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The Pastor's Pen....

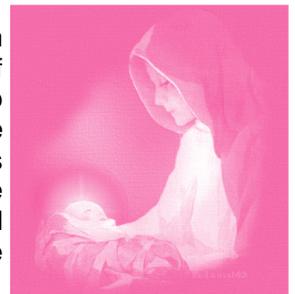
There is an option (thankfully) for the Priest Celebrant to wear Rose coloured vestments this Sunday. The same option is available on the 4th Sunday of Lent. I say thankfully about this option because it's one that I (and most Priests) won't be taking up! The reason for this option is that towards the middle of both our Advent and Lenten journeys our Church calls us to a brief 'pitstop' a short respite from our efforts to change our lives. On these Sundays we are asked to focus on the joy towards which each respective Season is leading, namely, Christmas and Easter.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is traditionally called 'Gaudete Sunday' a Latin word meaning 'Rejoice' and the three readings give us this rejoicing message. What could be more joyful than the image of God dancing over us with shouts of joy having seen off all of our enemies? Yet, that's what the Prophet Zephaniah says, adding that we have no more evil to fear for our Lord is a victorious warrior renewing us in His love.

This weekend we hear another short section from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. I spoke to you about this happy and joyful letter in my homily last weekend, recommending that you read the four short chapters of this lovely warm letter as a part of your Advent preparation. St. Paul says that all that he wants is for us to be happy in the Lord, repeating that this is all he desires for us. We show this happiness to others by being tolerant of each other and by not worrying about anything, instead praying to God for our needs with thanksgiving. God will give us the sort of peace within that is greater than we can expect or even understand.

What though of Luke's Gospel and the message of John the Baptist? Initially it sounds harsh and demanding and in truth there is an element of this in what John preached. Concrete and real change was needed if the people then, and if we today, are to be truly rightly disposed and ready to welcome our Saviour's coming. The message John preached, which is just as applicable today, is that we act justly, avoiding any misuse of our power or abuse of our authority. We are to avoid theft, greed, extortion and controlling others through force and fear. Instead, we're to share what we have with those who are in need, seeking out the way of equity and kindness and giving each other a fair go in life. John went on to make clear that he wasn't the Christ, the Anointed and long expected Redeemer. He was simply the servant of the One who was coming who would sort out the wheat from the chaff in us and in society.

Advent is a special graced time for us to do this ourselves, in company with the Lord and each member of our community of faith. We still have valleys to fill, mountains to level, roads to straighten up and make smooth so that Christ can become alive and be born again in us and from us for others. Mary is the perfect example of what we're aiming to become. She opened herself to God's will even when it was strange and mysterious. She lived out all that this meant over the course of her life, ever the mother of her Son to the end.



Mary is offering to be a steady, compassionate friend to us as we journey through this Advent and our lives, as well as a model for our discipleship. Call on the Blessed Virgin often, especially in confusing and distressing times. As my Grandmother used say, 'the Blessed Mother won't let me down so I'm not afraid'. Surely, a further cause for rejoicing and gladness amongst us.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

7pm Friday 21st December

St Joseph's Church Corinda



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



Thanks to all those who have supported the **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and Hamper Project** so far. The hampers will be delivered, leaving from the parish office this Sunday morning after the 8am Mass – so if you are at 8am Mass or the 6pm Saturday Mass, you will read this in time to assist us with the deliveries. Thanks in anticipation of that support.

The needs of our local community do not stop at any time of the year. We therefore welcome your contribution to SVDP funds at any time of year. Simply place your donation in an envelope clearly marked SVDP and either put it on the plate at Mass or drop it off to the office. Leave your name and address if you require a receipt. We wish you every blessing of the Christmas season and a joyful year in 2019.

In God's Embrace: Long time parishioner Keith Shand passed away last weekend. Keith spent much of his youth in Corinda and Sherwood. He and Mary were married in 1955, and moved permanently to Corinda in 1974, with their family. Keith was a generous, humorous and very friendly gent. His smile and friendly manner made everyone welcome. The sympathy, prayers and support of the parish are offered to his dear wife Mary and to their children Jennifer, Elizabeth and Peter and their families. Keith's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11am at St Joseph's Church, Corinda, on Monday 17th December. *In Baptism Keith received the Light of Christ. This Light guided him through his life. May Christ, the eternal light, welcome Keith into His Kingdom of everlasting peace and love.*

Advent Penance Service: This coming Friday night, **21st December, at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Corinda**, we have our **Parish Advent Penance Prayer Service**. This is **not** the Sacrament of Penance. It is an important communal prayer and repentance time, an essential event and celebration for the last days of Advent before we celebrate the Christmas Feast. It is hoped as many as are able will attend. It should take about 30 minutes. The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated each Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph's Church from 5-5.30pm, or at any other time by making a private appointment with Fr Mark.

