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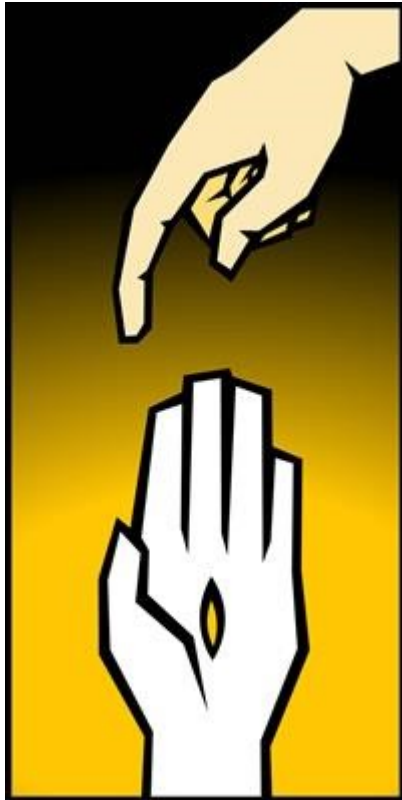
**SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER -
YEAR B**

**6TH & 7TH APRIL,
2024**

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.



Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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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Emergencies only
(anointing of the sick)

Office Hours: 9am - 3.30pm
(Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

PARISH TEAM:

Administrator - Fr Shinto Francis
- sf@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary/
Sacrament Co-ordinator
- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Sue Weekes - Office Support
- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament
Support

SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:

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

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

Thank you to all those who assisted in any way over the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. You are a real blessing to the Corpus Christi Community!

Fr Shinto's Farewell Gift

Next weekend will be Fr Shinto's last with us here at Corpus Christi.

If you would like to contribute to his farewell gift, there will be people at both exits this weekend with a white bucket for you to leave your donation.

Or alternatively, you are welcome to drop it into the Parish Office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am -2pm.

Also, if you would like to give Fr Shinto a card you can give it to him at Mass next weekend or hand it in to the Parish Office.

The Vinnies Conference would like to congratulate Ian McCann for being awarded a Lifetime of Service Certificate for his 30 years of dedicated service to the society. A special presentation to Ian will be made during the 9.30am Mass this weekend.

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.

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)

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.

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.

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

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass/Communion Service, in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome.

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.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

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



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.

Parramatta Diocesan News

Safeguarding Training Opportunities

Safeguarding Training is valid for two years.

Cycle 2 - Modules 4 - 5:

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

Online Training:

You are welcome to complete this training independently on our online training platform at:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

Face-to-face Training:

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27th April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5.

Please register directly at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Autumn Catholic Outlook Out Now

The Easter/Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practise silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep', a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

Synod 2023 Update:

Decree Issued & Development of Diocesan Plan Begins

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod

Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

MET FaithLIFE Theology Short Course

Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16th + 23rd + 30th April. For registration and more dates and details contact the team via met@parracatholic.org

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Get your feed on the Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The MET's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food



Thank You



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can still donate through Project Compassion by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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