



The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas 2018
The Catholic Parish
of Corinda Graceville



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The Nativity of the Lord: Our waiting is over; our cry "Come Lord," has been answered with a baby's cry in the small town of Bethlehem and an angelic proclamation of God's glory to the ends of the earth. Heaven comes to earth with the familiarity of a human birth and a cosmic significance as large as the stars. God is with us, born into our world, incarnated in human flesh. Now it is God who waits, God who cries to us "Come!" – come to the Child who witnesses that God is a personal reality among us, sharing our humanity so that we might share God's divinity. Born in a stable, laid in an animal's eating trough, Jesus gives us confidence to believe that God can also be born into the darkness of our world and the poverty of our hearts. Love makes him small; his silence makes him undemanding; his humanity challenges us never again to act in an inhuman way. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Praise and Thanks: to all those involved in organising our Christmas liturgies. Thanks to the ones who have creatively decorated, arranged flowers, set up nativity sets, and hung banners. Numerous people have helped set up for each Mass, ministered at Mass and 'restored' the church for the next celebration. Musicians and choirs have practiced and inspired our worship. Those who look after the outside of our churches use their green thumbs to ensure a beautiful environment. Thank you also to our devoted parish staff. To each and every one of you thank you for your fantastic contribution to our celebration.

Personal thanks from Fr Mark: My personal thanks to everyone who has remembered me, my Mum Carmel, and my brother Justin in cards, gifts, greetings, donations and prayers at this special time. Peace and joy to all in this happy and blessed time.

The Parish Office will reopen at 9am on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Emergency Pager Number: anyone requiring urgent pastoral care, or assistance regarding the organisation of a funeral please phone the parish pager 3309 1400.

Plenary Council 2020: What is a Plenary Council? It is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The last time the Australian Church held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter. To make this easy, there are small cards on the ends of the pews which invite you to answer the question "**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?**" You can fill out this card and **Plenary Council 2020** place it in the box at the back of the church, pop it in the post, Listen to what the Spirit is saying... scan the QR code on the card, or go to <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for more info.



Local Safeguarding Representative: The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to the dignity of life, respect and security from physical abuse and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm. The parish continues to implement the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and procedures. Our Local Safeguarding Representative, Rachel Carr, can be contacted at the parish office on 3379 1534 or by emailing lsr.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated at 11am on the 2nd Sunday of the month at St Joseph's and on the 4th Sunday at Christ the King. Parents are asked to phone the parish office to make arrangements and to meet with our Pastoral Worker Malia Mar. Parents then attend a Baptismal preparation session at the Parish Centre Graceville on the first Sunday of the month, immediately after the 9.30am Mass.

Mothers With Children Morning Tea: An opportunity for Mums to gather for a cuppa and a chat whilst children have playtime. Held every Friday fortnight of the School Term in the Children's Liturgy Room, Corinda, (entry via Parish Car Park). The **first gathering for 2019 is at 9.30am on Friday 1st February**. Contact Malia Mar on 3379 1534 or at pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass Times Next Weekend - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 29th December:	6 pm St Joseph's
Sunday 30th December:	8 am St Joseph's
	9.30am Christ the King
	6pm Christ the King



New Year's Day Mass - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday 1st January: **9 am St Joseph's**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation process for children aged 3-12, where the child has the opportunity to encounter God and build their own personal relationship with God, through the use of many beautiful hands on materials based on the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Groups are held both during the day and after school. For more information or to book your child into a group contact Anne Delsorte at delsorte@bigpond.net.au or 3379 8635.

Children's Liturgy is held each Sunday morning during the School Term, alternating between the 8am Mass at St Joseph's and at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King. Children aged from prep to year 6 gather to break open God's Word together, in an appropriate way for their age. All children welcome.

Sacramental Initiation of Children: In the year children turn eight, baptised children can be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by the Bishop or his delegate. **A Confirmation Parent Information Night** will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 27th March at Christ the King Church. To enroll, children should be baptised and have turned eight years of age by January 1, 2019. In the year when children turn nine, they are welcomed to the Lord's Table and receive Holy Communion for the first time. **A First Holy Communion Parent Information Night** (for parents of Confirmed children) will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th February at St Joseph's Church. Any further enquiries can be made via our Sacramental Coordinator, Melissa Lonergan at sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Youth Group for High School Students: (Years 7 to 12) meets every Friday of the School Term at St Joseph's Hall, Corinda. **Commencing Friday night 1st February, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm**, with dinner included! If you wish to involve your children, or wish to volunteer to help out in any way, please contact Malia Mar: pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au or 3379 1534.

Alpha: A series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian Faith. Alpha is for anyone who is curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The talks are designed to encourage exploring the Christian faith in a friendly open, informal environment. Alpha will commence in the parish with a **'Come and See Alpha Night' on Wednesday 6th February at 7pm at the Parish Office.** Sessions run for 11 weeks and dinner is included each Wednesday night. Visit alpha.org.au

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: if you are interested in understanding more about the Catholic faith, and wish to journey more deeply into the teachings, faith, and Sacraments of the Church please speak to Father Mark, Malia Mar or contact the office staff.

Catholic Women's League: is an autonomous group of women who work locally, nationally and internationally for the cause of women and families and for peace and justice for all. It is a group where women meet together to serve others and support each other in a spirit of faith, fun and friendship. If you would like to find out more about us or attend a meeting you would be most welcome. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 9.30am in the Parish Centre, 19 Randolph Street, Graceville For more information please contact Patra Kalinowski on 3379 8653.

Society of St Vincent De Paul: The local Corinda Graceville SVdP conference participates in meetings, charitable activities and visitation. Their main function is visiting those in need, and the sick in their homes, in hospitals / care institutions, and providing assistance and comfort where needed. Referrals for assistance are channelled through the Call Centre 1800 846 643. SVdP meetings are held fortnightly at 8am on Friday at the Parish Office. New members and casual helpers are always welcome.

The Parish Book Club meets regularly at 2pm Friday afternoons in the Parish Office. Phone 3379 1534 for details.

Friends and Neighbours Anointing Mass and Morning Tea: is held six times a year at St Joseph's Church Corinda at 10am on a Wednesday. They have a very willing and faithful group of helpers who pick up people from their homes and provide and serve morning tea. All welcome to join in.

MUSIC - CHRISTMAS MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "PSALM 96: CHRISTMAS PSALM"



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

No Weekday Liturgies (26-29 December)

Week Beginning 31 December

Tuesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass - Mary Mother of God
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Lit of Word with Communion
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Lit of Word with Communion
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Lit of Word w Communion
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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Carols by Candlelight in the Octave of Christmas 7pm Saturday 30th December

Our Lady of Victories Church, 1 Roche Ave Bowen Hills
BYO folding chairs/picnic blanket.
Children come dressed as nativity character!

Brigidine College Indooroopilly

90th Anniversary of the College at the Opening Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Friday 8th February at 10am.
RSVP to office@brigidine.qld.edu.au by 18 January 2019

Queensland Rail will be undertaking large maintenance works until Saturday 29 December. Buses will replace trains from Roma Street to Darra, operating every 10 minutes during peak hours & every 20 minutes during off-peak. Travel on these buses will be free. Please allow extra travel time & plan your journey <https://translink.com.au/service-updates/204196>