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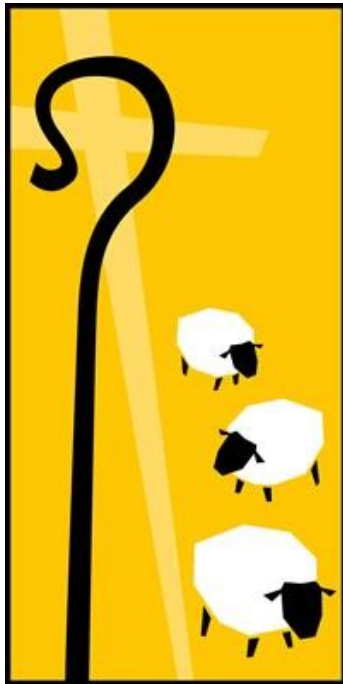
**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER -  
YEAR B**

**20TH & 21ST APRIL,  
2024**

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Voice

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.



We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'



## 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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Office Hours: 9am - 3.30pm  
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### PARISH TEAM:

Administrator - Fr Jessie Balorio  
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Mrs Marie Cottee - Parish Secretary/  
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Mrs Joanne Hocking - Sacrament  
Support

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

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

# Parish News

## Welcome to Fr Jessie

*This weekend we welcome Fr Jessie Balorio,  
who joins us as Administrator of our  
Parish of Corpus Christi.*

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.

*The Parish Office will be closed on  
Thursday 25th April as it is a public holiday.*

## New Ministry Roster

The new roster, which commences on weekend 4th/5th  
May, has been emailed to all volunteers.  
If you did not receive it please contact the Parish 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.

## THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).  
Thank you for your support.

## 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:

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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.

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Recently Deceased:

Charlie Vella (12/04/24)

### Anniversary:

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

### For those who are sick:

Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti



Charlie Vella's funeral will take place here at  
Corpus Christi on  
Tuesday 23rd April at 10.30am.

## ANZAC DAY MASS Thursday 25th April at 9.10am

ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April

### Ode of Remembrance

They went with songs to the  
battle, they were young.

Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end  
against odds uncounted,

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old,  
as we who are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.



## 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](mailto: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](http://catholicoutlook.org/magazine)

### 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food)

### Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### 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 at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Synod 2023 Update:

#### Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan.

Visit [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod) for more information.

### Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. 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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay.

An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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