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**1TH & 12TH NOVEMBER,
2023**

REFLECTION *by* Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were



plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we

can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.



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

Message from Bishop Vincent Long

Bishop Vincent has advised that Fr Shinto will remain as Administrator at Corpus Christi for the foreseeable future.

During his time here he will be working weekly at the Tribunal at Parramatta and pursuing a post graduate degree in Canon Law.

We look forward to working with Fr Shinto as he settles in to our parish community long term.

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHILDREN - 2024

Children in Year 4 and above at school are invited to register for 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.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Paride Taban, Sister Betty Carroll

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.

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.

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 will be in the foyer next weekend.

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. Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated!

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.

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.

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.

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!!!**



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!!

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.

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.

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.

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=PItRCgSPLng>.

Visit parracatholic.org/synod2023 to stay updated.

Positions Vacant

* Facilitator: Marriage – Mission Enhancement Team

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

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Visit www.parracatholic.org/ppm to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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