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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER,
2023**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.



This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.



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.

Please Collect your 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.

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.

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:

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 institutions and never considered of lesser importance."



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. **The next gathering will take on Friday 29th September.** New members are very welcome!!

**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

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

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 or phone 8838 3460 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.

Spring - A 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.

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

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

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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