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**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD -
YEAR B**

**23RD & 24TH MARCH,
2024**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Women and War

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.



On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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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PARISH TEAM:

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- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament
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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



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.

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.

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.

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)

Ministry Roster for Easter...

**We still need a volunteer for
Easter Sunday 7.30am: Data Operator**

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.



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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

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.

New Ministry Roster

A huge thank you to all who support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated!

We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period **4th/5th May to 24th/25th August**. Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries, please check your diaries and contact the Parish Office by either phone or email **prior to Tuesday 16th April** of any non-availability during that period.

IF ANYONE HAS TAKEN A BREAK FROM THE MINISTRY ROSTER AND WOULD LIKE TO RESUME VOLUNTEERING PLEASE 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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Children who completed the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2023 are invited to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PICK UP
CONFIRMATION INFORMATION PACKS ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY
BETWEEN 6.30PM & 7.30PM IN
THE CHURCH FOYER.**

If your child is in Year 5 or above and has received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in another year, you are welcome to register him/her for this year's Confirmation program by contacting the Parish Office.



Confirmation

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

Safeguarding Training is valid for two years.

Cycle 2 - Modules 4 - 5:

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

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

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

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

Mario Vella, Rudy Severino (24/03/23), 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



Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday 23rd & 24th March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate!

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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