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*The Pastor's Pen....*

Last weekend was a corker heat-wise, an over heated way to start off our Church new year and the Advent Season. I hope that it's not a sign of worse to come over our notoriously long and hot summer!

One of the shining lights of last weekend, and the dreadful week that preceded it in Queensland, was the selfless generosity, sacrifice, courage and skill displayed by our Emergency personnel and by so many volunteers who banded together to fight well over 100 fires as our State melted and burned. As a rule none of us wants to have much to do with the Police, Ambulance Service or Fire Brigade until we need them, and then we can't get them to us fast enough. Often maligned and under-appreciated these men and women, young and not so young, deserve recognition for the work that they do and for helping to keep us safe, saving our property and even our lives. Thank You to each and every one for what you did and are doing still to assist us every day in our society.

A particular Thank You is owed to Marnie and all who helped with the prayers, songs and hospitality on Thursday evening 29 November at our Combined Christian Prayer Service at St. Joseph's. Around 90 people attended this time of Christian worship and fellowship which was deeply appreciated. Further more, thanks to Malia, Kate and Lorna and to all of our High School Youth for your contribution in song, word and participation in the Mass last Saturday evening at St. Joseph's. I, and the people in our community, love having you fulfil ministries in our community and witness you doing these works of service so well.

While I'm in the 'Thank You mind set' I want to acknowledge you, the people of our Parish, for your constant generosity to the many calls asking for your help and action such as; the call for women's products; the assistance given to refugees through your donations to the Romero Centre; the Parish Art and Craft Circle and the way you helped and supported them in raising money for Barcaldine Parish; your donations to the School Stationery/Back Packs/Bags project sponsored by our Youth Group; your support of the local St. Vincent De Paul Conference Christmas Appeal; your generosity to the yearly Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Appeal, to name just a few. These acts of kindness and generosity prove that you well understand that it is always better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Lighting such a candle each week in our Advent wreath reminds us that we're advancing on the journey that leads us to the Light Himself, the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and His birth again in us today. It also reminds us that we look forward, not with fear, but with a joyful hope to the coming of the Lord at the end of our lives and at the end of all time and history.

Our readings for this weekend strike a note of joy and hope in this regard, the essence of this Season. Baruch speaks of the return of the exiled people to their own homeland and to the city of God, Jerusalem. This is a work of God for Israel, as Jesus is a work and gift of God to all of us.

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**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

**7pm Friday  
21st December  
St Joseph's Church**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve**

**Monday 24th December: 6 pm St Joseph's  
8 pm St Joseph's  
11 pm Christ the King**

**Christmas Day**

**Tuesday 25th December: 8 am St Joseph's**



## *The Pastor's Pen continued ....*

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, speaks lovingly to that early Christian community praising their faith and the way that they have spread the Good News they had heard and accepted. Paul prays that their love for each other will ever increase and deepen until they reach the perfect goodness produced by the grace of Jesus Christ, all to the praise and greater glory of God. With St. Luke as our Gospel-guide for this year, we hear of the work and witness of John the Baptist. He came to announce the coming of the Light and prepare us for His arrival. John calls us today to repentance, renewal and a fresh openness to the work and ways of the Lord God.

In making the best we can of this Season through our personal and community prayer and worship, through our sincere repentance for our many failings and by our generous works of kindness and charity we help to clear the way and straighten up the road for the coming of our Lord.

Every candle in our wreath is a marker for us on this journey. There are only four candles and this weekend we light the second. Let's not miss the grace, hope and joy Advent offers because of the commercialism, rush and bustle that's become so much part of this time of year. Make use of the resources provided by our Parish and mentioned in my homily last weekend. Then when the final 'Christ Candle' is lit at Christmas we will have given lasting meaning to this Season.

*Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.*

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**Advent and Christmas Calendars:** With an activity for each day, these simple, resources allow families to share their faith and prayer in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. They include feast days and Sunday Gospel readings. Produced by Evangelisation Brisbane, the Advent and Christmas Calendars are available in the Perspex stands near the doors of the church.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our Christmas Appeal last weekend. Your generosity is much appreciated, as it will help us to help those in need in our community. Envelopes were left on the seats last weekend for those who were unprepared for the appeal, and these can be placed on collection plates at church during the next few weeks. If you do not have an appeal envelope, just place your donation in a plain envelope clearly marked SVDP.



