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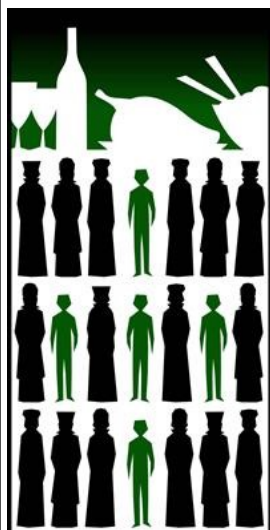
**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**14TH & 15TH OCTOBER,  
2023**

**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

**Wedding Garments at Baptisms!**

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.



What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.



**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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- [sw@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:sw@corpuschristi.org.au)

Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament  
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**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

## 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.

*Fr. Shinto will not be available to celebrate Masses this weekend as he is attending the Diocesan Synod. Fr Shane Reade will be here to celebrate the weekend Masses.*

**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL RESUME THIS WEEK:  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY AT 6PM  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 9.10AM**

## 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.

## 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. There will be a Sausage Sizzle lunch available for all volunteers. Thank you for your support!!

## Catholic Mission – World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. Next weekend Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timore-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. The theme for this appeal is '*Hearts on Fire—Feet on the Move*'. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

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.*

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Germano Nadalini (09/10/2023)

Anniversaries:

Felicidad Sampaga (09/10/12), Carmen Attard (26/09/14),

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.



## 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!!

## 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/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)**

# 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

## **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@catholiccarewbsm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.org.au)

## **Ministry of Communion to Sick & Dying Workshop**

On Saturday 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](mailto: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](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)

## **Position Vacant:**

Communications Manager - Diocese of Parramatta - Applications close 10pm on Wednesday 1 November 20.

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **Presentation by**

**Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM VG**  
*Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

**Sacrosanctum Concilium**

**60 Years On**

**A Retrospective View**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**7pm - 8:30pm**

**1-5 Marion St, Blacktown**

**Limited seating available**

**RSVP by the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to**

**[Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)**





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