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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR

**7TH & 8TH OCTOBER,
2023**

**Parish New Administrator
FR. Shinto Francis**

Dear Parishioners,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome and the beautiful sense of community that I have experienced over the past six weeks. It has been an absolute privilege to serve you during this time. Due to my commitment in Penrith, I was not available to do any Masses for you on Sundays, but I enjoyed my Saturday vigil Masses with you in Cranebrook.

I extend a special thanks to Fr. Andrew and the Dominican community from Kingswood for their invaluable assistance during our weekend Masses. Their support has been truly appreciated.

I also wish to acknowledge the generosity of Fr. PJ and Fr. Chinoniya from Penrith, who also stepped in to help. As many of you may already know, Fr. Shinto Francis will be taking over as the new administrator of Cranebrook parish starting from October 13th. I extend my best wishes to him and have full confidence that he will be a wonderful addition to this vibrant community. Please note that due to the Diocesan Synod, Fr. Shinto will not be available to celebrate Masses on the weekend of October 14th and 15th. However, we have made arrangements for another priest to ensure that the Masses continue as scheduled. I want to express my deep appreciation for your patience and understanding throughout this transition period. Your support has been invaluable, and I am grateful to the entire parish staff for their unwavering assistance over the last six weeks.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Manjaly, MS
Parish Priest- Penrith.



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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(Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)**

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: 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 outside the Presbytery and Parish Office

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.

A huge thank you to the parishioners who came forward to offer their assistance in preparing inside the Parish Presbytery for Fr Shinto.

There was a massive amount of work to be done and the help of David Fisher, Mary Vella, Margaret Blair, Lorrene Gorman, Mary Lyons, Vanessa Sultana, Moreno Faccin, Keiran Faccin and Tony Baldacchino has made it possible to have the Presbytery ready for when Fr Shinto arrives.

Appointment of Parish Administrator

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE MEANTIME COMMUNION SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY @ 6PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY @ 9.10AM

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

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Felicidad Sampaga (09/10/12), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Miguel Damas (17/09/22)

For those who are sick:

June Sultana, Rose Zahra, Sister Betty Carroll, Max Ducasse, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti,

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 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

World Rosary Day



All Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together on Friday, 13th October at 3:00pm (Sydney time). The date marks the 106th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children.

Please visit this website: worldrosaryhour.com

Celebrate the opening of our first-ever Diocesan Synod!

All members of the faithful young and young at heart are invited to celebrate the beginning of the first-ever Diocesan Synod at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt:

Bridge to the Synod on

Thursday 12 October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm.

We're inviting our entire Diocesan community to experience and celebrate our young Church with live music, prayer, stalls, games and more!

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

Ministry of Communion to Sick & Dying Workshop

On Saturday the 21st October we will be offering a formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.) Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We have limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by the 16th October at Mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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.

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

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