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YEAR B**

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

Dear Friends,

A warm welcome back to everyone for 2024!!!

We hope you had a good break and we look forward to another year of working together as a community in our parish of Corpus Christi.

The Parish Office is now back to its regular days of Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Office hours are 9am–3.30pm.  
The Parish Team.



## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Evil Spirits versus the Holy One of God

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.



'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

*For the gift of diversity in the Church*

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



### 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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(Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

### PARISH TEAM:

**Administrator - Fr Shinto Francis**  
- [sf@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:sf@corpuschristi.org.au)

**Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary**  
- [mc@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:mc@corpuschristi.org.au)

**Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support**  
- [sw@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:sw@corpuschristi.org.au)

**Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament Support**

### 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

## Children & Sacraments for 2024

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)



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 pick up Penance Information Packs 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!!

### Reconciliation

Please speak to Fr Shinto on Saturday evening before Mass.

### Our Prayers and Sympathy to...

Bernadette and Rennie Briffa and their family, on the recent loss of Bernadette's mother, Mary Cassar. May Mary be welcomed into the embrace of the risen Lord and may her prayers assist the faith and hope of her special family.

**Mary's funeral will take place here at  
Corpus Christi on  
Tuesday 30th January at 10am.**

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Recently Deceased:

Mary Cassar

#### Anniversary:

Caroline Sinnett (22/01/87), Tony Magri (15/2/84)

#### For those who are sick:

Rose Zahra, 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.*

### Advertising in The Net...

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$420 commencing in April. There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

### New Ministry Roster for 2024

A huge thank you to all who continue to support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

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

The new Ministry roster commences 3rd/4th February.

**IF ANYONE WHO HAS TAKEN A BREAK  
FROM THE MINISTRY ROSTER AND  
WOULD LIKE TO RESUME VOLUNTEERING  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

### 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!!!**

### 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

## 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/>

## Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick,  
including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
**Saturday 10th February 2024 at 11.00am**

**St Patrick's Church, Mary,**

**Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.**

All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

## Bishop Vincent Presents A Conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12th February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

## NEW Diocesan Website Launched

The new [parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org) website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

## MET FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course

### Tuesday Evenings 13th, 20th, 27th February

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Wanting expert guidance on interpreting Scripture for life & faith? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew?

Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 13th, 20th and 27th February!

Registration and more dates and details via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=faithlife>

OR get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Glenbrook Parish

### Aspects of the Eucharist Talks

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday 21st and 28th February at 7.30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation) 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 [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Safeguarding Training Opportunities

### Cycle 1 - Modules 1 - 3:

Are you new to ministry or have not yet had an opportunity to complete your Cycle 1 of Safeguarding Training (Mods 1-3)?

Please register for a Face-to-Face Training Session that is convenient for you:

1. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February (9.30am-2.30pm) at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, or
2. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February (10.00am- 3.00pm) at Sacred Heart Parish, 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt.

### Cycle 2 - Modules 4 - 5:

Did you complete Modules 1-3 in 2021-2022?

Safeguarding Training is valid for two years.

Please register for your Renewal Modules at a Face-to-Face session convenient to you:

1. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February (10.00am-1.30pm) at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, or
2. Thursdays (7.00pm-8.30pm) on 22<sup>nd</sup> (Mod 4) & 29<sup>th</sup> February (Mod 5) at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith; or
3. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March ((10.00am-1.30pm) at Holy Spirit Parish, Cnr Todd & Moore St, St Clair

You can register for these Face-to-Face Safeguarding Training Sessions on the Diocese of Parramatta 'In-Person Training' link on: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

or email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

You are also welcome to complete this training independently on our online training platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Should you have any other Safeguarding Training questions, please email Maria Kervin, Manager, Prevention, Healing and Support at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)





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