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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER
2023**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?



In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'



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

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- 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: 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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR OCTOBER 2023 – APRIL 2024 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

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 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:

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 September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."



PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMUNION SERVICES WILL COMMENCE AT CORPUS CHRISTI THIS WEEK TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY @ 6PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY @ 9.10AM

Weekday Mass Times at

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Monday: 9:30am
Tuesday: 6:45am & 9:30am
Wednesday: 9:30am & 7pm
Thursday: 9:30am
Friday: 6:45am & 12:10pm

Weekday Mass Times at

St Joseph's Parish Kingswood

Monday to Friday at 8.00am
Saturday at 8.30am

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.

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.

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

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Thank you to those parishioners who donated to the appeal last weekend. If you were away and would still like to contribute, please pick up an envelope from the foyer and place it in the collection plate.

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!!!**

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!!

Parramatta Diocesan News

Parish of Richmond St Monica's Spring Fair

*All are invited to celebrate the St Monica's Spring Fair
Saturday 16th September at
32 Francis Street, Richmond.*

Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring an array of entertaining activities. Indulge in exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more!

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.

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

Arise Women's Retreat

Saturday 16th September from 8.30am to 8.30pm.

 St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ at this year's Arise Women's Retreat: 'Arise - Talitha Koum - Little girl, I say ARISE'.

The retreat will include Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, spiritual direction and healing Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

All meals are included. For bookings and more information, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>


Nominations open for Papal, Civil and Diocesan Awards

From today 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.

Spring Season of Creation 2023

Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

 The Spring Season of Creation 2023 edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* - the news and views of the Diocese of Parramatta - is out now!

In this edition, we welcome home our World Youth Day pilgrims and we ground ourselves spiritually and environmentally in this Season of Creation. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

World Day of Migrant and Refugees Celebration

You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on

**Saturday 16 September, 2pm - 5.30pm at
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills.**

Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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