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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE -
YEAR A**

**25TH & 26TH NOVEMBER,
2023**

REFLECTION *by* Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.



What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does

not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.



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

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

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.

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

Communion Services will take place on:

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 1st December.

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.

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.

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

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 distraught people this Christmas.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Thank you.



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 & BBQ

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

**PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN ON SHEET IN
THE FOYER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING
THE WORKING BEE & BBQ.**

Please bring your gardening tools and any other equipment.

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!!

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



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

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!!!**

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.

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 or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

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