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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR B**

**24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY,
2024**

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Transfigured Bodysouls

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.



No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.



Dear Friends,

Suppose that anytime your life becomes too challenging and you lose motivation to live, you receive a tidbit from your future life to motivate you. The news that even this difficult moment will pass, could comfort you. In the gospel today, the scene of the Transfiguration accomplishes something similar to console Jesus' disciples. They did not want the moment of transfiguration to pass. This vision prepared them to face the suffering and death of Christ with courage.

Allow me to introduce you to St. Bruno Sserunkuuma, who was born in Uganda in 1856 as a chief's son. He became a page in the king's palace. As a child of privilege, he was recalled by others as an aggressive, harsh, and inebriated person. But while he was at the palace, he developed a deep love for the Catholic faith, and at the age of 29, he was baptised. His character improved and he started living as a good Christian. However, as a reward for his great service the king gave him two women as his wives. The head page Charles Lwanga (later a martyr and saint) reminded him of his baptismal promises.

(Continued overleaf)

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

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Parish News

It was a moment of transfiguration for Bruno. He had a choice to make: was he a son of a chief, or was he a son of God? If he was son of a chief, he had a lot of living to do; if he was a son of God, there was a lot of dying ahead. Bruno chose to live as a son of God and walked away from these relationships. The king eventually grew weary of the Christian faith of Bruno and his friends and demanded that they renounce their Catholic faith. St. Charles Lwanga the head page and his companions (including Bruno) refused to deny their faith. Bruno constantly and bravely encouraged others not to give up. He died a martyr on June 3, 1886.

St Bruno Sserunkuuma is an example for the power of transfiguration moments. He was convinced that the glory that awaited him upon his resurrection outweighed all the delights and sufferings of this world.

Let us, like the disciples Peter, James, John, and St. Bruno, traverse life's frequently challenging path with integrity, being mindful of the glory of the resurrection.

With Every Blessing
Fr Shinto

Ministry Roster for Easter...

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN VOLUNTEERING IN THE MINISTRIES FOR THE EASTER LITURGIES, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IN THE FOYER. THANK YOU!

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON
THURSDAY 14TH MARCH AT 7PM.

Lenten Program

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.

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)

Stations of the Cross

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

Fr Shinto is looking for three families to lead Stations of the Cross (one family a 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.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday 28th March - 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 29th March - 10.00am

The Stations of the Cross

(in school grounds)

Friday 29th March - 3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

This moving ceremony honours the great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 30th March - 7.00pm

(Note not 6.00pm)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

This is the highlight of the Church year when we celebrate the greatest hope ever given to humanity.

Sunday 31st March - 7.30am & 9.30am

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

A continuation of the celebration of resurrection when the new Easter light and Easter water of Baptism are used to help give a blessing of renewal.

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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.



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.

Safeguarding Training Opportunities

Cycle 1 - Modules 1-3

Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet?

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.

Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10.00am – 11.00am)

Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10.00am – 11.30am)

Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10.00am – 11.30am)

To register, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding>

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. Module 5:
Thursday 29th February (7.00pm-8.30pm) at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith;
- or
2. Modules 4 & 5: Saturday 2nd March ((10.00am-1.30pm) at Holy Spirit Parish, 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



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!!! For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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



Second Sunday of Lent 24th & 25th February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

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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