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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR B**

**16TH & 17TH MARCH,
2024**

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.



This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.



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.



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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SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL
NOT BE MASS ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH AT 6PM
AS THERE WILL BE
FIRST RECONCILIATION AT 5PM & 7PM.**



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!

We still need volunteers for the following:

**Palm Sunday 6pm Vigil:	Altar Servers
**Palm Sunday 7.30am:	Reader Altar Servers Eucharistic Ministers x 2
**Holy Saturday 7pm:	Musicians Altar Servers
**Good Friday 3.00pm:	Data Eucharistic Minister
**Easter Sunday 7.30am:	Data Operator Altar Servers Eucharistic Ministers x 2
**Easter Sunday 9.30am:	Musicians Altar Server

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.

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 ccwyd2023@gmail.com or the Parish Office if you are interested.

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.

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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??? 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 details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

Please note that commencing this year The Net will again 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:

Mario Vella, John Zawadzki (05/03/2007), Stefania Zawadzki (21/03/2004), George Marabouti (21/03/2023), Salvina Vella (08/03/23), Ray Clark, 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

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown:

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

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent 16th & 17th March



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

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