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**16TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER
2023**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.



If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.



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 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:

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Miguel Damas (17/09/2022)

For those who are sick:

Max Ducasse, June Sultana, Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Daryle Young, Noelene Nadalini

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 TAKE PLACE ON 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

Appointment of Parish Administrator for Corpus Christi!

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

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!!!**

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

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.

Parramatta Diocesan News

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

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

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

*available for in-person, telephone
and Zoom appointments*

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments.

Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances.

Please contact the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Ordination to the Presbyterate

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Tom Green on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Please RSVP to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you can attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

Diocesan Food Drives

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives.

All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at parracatholic.org/fooddrive or emailing james.atanasious@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

Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family.

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