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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

**SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER -
YEAR B**

**4TH & 5TH MAY,
2024**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.



We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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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(anointing of the sick)

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PARISH TEAM:

Administrator - Fr Jessie Balorio
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- mc@corpuschristi.org.au

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- sw@corpuschristi.org.au

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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.

** The link below is the Diocesan Financial Statutes:

<file:///C:/Users/Corpus%20Christi/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/FK5V0VPZ/Diocesan%20Finance%20Council%20Statutes.pdf>

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

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish Community preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.



THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the recent appeal.

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.

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.

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.

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.

John Lennon's funeral will take place here at Corpus Christi on Monday 6th May at 10.30am.



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

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

Anniversary:

Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), John Lowery (22/04), Julita Sison, Paulose, Nazzareno Said (12/04), Valentino Nadalini

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.**

PLEASE DO NOT EXIT THE CARPARK VIA THE ENTRY OR ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT

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

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-n7Wo5sHWrnmoapImtBc14YM/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.

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

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald Public Lecture

The Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocese of Parramatta present a public lecture by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, former head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue entitled:

**"Interreligious Dialogue in our Day:
60 Years after *Nostra Aetate*"**

Wednesday 8th May at 6pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

To register in person or for the livestream, please visit parracatholic.org/cardinalfitzgerald

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 15th 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/>



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