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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT -  
YEAR B**

**9TH & 10TH MARCH,  
2024**

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'



Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives.

In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.



**Have you thought?**

### God in Popular Culture by Greg Sunter

Think for a moment of the last time you saw or heard a reference to God on a television program, in a song, or some other popular medium. Chances are, the reference was one of a judging, vengeful, punishing God. This sort of image plays particularly well with a modern audience. It's easier to dismiss God as irrelevant if we can paint God in that sort of image. TV sitcoms do it particularly well with thunderclaps, bolts of lightning and booming, disapproving voices from above. It's much harder to dismiss a God of love who will go to extremes to demonstrate that love.

### 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



## 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.

## '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!

## Parish Ministries

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to 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!!!

## 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.

## 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:

Xavier Vella (03/03), Patrick Dine, Christopher McCloon

### Anniversary:

Salvina Vella (08/03/23), Ray Clark (06/03/22), Bill Vella, Samira Salim Wakim

### 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 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.

You are 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)

## 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.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent 9th & 10th March



*As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.*

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



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