Thanks also to those who donated to our hamper appeal, and who took home cards with the age and gender of one of the 40 children whose families we have assisted in recent months. **We are finalising packing of the hampers next Friday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> December.** If you have not returned your gift or hamper items to church this weekend, can you please drop them into the parish office before then. Remember, office hours are 9am – 3pm weekdays.

**Christmas Lights at the Cathedral:** This Christmas St Stephen's Cathedral will host a spectacular sound, light and projection show to celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. From the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk, the "Lights of Christmas" will illuminate the side of the Cathedral with an enchanting 12-minute show, which will run continuously from 7.30pm until midnight every evening from 12th to 24th December. All Parishioners of the Archdiocese are invited to come sit on the lawn at St Stephen's for this magnificent event.

**Catholic Women Speak:** Wednesday 12th December at ACU Leadership Centre in the Cathedral Precinct. To celebrate the launch of the second Catholic Women Speak book, 'Visions and Vocations', this evening will open a space for a theologically informed conversation about women in leadership in ecclesial communities and organisations. Bringing together a diverse range of voices (including from our audience), the forum will ask: how can we support the presence and formation of women for leadership roles in the Church? Panellists include Ms Andrea Dean, Ms Jenny Parker, Professor Jim Nyland, and Dr Maeve Louise Heaney. The event is being held at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start on Level 3, Cathedral House at 229 Elizabeth St in the city (parking available in the Cathedral carpark - enter off Charlotte Street).

**Blessed John Henry Newman:** could be canonised as early as next year after a second miracle was approved. Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most prominent converts to Catholicism from Anglicanism of the 19th century. He was already an esteemed Anglican theologian when he founded the Oxford Movement to return the Church of England to its Catholic roots, before converting himself to the Catholic faith. He was renowned as a brilliant thinker and was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He died in Birmingham in 1890, aged 89, after founding the Birmingham Oratory. Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in Birmingham in 2010 after the Vatican approved the first miracle, the inexplicable healing of Deacon Jack Sullivan, an American who recovered from a crippling spinal condition.

*Sourced from Cath News*

**Euthanasia Inquiry:** Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced on November 14 that a parliamentary committee would hold hearings over the next year to determine the desirability of a voluntary assisted suicide legislation, and would report its conclusion to the legislative assembly by November 30, 2019. The probe will also review the Victorian Government's inquiry into the end-of-life choices, including the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (2017).

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has stated, "My hope is that this will be a genuine inquiry rather than political window-dressing. Like abortion, euthanasia is an area where the language is notoriously slippery, so the inquiry will need to scrutinise the language carefully. It will also need to consider the fateful implications of legislating in favour of assisted suicide – not least at a time when suicide rates, especially among the young, are of great concern in this country. Does it help at such a time for the law to say that assisted suicide is an acceptable option? We all agree that compassion for the dying is crucial and that everyone has the right to die with dignity. But compassion and dignity don't mean legislating for assisted suicide. In fact they mean the opposite." Archbishop Coleridge said the Church would not engage the issue as a lobbyist or activist, but precisely as the Church, "armed not with an ideology but with the power of the Gospel of life". "And we will do so not just in defence of our massive presence in health and aged care but out of concern for society as a whole, because euthanasia, like abortion, goes to the heart of what kind of society we choose to be," he said.

*Sourced from Cath News*

**This Weekend in the Parish**  
Baptisms 11am St Joseph's

The following ministries have concluded for 2018 and will resume again in 2019:

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Mothers with Children Morning Tea  
High School Youth Group  
Craft Circle  
RCIA

Parish Book Club  
Baptism Preparation  
Catholic Women's League  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thank you to everyone who has participated in these Ministries throughout the year. Your time, talent, faith and friendship has been greatly appreciated.

**Choir Practice**

7.30pm Thursday 13th December at St Joseph's Church.  
Practicing for 8pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's.

