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The Pastor's Pen....

After our five week journey with Jesus and the crowd through John's Chapter 6 and the Bread of Life teaching we return to St. Mark's Gospel for the remaining twelve weeks before the Solemnity of Christ the King brings this year to its conclusion.

What a great Gospel we are given to begin this time, one in which Jesus makes clear with all of His wisdom and forthrightness the truth of our wonderful, complex and broken humanity. The provocateurs are, once again, the law abiding and law obsessed Pharisees and the learned Scribes from Jerusalem. They'd noticed that some of Jesus' followers weren't keeping to the letter of the Jewish cleansing laws. They wanted to know why it was that Jesus let this breach of the law happen without comment or correction.

Behind their thinking lay a couple of beliefs that they held dear. Firstly; that Jesus couldn't be very holy or from God if He let His followers breach such important laws from God, and secondly; their belief that only if people kept all of God's laws to the letter would God approve of them and of the people of Israel. In short, they thought that these law-breakers were sinners who were offending God, dragging everyone down with them further delaying the coming of the awaited Messiah.

Jesus kicked off His response to their complaints and criticism of Him and His followers by pointing out that they weren't so very clean and pure themselves! He noted that they were prepared to bend and break God's laws, both in spirit and in fact, if it suited them and served certain traditions that they held dear. This tactic of direct, even blunt truth-telling, Jesus used often when confronted by the hypocrisy, self-righteousness and double standards of His opposition.

Then, calling everybody present together, Jesus addressed them all with God's truth and insight making it clear that evil comes from within us, not from outside of us. He stressed that true cleanliness and wholeness flows from our intentions and hearts, not simply from external rituals and a slavish keeping of the laws, even holy, God given laws.

How well, if we're brutally honest with ourselves, we know all of this from our own experiences. Who among us hasn't seen the most unflappable person explode in anger at one time or another; the most serene fall apart given the right set of triggers; the seemingly pure lie and evade when threatened with exposure and shame so as to try to protect and save themselves and what they love and treasure? Who amongst us haven't felt urges to hatred and violence given the right set of circumstances; experienced dread and overwhelming fear despite our professed confidence and faith; felt the urge to steal, to covert and to use things and other people in ways that would suit our aims and desires; ridiculed, put down, lorded it over or provoked others when it suited us?

I could go on, but Jesus' point is clear; none of us are without fault or stain. These sins and failings come from within us, not from some external source, no matter how very handy such an excuse might be. They make all of our judgements of others imperfect at best, and warped at worst.

Laws and rituals do matter. They can help to keep us safe and provide safely for others and for our relationships within society. Our rituals matter, too, because they seek to express and deepen what we aspire to become, aiding us in living up to what and who we are called to be. However, they aren't and can't ever be fool-proof, nor can they be allowed to become ends in themselves. If they have become so then such laws and rituals are hollowed out of their meaning and power to help us, becoming tools useful only for our self-assurance, our unjust judgement over others and our self-justifying arrogance and pride.

Jesus constant focus on the reality of our shared humanity with all of its weaknesses and the fickleness of our hearts calls us to a far deeper, more human and humane response. It invites us to humility and to the constant handing over of our frailty to God and God's mercy. This is the very gift Jesus came to bring to us, the gift and grace unearned that wins our freedom from slavery to ourselves and our foolish, misguided egos.

The Letter of St. James, our Second Reading, puts all of it this way to us; Everything good and perfect which is given to us comes down to us from above, from the Father of all light who is unchangeable. It is He who has chosen to make us God's children through the gift to us of His Word, Jesus Christ. What we have to do is submit everyday, and often each day, to God's Word planted and now living in us. We are to listen deeply to this Word, receiving it in its fullness, and not simply go on deceiving ourselves. There's an awful lot in this weekend's scripture to guide our living and our Christian mission in these much vexed times of ours. *Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.*

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2018

Queensland Child Protection Week 2018: is held during the first full week of September each year. Schools, businesses, community groups and government organisations come together, to consider how best to promote the value of children and focus attention on issues of child abuse and neglect. Children are a gift from God and must be protected from harm of every kind. Many Archdiocesan personnel through their ministries and services are in a unique position to identify child abuse and neglect and to do something about it. The Archdiocese expects all personnel, including clergy, employees and volunteers to act upon concerns or complaints of abuse, and comply with reporting obligations. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Safeguarding Training this October: Safeguarding training certificates last two years. We first held training here in October 2016, so a lot of parishioners will need to renew their training this October. Over the last two years the training has evolved into two types – an hour and a half workshop for those in high risk roles, and online training for lower risk roles. The training has also been amended to be in line with the recommendations coming out of the Royal Commission. As the Parish now has a database of volunteers, you each will be contacted, when the type of training you need is available. **For people ministering in high risk roles a letter has been posted / emailed last week.** For lower risk roles it will be later in the year, as the online training is still under construction. Any queries, please contact Rachel Carr, our Safeguarding representative at the parish office or at lsr.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Abortion Decriminalisation Bill: For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament are debating whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born. Late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it "in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed". This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. The Archdiocese wants to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider it. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. To learn more, please visit: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/> You can also view a video that the Archbishop has made on the abortion laws: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6E7wAwvXv8> **To voice your opposition to this Bill please sign the Parliamentary e-petition which can be found at <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=2972>**

