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**THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER -
YEAR B**

**13TH & 14TH APRIL,
2024**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?



Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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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PARISH TEAM:

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

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

*This weekend we farewell Fr Shinto as he moves on to continue his ministry.
During his six months here Fr Shinto has shared his wisdom and kindness with everyone.
He quickly became a special part of our parish
and has always been happy to offer guidance and support.
Thank you Fr Shinto for the work you have done within the parish.
You have impacted greatly on our parish families.
You will certainly be missed but we understand that God has special plans for you
and that you will have much influence on those you meet and work with.*

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.

Please note that during the school holidays the Parish Office hours will vary.

If you need to visit the office please telephone first to make sure someone is there.

If the office is closed you are welcome to leave a message and we will return your call when we are next in the office.

'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.

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.*

Sympathy and Prayers



Charlie Vella has been inspiring man of faith, love and commitment in our parish for many, many years.

After a short, heroic journey through illness, carried by faith and a loving family, Charlie went peacefully to the Lord in the early hours of Friday morning.

Our prayers and love to Rita and the whole extended family, both in Australia and Malta... and with thanksgiving for Charlie's blessing in our midst. May he rejoice with the God he has loved and served all his life.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Charlie Vella (12/04/24)

Anniversary:

Nazzareno Said (12/04), Valentino Nadalini (22/04/07), Mario Vella, Rudy Severino, John Zawadzki, Stefania Zawadzki, George Marabouti (21/03/2023)

For those who are sick:

Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS 20TH AND 21ST APRIL.

Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/ appeal. Thank you for your support.

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

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

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.

Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on Wednesday 15 May 2024 - 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

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

Schoenstatt Men Reflection Day

Men of all ages are invited to a reflection day hosted by the Schoenstatt Men at the

Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, Mulgoa,
on Saturday 20th April from 9am to 4pm.

The day includes Mass and Reconciliation and a talk from Fr Pawel OP from St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood.

Registration is \$25 with BYO lunch.

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