**MUSIC FOR 6.00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

We are looking for musicians and singers to assist with the music for the 6.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's. Please contact Chris Larter (0437 377 072) if you are able to assist.

**Christmas Gathering**

for Parish Finance Council Members, Parish Pastoral Council, and Parish Staff,  
to be held at the Parish office at 6.30pm on Thursday 13th December. Please RSVP to Michael at the Parish Office.

Children who have made their First Communion are invited to become part of our **Altar Server team**. Training will be provided and a mentor will help new recruits until they are confident. Please contact Malia Mar at the parish office, or speak to Chris or Ian Larter at Corinda, or at Graceville speak to Michael Greene or Leonie Gauld.

**St Vincent De Paul Meeting**

8am Friday 14th December - Parish Office Corinda

**Parish Book Club Meeting**

**scheduled for 19th December has been cancelled**  
The next meeting will be on 18th January 2019 at 2pm.

**Break Open the Word**

Available at the table where ministers gather at the front of the church prior to Mass or from the Parish office. Please purchase a copy, at the subsidised price of \$10.00 (RRP \$24).

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Friday 21st December - 7pm - St Joseph's Church

Christmas Gift tags are available for sale at the Church Piety Stalls and Parish Office for \$1 for 25 tags. Proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards**  
**\$3 for a pack of 8 cards**

Available at the church piety stalls or the parish office.



**Christmas Prayer**

Child of Bethlehem—  
house of bread,  
Man of Jerusalem—  
city of peace,  
you have loved us  
without limit or condition,  
in our greatness and in our misery,  
in our folly and in our virtue,  
may your hand be always upon us  
and may your heart be within us,  
so that we too may become  
bread and peace for one another. Amen



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

(Printed so that users may live daily in the spirit of the Prayer of the Church)

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

SUN, 9 DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
MON, 10 DEC	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
TUE, 11 DEC	St Damasus I, pope - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
WED, 12 DEC	Our Lady of Guadalupe - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
THU, 13 DEC	St Lucy, virgin, martyr - <i>Memorial</i> Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 (Alt 2 Cor 10:17 - 11:2; Mt 25:1-13)
FRI, 14 DEC	St John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the church - <i>Memorial</i> Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19 (Alt. 1 Cor 2:1-10; Lk 14:25-33)
SAT, 15 DEC	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

SUN, 16 DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Zeph 3:25-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
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*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Imogen Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Trevor Butler, Peg Burke, Alan Carr, Margaret Chan, Alexander Clark, Carmel Cole, Freddy Collins, Patrick Collins, Sr Felicity Corder pbvm, Bob Cowan, Jane Dalgarno, Jack Dennis, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Maureen Doherty, Peter Doyle, Bonnie Edwards, Trevor Fanton, Betty Ferguson, Nash Giles, Irene Hannon, Sayako Hattori, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Cedric Holland, Carolyn Hughes, Berndt Krogull, Monica Lampe, Kheuk Li Lian, Marie Loughland, Derek MacLean, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Norma McCormack, Patrick McKenna, John McNamara, Maureen McNamara, Julene Montgomery, June O'Callaghan, Luke O'Reilly, Maureen Orr, Taavi Orupold, Margaret Owen, Emma Parer, Mark Parer, Helen Penchinko, Madeline Pride, Br Luke Quinn cfc, Carmel Radford, Theresa Sarrell, Anne Seymour, Keith Shand, Mary Shand, Brian Sheehan, Christopher Skipper, Lea Tate, Louise Thornton, Conor Tweedy, Grant Wallace, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Frank Zubeldia, Lina (*surname withheld*), OLSH Sisters Pat, Valerian, Bernadetta, Jo, & Eleanor. *We remember especially all of our parishioners living in aged care facilities*

*May those who have died recently rest in peace:* Audrey Steinitz, Wallace Sinclair

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* James Morgan, Maria Hoang Thi Hanh, Shirley Dobson, Annie Cridland, Joan Geeling, Daisy Olive Dwyer, Ken Esdale, Dawn Thorpe, Jenny Marshall, Colin Doherty



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**HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES**