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 until the 24th December. All Parishioners of the Archdiocese are invited to come sit on the lawn at St Stephen's for this magnificent event.

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au by Friday 25 January 2019.

Appointments: The Archbishop has made the following appointments: Fr Kevin Smith as Administrator of Clayfield parish; Fr Mario Debattista OFM as Administrator of Kedron parish; Fr John Scarrott as Parish Priest of Coolangatta Tugun parish; Fr Adrian Farrelly as Administrator of Gayndah parish coinciding with his other appointments in the North Country Deanery; Fr Prema Kumar Rethnamony as Associate Pastor of Birkdale and Manly parishes, with responsibility to provide Mass for the Carmelite Monastery; Fr Francis Belcina OSA as Parish Priest of Coorparoo; Fr Adrian Sharp as Judicial Vicar of the Regional Tribunal; Mr Pat Mullins as Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Brisbane; Mr Paul Shogren as Director of the Regional Tribunal. Fr Bernie Nolan will move to retirement in the Archdiocese, Fr Joseph Lam OSA leaves the Archdiocese for a new mission in Parramatta, and Fr Joseph Nguyen OFM will return to Vietnam. The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Francis Belcina OSA as he begins his ministry in Brisbane.

Newsletter folders: a group of loyal parishioners who every week fold newsletters so they are ready for your perusal. Each week this faithful group come to the office to fold, and often insert the extra reading for your information. It all takes place without fuss and unheralded. Thank you from all the parish for your wonderful work. It is appreciated!!

Counters: Each week a committed crew come to make sense out of the coin collected each weekend. Faithful with figures, and fastidious on the tally, the parish owes these people a debt of gratitude. Their diligent determining of the dollar each week is greatly appreciated. To these counters the parish is most thankful.

Christmas music: please see the advertisements on page three regarding the participation of singers and choristers for all of our Christmas Eve Masses. All are welcome. Thanks to all members of the parish music team for the wonderful ministry they offer our two communities in our one Parish.

Lenten Program: Yes Lent! It is time for the parish to order the Lenten Program for the 2019, which is entitled "Compassion". As always it will be a wonderful opportunity to nurture the true heart of Gospel living through reflection on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. There will be many opportunities across the parish to join a group in order to share, pray, and reflect together during Lent. If you wish to host a group, be a group leader, or be part of a group, please speak to Malia or contact the office.

Martyrs of Algeria Beatified: Seven French monks and twelve other clergy killed during Algeria's civil war were beatified on Saturday in the first ceremony of its kind in a Muslim nation. All nineteen were recognised as martyrs in January, paving the way for the ceremony in the city of Oran. "May Bishop Pierre Claverie... and his 18 companions, faithful messengers of the Gospel, humble artisans of peace... from now on be called blessed," said papal envoy Cardinal Angelo Becciu, reading the decree of beatification, the first step on the path to sainthood. Bishop Claverie, 58, was killed with his driver on August 1, 1996, when a remote-controlled bomb exploded at his residence in Oran. He was among 19 clergy to be beatified, after their murders in a series of grisly atrocities between 1994 and 1996, including the seven monks of Tibhirine, who were kidnapped from their Trappist priory in March 1996. Their story was dramatised in the 2010 French film *Of Gods and Men*. The beatification ceremony was held at the esplanade of the Chapel of our Lady of Santa Cruz overlooking the Mediterranean city. Opening the ceremony, Archbishop Paul Desfarges of Algiers paid tribute to "the thousands and thousands of victims of the Algerian civil war", describing them as anonymous heroes. A minute of silence was then observed.

Christmas Choir Practice

7pm Thursday 20th December at St Joseph's Church.
Practicing for 8pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's.
Please contact Margaret Lawless on 0431 904 633.
All welcome!

MUSIC FOR 6 PM & 11 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Thank you to those who have offered to assist with the music for the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's.

We are also looking for additional singers for the 11pm Mass at Christ the King.

