

From the Parish Pastoral Council

Last weekend, we gathered to officially farewell Father Chris, to wish him well in his journey and his continued ministry and service as he returns to his homeland and his beloved mother and family there.

Father Christopher Antwi-Boasiako joined us as priest-administrator in 2017 and was installed as our parish priest in 2018. Throughout his pastoral ministry here at Corpus Christi he has shown us faithful commitment, as he engaged in constantly serving God, by walking with and loving his people here in Cranebrook.

During Father Chris's tenure, he has inspired the refurbishment of the parish chapel and sanctuary, implemented a maintenance team for general ongoing repairs and maintenance and groundskeeping teams to enhance the parish gardens. While making our church home a welcoming space, he has also fostered real community spirit there and in links to our wider community, strengthening relationships with our parish primary and high school and fostering involvement with the deanery council, diocesan forum and diocesan synod, as well as supporting the outreach to state schools through the SRE program. From our smallest children, through our teens and adults to our golden "young at heart" seniors, Father Chris has provided encouragement, counsel and inspiration.

We will never forget Fr Chris's dedication to our spiritual and physical wellbeing during the challenging Covid periods. We know he prayed constantly for us and strove to keep us connected when we were required to be physically separated, as well as tirelessly planning logistics and celebrating extra Masses so that we could all return safely as we were able when restrictions eased.

Thank you Fr Chris, for your pastoral service, generosity of spirit, companionship, and love. We are proud and grateful that you have been, and will continue to be, part of our Corpus Christi story. We pray that Our Lord will continue to bless you and your new ministries. Remember, you will always find a welcome here among us.

From the Parish Finance Committee

As Fr Chris prepares for his final weekend with us at Corpus Christi, it provides us the opportunity to reflect on his time here in our parish.

In 2017 Fr Chris joined us in a care taker capacity, before joining us permanently in 2018 when he was installed as our parish priest. It is fair to say that since that time he immediately became the vibrant central focus of our parish community.

During this time we have seen a renewed connection with our parish schools, Corpus Christi Primary and Xavier College. Fr Chris has been instrumental in bringing these groups together, and in doing so it has been clear that he is truly passionate about the children and youth of the parish. He has such a special relationship with them and has ensured that they have been a central focus of all parish activities. Our Easter and Christmas festivities are always wonderful. Our sacramental programs are always so special. In addition during his tenure our Youth Group has thrived.

Fr Chris has also supported other parish groups, like the Golden Oldies and the wonderful catechists. Helping them find their place and carry out their ministries in the parish. Not to mention fostering a wonderful community of acolytes, altar servers, musicians, readers and data operators. In addition he has always been so supportive of the parish committees, allowing the members to contribute in their own way to a shared vision of the parish.

Father Chris as you leave us to return home to Ghana, please know that we wish you all the very best. We will all miss you so very much and we thank you for your unwavering love and dedication to each and every member of our parish. You have made a lasting impression in our community and left it in a stronger position. God Bless.

From the Parish Team

We first met Fr Chris when he came to Corpus Christi in 2015 to look after the parish during Fr George's illness. He stayed with us for 5 months before being appointed to Glenmore Park Parish. He returned to Corpus Christi in 2017.

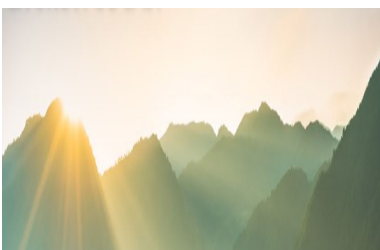
During our time working with Fr Chris we have had the opportunity to learn of the dedicated and caring person he is.

He quickly became a special part of our team and constantly offered us guidance and support in the running of the parish office.

We have experienced many happy memories and some occasions that have challenged us and Fr Chris has been there with us to share and guide us.

We would like to thank Fr Chris for the work he has done within the parish that has impacted greatly on our parish families.

The Parish Team will certainly miss him but we understand that God has special plans for him and that wherever he goes he will have much influence on those he meets and works with.



Fr Chris

Some people come through our lives to bring us something,
a gift, a blessing, a lesson we need to learn,
and that's why you were here.

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:

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ENTRY ONLY.

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VIA THE ENTRY - IT IS DANGEROUS!!!**

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:

Liliane Ducasse, James William Sinnett (20/08), George Pirotta (15/08/18), Anthony Azzopardi, Bibiana Zahra

For those who are sick:

Max Ducasse, 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.

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!!

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.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Caring for those who have cared for us

The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will take place on the weekend of 2nd/3rd September.

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able.

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service.

Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. 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,
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