



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B**

**2ND & 3RD DECEMBER,  
2023**

## REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

### Timely Living and the End of History

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

*For persons with disabilities*



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation."



#### 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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Xavier College – ph 4777 0900  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

# Parish News

## Donations for Vinnies Christmas Hampers

We are blessed that both Corpus Christi Primary and Xavier College have agreed to assist the conference this year with food donations.

Any members of the parish who would like to assist the conference by making donations of the following items would be appreciated:

*tinned hams, Christmas puddings, custard, soft drinks, biscuits and mince pies, chips and other snack items, tinned fruit and other tinned items.*

**Baskets will be placed in the main foyer and near the other entry on**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

If parishioners wish to make a gold coin donation to help with the purchase of some food items, buckets will also be in the foyer area and near the other entry door.

Thank you for your continued support of the conference.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Mass Times for regular weekend Masses on 23rd & 24th December will take place as usual:**

**SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 6PM.**

**SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 7.30AM & 9.30AM.**

## **Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*(Second Rite with visiting priests)*

**THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 7PM**



## **Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve (24th December)**

**6pm, 8.30pm & Midnight**

**Christmas Day (25th December)**

**7.30am & 9.30am**

*(Please note that Christmas Day Mass at 6pm that was advertised last week will not take place and 7.30am has been added)*

**THE CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM, 8.30PM & MIDNIGHT MASSES DO NOT COUNT AS A SUNDAY MASS.**

Christmas Mass & Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)

## **Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:**

### **Recently Deceased:**

Monsignor Bill Mullins (*Alison McDonald's dear Uncle*),  
Bishop Paride Taban,

### **Anniversary:**

Maureen Fisher (*David Fisher's mum*)

### **For those who are sick:**

June Sultana, Rose Zahra, Max Ducasse, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti



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.*

## **Children's Nativity Play...**

All children are invited to participate in the Nativity Play at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

*Rehearsals will take place in the Church on Friday 22nd December from 9.30am -11.30am and Sunday 24th December at 4.30pm.*

**If you would like your child to take part, please write your details on the sheet in the foyer.**



## **Christmas Eve Children's Choir**

All school aged children are invited to join the Children's Choir, which will be singing at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

*Rehearsal for this choir will take place on Saturday 23rd December from 9.30am – 11.30am.*

**If your child is interested in joining the choir, please write your details on the sheet in foyer.**

## **Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care Chaplaincy Services**

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Envelopes are available at both entrances of the church.

## **Reconciliation**

Please speak to Fr Shinto on Saturday evening before Mass.

## **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

## Ministry Rosters for Christmas & January

As we are fast approaching Christmas and the new year, could all those who volunteer on the liturgical ministries please consider your availability for this time.

**The sign on sheets for the ministry rosters for Christmas and January Masses are in the foyer.**

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and January Masses, please put your name on the relevant list.

## New Ministry Roster



A huge thank you to all who have supported our parish during 2023 by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

**We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period 3rd/4th February to 27th/28th April 2024.**

Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries please check your diaries and contact the Parish Office by either phone or email **prior to Tuesday 12th December** of any non-availability during that period.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHILDREN - 2024

Children in Year 4 and above at school are invited to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program, commencing with the Sacrament of Penance.

Parents wanting their child to participate in the program are required to attend a

Penance Information Meeting and register their child on

**WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2024  
AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.**

## 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.

## 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!!

## Break Open the Word for Readers

For any readers who would like a copy of Break Open the Word for Year B, they are now available in the Sacristy. The cost \$20 per copy.

Please leave your payment in the large envelope that is with the books in the Sacristy.

## An Important Carpark Safety Message

Please ensure you park in the allocated parking spots. We 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 OR ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT (PRESBYTERY SIDE) - IT IS DANGEROUS!!!**

## Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024.

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as **Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

## Music and Readings for Christmas St Finbars Parish

**46 Levy Street, Glenbrook**

**Sunday 10th December at 7.30pm**

*Academy Singers, Penrith City Choir, Penrith Children's Choir, Penrith City Brass, Harp & Vocal Soloists, Amy Johansen (pipe organ), Robert Ampt (Conductor).*

*The Christmas Story with favourite carols, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus and O Holy Night.*

Suggested donation: \$15 individuals, \$35 family.

Please call 0421 105 017 for enquiries.

## First Sunday of Advent



*The first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope. The First Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ, it also celebrates the beginning of a new liturgical season. It is purple, the primary colour of Advent and a colour symbolising royalty.*

*Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle calls us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.*

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