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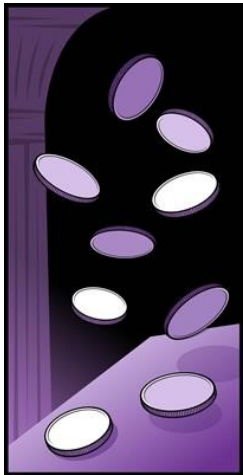
*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -  
YEAR B**

**2ND & 3RD MARCH,  
2024**

**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?



Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions.

As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?



Dear Friends,

It is believed that every person has a 'predominant fault' and anger is the most predominant in the present day society. A study from 2019 examined 30,000 twitter posts by celebrities to determine the key to increasing user engagement. It was predicted that anger in particular predicts greater impact: it results in more retweets and replies and also increases in the number of new followers.

In the gospel this Sunday, we find Jesus expressing His righteous anger. It appears that there is a difference between expressing one's anger and committing a sin out of anger. Unlike most angry people, He experienced righteous anger, yet he did not sin. St. Paul clarifies it as follows: "be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil" (Eph. 4:26-27). Whether justified or not, anger turns destructive the longer we hold onto it. In the short term, those who expressed their righteous anger on social media felt good. However, the disadvantage of being a regular rager is that our anger grows with each episode, which makes us act in more dangerous ways.

*(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

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Even while anger can be justified sometimes, St Paul advises us against staying constantly enraged. "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32). He continues in the Letter to Ephesians: "Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Phil. 4:8).

No one can escape feeling angry. However, how one expresses their rage indicates whether or not they have sinned. During this Lent, let us steer clear of staying enraged and not give a chance to the evil one. Let us be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

With Every Blessing  
Fr Shinto

## Adopt a Parish Garden

*We are introducing the adopt a garden programme again so the gardens around the Church, Parish Office and Presbytery can be maintained on a regular basis and not left to our working bees.*



The garden areas may only take a hour or so once a month. A plan of the garden areas is in the main foyer area as well as an adoption sheet for each garden area.

If you can assist please complete the adoption sheet with your contact details.

## Paving Assistance

We need assistance with laying pavers around the Presbytery.

If you have expertise in laying pavers and are willing to help could you please contact the Parish Office.

## 'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Please note that the last Friday in March is Good Friday (29th March) so there will not be a March gathering.

Consequently, the Seniors will next meet on Friday 5th April after morning 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.

## 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!

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

*For the new martyrs*



We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

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

## Stations of the Cross

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

## Good Friday Stations of the Cross

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 the Church)*

### 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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# Parish News

## Planned Giving Envelopes

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR APRIL – OCTOBER 2024 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

## Planned Giving

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

## 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)

## 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.*

## 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.

## Special Prayers for Sacrament Children

*Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember also their families and our Sacrament leaders who encourage the children on their journey.*



## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Recently Deceased:

Mary Cassar

### Anniversary:

Bill Vella, Samira Salim Wakim, Tony Magri

### 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.

## 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:

Modules 4 & 5: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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 questions, please email Maria Kervin, Manager, Prevention, Healing and Support at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)



## Second Sunday of Lent 24th & 25th February



*Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.*

Please donate to Project Compassion.  
*Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.*

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



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