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**4TH & 5TH NOVEMBER,
2023**

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Titles and Burdens

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.



Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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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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

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish Community preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.

Reconciliation

Please speak to Fr Shinto on Saturday evening before Mass.

Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Second Rite with visiting priests)

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

Corpus Christi Primary School End of Year Mass

Friday 24th November at 9.20am.

*This will replace the usual 9.10am Mass.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.*

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.

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!!!

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.

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!!

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Sister Betty Carroll, Germano Nadalini (09/10/2023)



For those who are sick:

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

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)

Parramatta Diocesan News

Preparing for Advent

Br Barry Donaghue cfc is offering four 90 minute Advent presentations in preparation for the feast of the Nativity.

The presentations will be held on

Wednesday evenings in the
Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre,
Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa.

The following topics will be explored:

29th November:

Just who is this Jesus?

6th December:

Preparing the Way of the Lord

13th December:

How is God calling you?

20th December:

Annunciation to Jesus' birth: What has been announced to us?

Each presentation will take place from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

They will be scripture based and will include time for questions, reflection and small group conversation.

There will also be a break for refreshment.

Parking is next to the venue which is wheelchair accessible.

A small donation to help cover the costs of the Centre would be appreciated.

Please communicate your expression of interest on 0478 408 337 or at bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org by Tuesday 21st November.

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

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>

Mass and Prayers for Deceased Clergy

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on **Friday 17th November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill**, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

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/>

Positions Vacant

* Facilitator: Marriage – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta.

Applications close 10pm Monday 13th November 2023.

* Youth Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill.

Applications close Thursday 30th November 2023.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Celebrating Catholic Unity:

Inside the Diocese of Parramatta's

Historic First Synod!

Our Diocese concluded its first-ever Synod over the weekend of 13th – 15th October 2023.

It was a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains, and beyond to discuss the future of the local Church. Experience the historic culmination of our Diocese's inaugural Synod in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCgSPLng>.

Want to know more about what's next?

Visit parracatholic.org/synod2023 to stay updated.

Parramatta Street Feast

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese'

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The first Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday 11 November for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact youthgroupolor@gmail.com

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