If you would like to be part of either music team, please contact Chris Larter (0437 377 072).

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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).

Are You Planning a Trip to Sydney in January?

Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, in the heart of North Sydney!

30 minutes from the Airport, close to Ferries, Trains, Sydney Harbour foreshore, Opera House and more!

For Accommodation Enquiries please call 02 89124800

Looking for personal and spiritual growth in 2019?

The Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality invites you to experience the traditional Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Learn to navigate life with God as your guide. Experience more purpose and meaning in your daily life. The Full Spiritual Exercises are a practical means of discovering God's unique love and desire for each of us revealed in the context of our daily lives. Faber offers you a personal approach to the Exercises, with weekly face-to-face conversations with an experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director who will adapt the Exercises to your needs over a period of 30 or more weeks.

For this journey a person needs generosity and a readiness to pray for an hour a day, at least five days a week, to make a daily review or examen, and to meet for one hour each week with the person guiding you through the Exercises. Not sure? Join us for an information morning **Saturday 16 February 2019, 10am to 12pm** at the Faber Centre. Contact Sharyn 3368 2450.

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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



Annual Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents

Rosary 6.30pm & Mass 7pm

Friday 28th December

St Francis Xavier Church, 6 Church St, Goodna

Arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross

And very pertinent at this time with the recent abortion laws passed in Queensland.

Brigidine College Indooroopilly

Invites you to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the College at the Opening Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Friday 8th February at 10am

RSVP to office@brigidine.qld.edu.au by 18 January 2019

Position Vacant – Administration Officer

Applications are open for a position at Liturgy Brisbane. A person with excellent administration and finance skills is required for a part time position of Administration Officer for 15 hours per week, 2 days a week initially and then increasing. Please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to careers.

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, Peter Doyle, Bonnie Edwards, Trevor Fanton, Betty Ferguson, Nash Giles, Irene Hannon, Sayako Hattori, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, 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, 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: Keith Shand, Rene Oudeman

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bill & Elsie Cain, Colin Doherty, James Patrick Hanley, Patricia Edey, George & John Brereton, Dan Augustine, Des Kerwick, Len Daniels, Winifred Moynihan, James Morgan, Maria Hoang Thi Hanh, Shirley Dobson, Annie Cridland, Joan Geeling



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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
	7.00 pm	St Joseph's – Advent Penance Service
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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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 16 DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Zeph 3:25-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
MON, 17 DEC	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
TUE, 18 DEC	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
WED, 19 DEC	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
THU, 20 DEC	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
FRI, 21 DEC	St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the church - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45
SAT, 22 DEC	1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 22 DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44
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RECEIVING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ, please drink from the chalice. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is **not** the custom in our Parish.

Alpha is running again!!

We are pleased to announce our new Alpha course beginning in February 2019.

Alpha is ideal for any of your friends, relatives or colleagues who may be lapsed Catholics or who may want to find out more about Christianity in a non threatening environment. No "churchy" talk, no pressure, no judgement.

It's also ideal for those Catholics who feel like a boost to their faith would be welcome. It's also a lot of fun. All of our guests in our first course really looked forward to the next session.

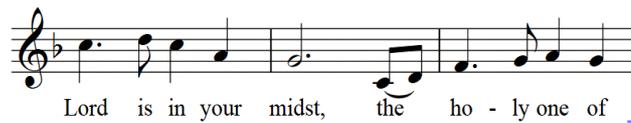
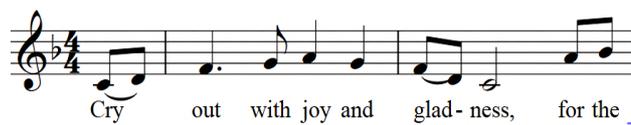
Our first session, a "come and see" dinner is on **Wednesday 6th February at 7pm in the Parish Office at Corinda.**

You don't need to commit, just check out the first session. You'll get a great meal, see a highly professional video and participate in a small group discussion. Total time 2 hours. Check it outif it's not for you don't come back. No one will follow up. Easy!

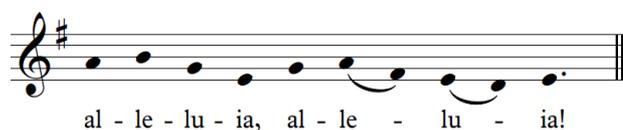
HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"ISAIAH 12: CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS"



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "ADVENT ALLELUIA"



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"



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