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**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**30TH SEPTEMBER &  
1ST OCTOBER, 2023**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation.



Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



### 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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### PARISH TEAM:

Administrator - Fr Joe Manjaly

Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary  
- [mc@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:mc@corpuschristi.org.au)

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support  
- [sw@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:sw@corpuschristi.org.au)

Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament  
Support

### SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

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: 100000698  
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.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

All Planned Giving Envelopes dated for the next 6 months have now been distributed. If you are a part of the Planned Giving Program but have not received your envelopes or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

## 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.*

## Volunteers to Join the Parish Sacrament Team

We are looking to expand this team and are asking anyone who is interested to contact Marie at the Parish Office. The main role is to assist in preparing children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Term 1), First Eucharist (Term 2) and Confirmation (Term 4). Preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist is two sessions each and three sessions for Confirmation. Training and resources are provided.

## Corpus Christi Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass/Communion Service, in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are very welcome!!

## Parish Working Bee

*For the Parish Office and Presbytery*

**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON**

Please bring your gardening tools, blowers, whipper snippers and any other items that can be used to weed the gardens and trim the plants. Thank you for your support.

## Appointment of Parish Administrator for Our Parish...

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM has confirmed the appointment of Fr Shinto Francis as Administrator of our Parish of Corpus Christi from 14th October, 2023. We look forward to welcoming Fr Shinto and working together with him in the Corpus Christi spirit.

**During the school holidays parish office hours may vary.**

**Please phone the office before you visit to make sure someone is in the office.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMUNION SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY @ 6PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY @ 9.10AM until Fr Shinto is here with us to resume weekday Masses.**

*We are very grateful to those who are conducting the Communion Services in the meantime.*

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

**Anniversaries:**


Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Miguel Damas (17/09/22)

**For those who are sick:**

Sister Betty Carroll, Max Ducasse, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Noelene Nadalini

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

*For the Synod*

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. 

**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*

# Parish News

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH HAS PURCHASED A DEFIBRILLATOR WHICH HAS BEEN MOUNTED ON THE WALL IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH.**

## **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!!!**

## **Photographer for Sacraments**



A big thank you to Moreno Faccin for being the parish photographer for Sacraments and many other occasions for over twenty years.

Circumstances have changed for him, so therefore we are asking if there is anyone in the parish who has that special 'skill/gift of photography' and would be willing to come on board with taking the photos for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information, please call Marie in the Parish Office for more details.

## **Catechist News... Are you able to help??**

*The Catechist Team is currently looking for volunteers to teach in government schools in 2024.*

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the parish office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329. Training is provided.

# Parramatta Diocesan News

## **Circle of Security Education Program**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship.

**The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11th October to 29th November.**

The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families.

To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au)

## **Keeping Kids in Mind Education Program**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation.

**The course begins with a pre-session on 16th October from 6pm to 7pm,**

**with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23rd October to 20th November.**

The cost is \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact (02) 8843 2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au)

## **Season of Creation Weekly Zoom**

Join Peace, Justice & Ecology for an hour on Thursdays during Season of Creation as we ponder, discuss, and pray through Pope Francis' call to World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Message from Pope Francis. For more information, please email [met@parracatholic.org.au](mailto:met@parracatholic.org.au)

## **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29th October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent.

Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone 8838 3460 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.

## **Safeguarding Training Opportunities**

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules. Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform.

**Mandatory Modules 1-3: Saturday 28th October** at St Canice's Church, Katoomba from 10am-3pm.

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)

## **Volunteer for the House of Welcome**

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at

[m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au)



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