

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK, NSW

The Net

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY,
2024

Dear Friends,

As we are at the threshold of another Lenten journey, we have a reminder from Saint Catherine of Siena: *"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."* During Lent we are invited to commit ourselves to staying close to Christ and learning to follow Him.

"God himself will set me free from the hunter's snare."

This verse, which repeats in the Church's Morning Prayer throughout Lent, reminds us of the season's basic message: *"God saves us."*

We all stumble into snares. Perhaps we feel bound by sinful habits, fear of our own mortality, trauma, unhealthy compulsions, raw grief, or simply the monotony of daily routine. And when we feel stuck, it's difficult to conceive how we will ever get free.

However, Lent brings us good news: Jesus guides us through death and into new life. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the three pillars of Lent, educate us about selfless love and help us forge new paths through life.

Let us seek to overcome our weaknesses, not in an attempt to merit God's forgiveness, but to live with the freedom that only the children of God enjoy. Let us not be afraid of failures, because God's love is bigger than our deepest imperfection. All He wants is for us to keep following Him, closely and sincerely.

With Every Blessing
Fr Shinto



"The kingdom of God
is close at hand.
Repent, and believe
the Good News."

Mark 1:15



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm

Website:

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PARISH TEAM:

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- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- 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

Stations of the Cross

will be celebrated during Lent each
Friday at 7.00pm in the Church.

Fr Shinto is looking for five families to lead Stations of the Cross (one family each week).

If you would like to participate please add your name to the list in the SACRISTY.

At Corpus Christi, the youth of the parish have led our Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning.

It's time to start preparing again as we enter the season of Lent.

If you are currently in Year 7 or above, you are invited to be part of the team that presents Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning.

Practices and rehearsals are not time-consuming, so older high school students, uni students or youth in employment or training can feel confident taking part in this experience which has been a part of growing up at Corpus Christi for so many of us.

New to the parish? Welcome! Join in and get to know us, be part of the story.

Been away for a while? Welcome back! Don't stand aside! Contact Kieran through

ccwyd@gmail.com <<mailto:ccwyd@gmail.com>>

or the Parish Office if you are interested.

Lenten Programs

Are you preparing for your 2024 Lenten journey?

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.

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



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.



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.*

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 members of the school community.

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.

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.

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.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after Mass. Come along, share some stories and enjoy the company. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!

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)

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

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

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, on Sunday 25 February for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Laura on laura@stbernadette.org.au

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2024 LIFTED Launch

LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29th February 2024, 7pm to 9:30pm. Register www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch

MET The FaithFeed

Interested in live music + curious conversations + life & faith stories from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The FaithFeed, **Friday 15 March 2024 - Doors open 7PM w/live music for 7:30PM.** Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP the team via met@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Lent & Holy Week Scripture Reflection Evening

Looking for a way to reflect on your experience of Lent as we enter Holy Week? Interested in praying with the Scripture readings for Holy Week? Register for the Diocesan Lent & Holy Week Scripture Reflection Evening **Wednesday 20 March 2024 - 6:30PM to 8:30pm.** RSVP the team via met@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Training Opportunities

Cycle 2 - Modules 4 - 5:

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

Safeguarding Training is valid for two years.

Renewal Modules Face-to-Face sessions:

1. Thursdays (7.00pm-8.30pm) on 22nd (Mod 4) & 29th February (Mod 5) at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith; or
2. Saturday 2nd March ((10.00am-1.30pm) at Holy Spirit Parish, Cnr Todd & Moore St, St Clair

You can register for these Face-to-Face Sessions on the 'In-Person Training' link on: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training> or email: 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 questions, please email Maria Kervin, Manager, Prevention, Healing and Support at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

NEW Diocesan Website Launched

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a 'Find a Mass' function for 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!



First Sunday of Lent 17th & 18th February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women:

Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi.

While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream:

to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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