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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR B**

**3RD & 4TH FEBRUARY,  
2024**

## REFLECTION *by* Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of

a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the broken hearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring

the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

*For the terminally ill*

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



#### 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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- [sw@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:sw@corpuschristi.org.au)

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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

## Corpus Christi Primary Opening School Mass Friday 23rd February at 9.30am.

*There will not be Mass at 9.10am.*

*All parishioners are welcome to attend.*

*Please note that the whole school will be attending as well as parents and other members of the school community.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**Wednesday 14th February is Ash Wednesday.**

Masses will be held here at our parish at

**9.30AM & 6.00PM.**

## Lenten Programs

*Are you preparing for your 2024 Lenten journey?*

*How will we meet the challenges of integrating a practice of Lenten reflection into our busy lives and schedules?*

The following Lenten Programs are being offered:

### Lent 2024 with the Catholic Guy – Bruce Downes

*For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.*

This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent24>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

### A Resurrected Life

*Daily reflections for Lent*

from Archdiocese of Brisbane

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/lentenprogram/>

**Please note that this program involves a cost.**

## Catechist News... *Are you able to help?*

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.

## **Data Operators Needed**

**If anyone is able to do Data for the month of April 2024 at the 7.30am Mass, please contact the Parish Office.**

## **New Ministry Roster for 2024**

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

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

## **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 welcome.

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.

*Please note that commencing this year The Net will be printed each week and it will be on our parish website.*

## **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!!!**

## **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



## **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)***

## 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.**



## 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.

### 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)

### 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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