Refugee Support: Changes to eligibility for benefits by refugees mean that some 1300 people have now been cut off from receiving any Government support. **The Romero Centre** at Dutton Park is struggling to meet the demand for assistance and is in **urgent need of Basmati Rice, Washing powder, Cooking oil, Baby wipes, 10-15 kg and 13-18 kg baby nappies.** These items and any other staple foods or supermarket gift vouchers can be left at the parish office or delivered to the Romero Centre at 20 Dutton St Dutton Park, or phone them on 3013 0100 to offer assistance.



Nano Nagle ~ Founder of the Presentation Sisters ~ 300 year anniversary of her birth. Honora "Nano" Nagle, founded the Sisters of the Presentation the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cork, Ireland in 1775. Her recognition as one of the greatest women of Ireland derives from her dedication to the poor and oppressed. Her mission between the cutting edge of the Gospel and the miseries of her day inspires the Presentation Sisters to continue to minister today. Born to a wealthy family in Ireland in 1718, Nano Nagle's parents sent her to France to be educated since strict penal laws barred Catholic children from attending school in Ireland. She returned to Ireland after her father's death in 1746; her mother died soon after. Prayer and reflection led Nano back to France to become a sister. Even as she began her new life as a sister, Nano's thoughts often returned to the children of the poor families back in Ireland.

At age 32, she left the convent in France and returned to Ireland, where she secretly gathered the children of the poor and taught them catechism, reading, writing and mathematics. As Nano spent her days with the children, they would tell her of their sick friends or family members. Nano began to visit the sick and the elderly after school, bringing them food, medicine and comfort. She often made visits late into the night, carrying her lamp among the alleyways. Before long, Nano became known as the "Lady of the Lantern".

Nano decided to open a convent where women could share the mission of Jesus through prayer, teaching and care for the sick and needy. Nano and three companions opened the first Presentation Convent in Cork, Ireland, on Christmas Day in 1775. In 1784, at age 65, Nano died. She left her compelling vision of service to a growing community of Presentation Sisters. Her final words are emblematic of her timeless legacy, and they remain a guiding principle for the Sisters: "Love one another as you have hitherto done."

The Parish will celebrate a special **Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 16 September at Christ the King** honouring Nano's 300th birthday and the work and of the Presentation Sisters at Graceville and throughout our Parish since their arrival in 1937. The Mass will be followed by morning tea hosted by Christ the King School in the undercover area plus a presentation about the life of Nano to be held in the Parish Centre. This is our special opportunity to say thanks to the Presentation Sisters.

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation.

May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering.

May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



This Weekend in the Parish

Fijian Tongan Choir 6pm Mass Saturday

Soup Supper after Saturday 6pm Mass

Children's Liturgy 9.30am Christ the King

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass

Baptism Preparation 10.30am Parish Centre Graceville

Sausage Sizzle after 6pm Sunday Mass

Catholic Women's League Meeting

9.30am Tuesday 4th September - Parish Centre, Graceville

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7pm Thursday 6th September - Parish Office Corinda

Parish Choir Rehearsal

7.30pm on Thursday 6th September at Christ the King.

We will be rehearsing for the Nano Nagle Celebrations on 16th September.

Everyone is welcome!

Phone Margaret Lawless on 0431 904 633

St Vincent De Paul Meeting

8am Friday 7th September - Parish Office Corinda

PARISH YOUTH GROUP **FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS**

Friday 7th September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm
at St Joseph's Hall, Corinda. Dinner included

If you wish to involve your children speak to Kate Simpson, Lorna Mar or Malia Mar or contact 3379 1534 or pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Please support the Annual Catholic Campaign
All Masses Next Weekend.

Craft Circle ~ Parish Art and Craft Group
9:30am-11:30am ~ Wednesday 12th September
Parish Centre, 19 Randolph St Graceville.

MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN MORNING TEA **9.30am Friday 14th September**

All Mums with young children are invited.

Children's Liturgy Room, Corinda (enter via parish car park).
If you wish to join the group contact Malia Mar 3379 1534

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9.30am Sunday 2nd September - Christ the King Church

8.00am Sunday 9th September - St Joseph's Church

No Children's Liturgy on Sunday 16th September

Parish Youth Group's Vinnie's Stationery Appeal

As the Church in Australia prepares for the Plenary Council in 2020 parishes are being asked to consider what it is that God is asking of the Church in Australia.

Inspired by a recent visit to the youth group from some members of our local SVdP Conference, the Parish Youth Group believes that an integral part of being Catholic is working to help those in our community who are struggling.

Our Youth Group would like to provide St Vincent de Paul with **Back to School Starter Packs** to help families with children manage the cost of starting the school year. We plan to fill backpacks with school supplies, and would welcome the donation of any of the following: backpacks (for all ages); stationery items (e.g. pens, pencils, textas, rulers, scissors, glue, lined writing books); lunch boxes and water bottles. We ask that any donated items are either new or in near-new condition.

