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**FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER -
YEAR B**

**27TH & 28TH APRIL,
2024**

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.



The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various

manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.



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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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

Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee

Thank you to all those who have served and continue to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committees. Your dedication to the work of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Parish Finance Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 7pm in the Parish Office.

** If anyone with a financial background is interested in joining the Finance Committee please contact Fr Jessie at the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Thursday 9th May at 7pm in the Parish Office.

THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the appeal. last weekend.

For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate. Or contribute at: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

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.

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.

'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...

John Lennon, who has been a member of our parish for many years, went peacefully to the Lord last Friday morning.

We offer our prayers and love to his wife, Tess and to the extended family. May John be welcomed in to the gift of real life forever.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:



Recently Deceased:

John Lennon (28/04), Charlie Vella (12/04), Louis Simiana

Anniversary:

John Lowery (22/04), Julita Sison, Paulose, Nazzareno Said (12/04), Valentino Nadalini, Mario Vella, Rudy Severino, John Zawadzki, Stefania Zawadzki, George Marabouti

For those who are sick:

Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti

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.

Parenting Course for Parents with Teenagers

The course will be presented by Pathways Sydney (<https://www.facebook.com/PathwaysSydney>), a group of families in Sydney who support one another to follow Christ and respond to his call to mission.

It will take place over 5 Friday nights in May (May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st) from 6:30pm-9:30pm at Minchinbury Neighbourhood Centre, 46 Minchin Drive Minchinbury

Here is a link to a promotional video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T3bFsT-n7Wo5sHWnm_oap_ImtBc14YM/view?usp=sharing

The course is free of charge and a simple dinner served each night. Childminding provided for those who cannot leave young kids at home. Registration is by using the QR code on the flyer, which is on the noticeboard in the foyer or by contacting Enrico Flores 0421499933.

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.

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

If so, you are now required to complete Cycle 2.

**Online Training for Cycle 2 (Modules 4 & 5)
is now available.**

You are welcome to complete this training independently on our online training platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For more information, please email:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

Peace Justice Ecology Table Talk "Laudato Si' Week - Seeds of Hope"

You are invited to an engaging conversation about caring for God's creation: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from lived experience, and play a role in creating positive change in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

**Join this Diocesan Table Talk on
Monday 20th May, 6pm - 8:30pm,
St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook.**

Light dinner will be provided on arrival.

Please register by 12th May and find out more at tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk

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

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 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/>

CCD Formation Opportunities

SRE catechists and all members of our faith communities are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities organised by the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

**Delve into St John's Gospel with a scripture expert,
Dr Laurie Woods, over 5 weeks on
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May.**

**Continue your Journey of Faith for 5 weeks with
Merilyn Hancock (Head, CCD) on
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June and 5th July.**

All sessions will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions.

Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org

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



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