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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**18TH & 19TH NOVEMBER,  
2023**

## REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

### Befriending Time

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.



In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

*As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:  
'There is a tide in the affairs of men  
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
omitted, all the voyage of their life  
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'*

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'



Congratulations to the children in our  
Parish Community who recently  
received the

Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models for them  
on their faith journey.



### 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

Fr Shinto will be on annual leave from  
**Monday 20th November – Friday 1st December.**

Communion Services will take place on :

Tuesday 21st November at 6pm  
Wednesday 22nd November at 6pm  
Thursday 23rd November at 9.10am

Tuesday 28th November at 6pm  
Wednesday 29th November at 6pm  
Thursday 30th November at 9.10am

*Please note that there will  
not be Mass or Communion Service on  
Friday 24th November or Friday 1st December.*

The Corpus Christi Primary School End of Year Mass  
scheduled for **Friday 24th November at 9.20am** will  
no longer take place.

## 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**

## 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.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (24th December)  
**6pm, 8.30pm & Midnight**

Christmas Day (25th December)  
**9.30am & 6pm**

*The Christmas Eve 6pm, 8.30pm & Midnight Masses  
do not count as a Sunday Mass.*

## 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,  
Tin fruit and other tin items.*

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

**25th November, 2nd December and 9th 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.

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.*

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care Chaplaincy Services Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November

*Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of  
the heart?*

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

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) Thank you.

## 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.

## 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



## Parish Working Bee

A working bee will take place on  
**Saturday 2nd December from 9am – 12 noon**  
to prepare the grounds for Christmas.

*Please bring your gardening tools and any other equipment.*

## 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 (just before Mass).

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.

## 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.

## 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!!

## 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 OR ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT (PRESBYTERY SIDE)- IT IS DANGEROUS!!!**

## 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.**

## Special Prayers...

It is with sadness that we heard of the passing of long time parishioner, Geraldine Carvalho, last Thursday morning. We pray that Geraldine will be welcomed into the fullness and safety of life with the Lord.



**GERALDINE'S FUNERAL WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 10AM.**

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

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



For those who are sick:

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

## 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 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.*

## 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 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm 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?*

Topics are scripture based and will include time for questions, reflection and small group conversation.

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



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