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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**21ST & 22ND OCTOBER,
2023**

Dear Friends,

My name is Fr Shinto Francis. Since I am new to our parish, let me introduce myself.

I completed my seminary training at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park, and Bishop Vincent Long ordained me a priest in December 2017. Since my ordination, I have ministered in Winston Hills, Castle Hill, Springwood, Lawson, and Luddenham parishes before I was appointed as Parish Administrator at Corpus Christi Community. I also work at the Inter-diocesan Tribunal in Parramatta, mainly assisting those who apply for marriage annulment.

My sincere thanks to Fr Joe Manjaly for his assistance to our parish over the past few weeks. Since I arrived in Cranebrook, I have met many friendly faces. My special thanks to all of you who welcomed me and helped me settle in. I am grateful to God for sending me to our wonderful community and I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

With Every Blessing.
Fr Shinto



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'



The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM
SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Please speak to Fr Shinto on
Saturday evening before Mass.

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Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary
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Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament
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Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

Welcome to Fr Shinto

This weekend we welcome Fr Shinto Francis, who joins us as Administrator of our Parish of Corpus Christi.

WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE RESUMED
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY AT 6PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 9.10AM

Reconciliation

Please speak to Fr Shinto on Saturday evening before Mass.

Catholic Mission – World Mission Sunday

This weekend – 21st & 22nd October

'Hearts on Fire – Feet on the Move'.

If you'd like to contribute to the Catholic Mission Appeal, please take an envelope, complete your details and place it in the collection plate, or return it next weekend.

Envelopes are at the two entrances to the church. All contributions over \$2 are tax deductible.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

Mass for All Saints Day is on

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 9.10AM & 6PM.

&

Mass for All Souls Day is on

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 9.10AM & 6PM.

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.

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: 100000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Parish News



NOVEMBER MASSES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

**PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES OF PEOPLE CLEARLY ON AN ENVELOPE.
ENVELOPES CAN BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS
OR DROP IT INTO THE PARISH OFFICE.**

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week.

Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

**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

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

Presentation by

Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM VG

*Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
Sacrosanctum Concilium 60 Years On*

**A Retrospective View
Thursday 9th November
7pm - 8:30pm**

1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

Limited seating available RSVP by the 2nd November to
Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Bishop Vincent Presents Christopher White

Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White is coming to the Diocese of Parramatta as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's 'Bishop Vincent Presents' series. His public lecture *"Will our faith have children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality"* will be held in Parramatta on

Thursday 9th November at

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6pm.

Places are strictly limited, so register today at <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>

Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum

St Patrick Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, Jesuit Refugees Service and the Diocese of Parramatta are organising a Table Talk event with people seeking asylum on

**Wednesday 8th November from 7pm to 9pm
at the Cathedral Hall.**

We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change. To register, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/talk-talk-with-people-seeking-asylum>

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