Any donations can be dropped into the Parish Office or the box at the back of each church. We hope you will be able to help us make a meaningful difference for some of the needy families in our local area. We believe that this project affords young people the opportunity to begin their school year with dignity and will provide them with the tools they need to access their education. If you have any questions, please contact Malia Mar, Kate Simpson or Lorna Mar.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Imogen Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Sr Marlette Black pbvm, Trevor Butler, Peg Burke, Marcia-Grace Byriel, Alan Carr, Alexander Clark, Freddy Collins, Patrick Collins, Mary Conway, Sr Felicity Corder pbvm, Jane Dalgarno, Emma Danieli, Jack Dennis, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Peter Doyle, Bonnie Edwards, Trevor Fanton, Betty Ferguson, Nash Giles, Irene Hannon, Sayako Hattori, Bob Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Cedric Holland, Carolyn Hughes, Norma Kirsopp, Monica Lampe, Mary Lewis, Kheuk Li Lian, Marie Loughland, Craig MacDonald, Carmel Maxwell, Coralie McCormack, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Norma McCormack, Patrick McKenna, John McNamara, Maureen McNamara, Julene Montgomery, Aline Montocchio, Maureen Orr, Terry O'Donohoe, Luke O'Reilly, Taavi Rukupold, Margaret Owen, Emma Parer, Sr Helen Parer ibvm, Mark Parer, Helen Penchinko, Madeline Pride, Mick Prostamo, Br Luke Quinn cfc, Theresa Sarrell, Anne Seymour, Keith Shand, Mary Shand, Brian Sheehan, Christopher Skipper, Brian Tate, Louise Thornton, Conor Tweedy, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Frank Zubeldia, OLSH Sisters Pat, Valerian, Jo, Bernadetta & Eleanor. *We remember especially all of our parishioners living in aged care facilities*

May those who have died recently rest in peace: Helen Chukwu, Margaret Whitton, Fr Harry Bliss

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Brian Cahill, Maigread Sheehan, Giuseppe Danieli, James McCormack, Charles Trenear, Mary Carmichael, Allison Ovenden, John Green, Lola Ireland, Doreen Ross, Sheila Williams, Ken Cuthbert, Dorrie Williams, Norma Burns, Ray Blumke, Lewis Thomas, deceased members of the McCormack & Trenear families



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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)
Thursday	9.00 am	34 Mortlake Rd, Graceville (ph. 3379 2581)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 2 SEP	22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
MON, 3 SEP	St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the church - <i>Memorial</i> 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30 (Alt. 2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7; Lk 22:24-30)
TUE, 4 SEP	1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37
WED, 5 SEP	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
THU, 6 SEP	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
FRI, 7 SEP	SPRING EMBER DAY Special Day of Prayer and Penance 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
SAT, 8 SEP	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - <i>Feast</i> Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 9 SEP	23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
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Scripture Reflection within the Parish ~ Groups or Individuals

In recent weeks there have been items in our parish newsletter about Scripture Reflection in preparation for the Plenary Council 2020. The five members of a group formed to encourage every member of the parish to reflect on the Catholic Church Daily Scripture Readings: Bill Seymour, Jack Cain, Harvey Kramer, Sr. Cyprian Thureson, and Tina Disiot.

It was all inspired by the announcement of the Catholic Plenary Council to be held in 2020 to answer the question we need to ask of ourselves: *What Do You Think God Is Asking Of Us At This Time In Australia?*

Whilst there are many questions God is asking, we believe that we need to listen to God more closely in the words of the Daily Scripture Readings, which the Catholic Church provides for us over a two year cycle. For this reason we are seeking to encourage as many parishioners as possible to read and reflect on these readings and thereby join into a personal relationship with God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). If you do not have a bible the internet can be your source. Visit www.ewtn.com.au/daily-readings

Bill Seymour

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 15: THE JUST WILL LIVE"



The Just will live in the pre-sence of God.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: "THE HARVEST OF JUSTICE"



Refrain: May we find rich-ness in the har-vest of jus-



tice which Christ Je-sus has rip-ened for



us. Bread for the jour-ney,



bread for the hun-gry, all for the



glo-ry and praise of God.

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MUSIC SNIPPET: THE HARVEST OF JUSTICE

During the Sundays of September we will be singing a hymn called "The Harvest of Justice". This is not a new hymn, being composed by David Haas some 33 years ago in 1985. David has provided the following notes about the hymn.

The textural sources of this song are steeped in the biblical traditions of justice in the law of the Old Testament, and the early Christian Churches. The refrain is from the first chapter of St Paul's Letter to the Philippians, and the verses are inspired by various sections of Leviticus and Deuteronomy. The text speaks of the imperatives that flow from faith and witness to the Gospel: to be in solidarity with the poor and abused, to welcome those who are alienated, to clothe the naked and feed the hungry, to be on the side of the oppressed.