**GATHERING HYMN: Saturday 6pm & Sunday 6pm:  
"O EMMANUEL"**

*Refrain:* O Emmanuel,  
Come into our hearts.  
O Emmanuel,  
We're waiting for your light.  
O Emmanuel,  
God is with us now,  
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

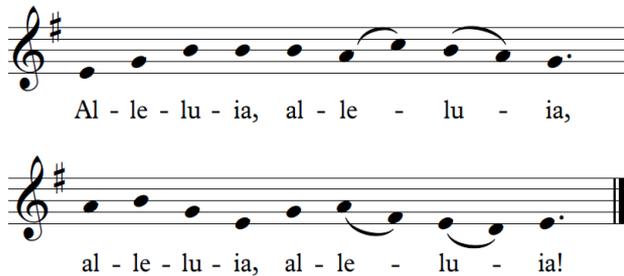


1. We your people are waiting for you, Lord,  
Waiting all throughout the earth.  
We your people are waiting for you, Lord,  
Waiting to celebrate your birth.
2. We your people are longing for you, Lord,  
Longing with hope and with joy.  
We your people are longing for you, Lord,  
Longing for the sign to rejoice.
3. We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
Ready to change and repent.  
We your people are ready for you, Lord,  
Ready for you to come again.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "PSALM 126:  
THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US"**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "ADVENT ALLELUIA"**



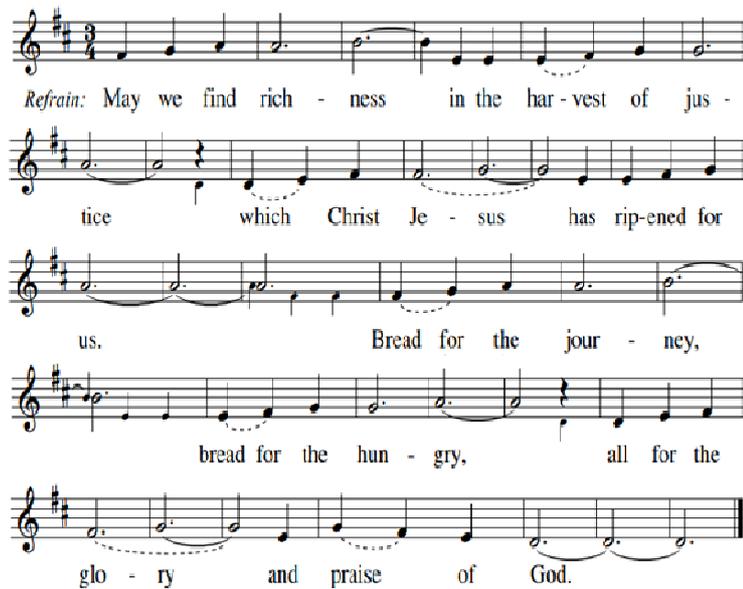
**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: "EVERY VALLEY"**

*Refrain:* Ev'ry valley shall be exalted  
and ev'ry hill made low.  
And all God's people shall see together  
the glory of the Lord.

1. A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way for the Lord.  
Make straight in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God."
2. Comfort all my people;  
the time for war is gone.  
The blind shall see; the deaf shall hear;  
the lame shall leap for joy.
3. Stand upon the mountain top;  
lift up your voice to the world.  
Sing joyfully Jerusalem;  
behold, behold your God.



**COMMUNION: "THE HARVEST OF JUSTICE"**



**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

Monday	8.30 am	St Joseph's – Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass
Saturday	8.00 am	St Joseph's – Prayer of the Church

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday	6.00 pm	St Joseph's
Sunday	8.00 am	St Joseph's
	9.30 am	Christ the King
	6.00 pm	Christ the King

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday	5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	St Joseph's
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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sunday's of the month

2nd Sunday	11.00 am	St Joseph's
4th Sunday	11.00 am	Christ the King

**All enquiries to the Parish Office**

**PRAYER GROUPS**

Wednesday	9.00 am	Gospel Reflection Group (ph. 3878 2414)
Friday	7.30 pm	Community of the Risen Lord Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Christ the King Church, Graceville Praise, Worship, Adoration & Message

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS**

Tuesday	5.30 pm	34 Mortlake Rd, Graceville (ph. 3379 2581)
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