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The Pastor's Pen....

Gossip is an insidious and all too common vice. Gossip is based on half truths, assumptions with only a whiff of fact to them, and on our desire to talk and to be accepted by a group. This desire to have something to say and be part of a group only serves to reveal our own insecurities and inner neediness. Gossip spreads because we haven't checked out what's really what, before we rashly speak our minds and share our stories with all and sundry.

St. Paul says (Romans. 1:30; 2 Corinthians.12:20.) Christians mustn't gossip, and that if they do they are getting involved in slander and risk tearing the community apart. The Letter of St. James (3:3-12; 5:7-9.) is even more stern about the destructive power of the tongue. James says that it can cause destruction to rage like a fire, leading us to the fires of Hell itself. He orders us to lay off complaining against one another, so that we are not brought to judgement ourselves.

Yet, the fact is that we've all gossiped at one time or another, and we've hopefully learnt about the destructive power our words can wreck upon people, families, various groups and whole communities. The rule with gossip and story telling about others and what we think (presume) is going on is to **Check It Out First before we speak it out.** We do this by going to the source of the matter or the people being implicated as the cause of our gossipy complaints and snide remarks. If we're not able to do this, then silence is always best. If we're too scared or simply too lazy to do this, then by gossiping, we are without doubt sinning against God and others, for Christ and God's Holy Spirit have made a home in us all. This gossipy tendency is something we should all seriously think and pray about, bringing this sin to God and confessing it in the Sacrament of Penance. It will be a matter, too, for us all at our **Parish Advent Penitential Prayer Service. 7.00pm on Friday, 20th December at Christ the King Church.**

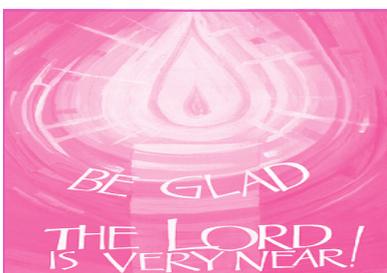
Gossips are in a prison of their own design and making cut off from genuine healthy adult conversation and are severed from the facts and the truth. John the Baptist was locked away in King Herod's prison, dark, cut off/severed from the world outside and from what Jesus was doing and saying. It's clear from the Gospel of St. Matthew that stories about Jesus' ministry were being carried by some one(s) to John because we were told that John had heard about what the Christ was doing. These stories had led him to become uncertain if Jesus really was the Christ of God, or not?

At a disadvantage due to his unjust imprisonment John did the right, adult and holy thing. Somehow he managed to send some of his own followers to ask Jesus directly if he really was the Christ, the long awaited and anointed One from God? Jesus told them to look at the evidence, the facts of what He was doing, of how He was setting people free and fulfilling the promises of God revealed in the scriptures. These promises are told to us this weekend in the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. Lastly, before sending them back, Jesus told them to encourage John not to lose faith in Him.

This is the example we have to imitate in our lives; checking out with the source the truth and facts, rather than believing unfounded stories, subscribing to, embellishing and spreading them ever wider like wild bushfires of destruction.

Let me end these words with the Gospel Acclamation: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He has sent me to bring Good-News.* If bringing and being God's Good-News to and for others is what we are focused upon, then gossipy talk and judgemental complaints about others will have no place in our thinking, speaking or acting.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December: 8 am St Joseph's



St Vincent de Paul news: Once again, we wish to thank our fellow parishioners as you continue to support our Christmas appeal and hamper collection. Christmas appeal envelopes can be found near the doors in St Joseph's church, and on the seats in Christ the King church. There is no time limit on when donations can be returned. There is, however, a time limit on hamper items...if you have forgotten to return your gifts or hamper donations this weekend, could you please drop them to the parish office by Tuesday, as hampers are currently being prepared.

Hamper delivery will take place next Sunday after the 8am Mass. **If you are able to help in delivering hampers, please come to the parish office door near the columbarium at 9am.** There is a real joy in playing Santa Claus and delivering Christmas treats. Hampers will be sorted into geographic order, and you will be assisted in collecting one or two (or even more!) hampers to deliver. Without your assistance, conference members would be hard-pressed to arrange the delivery of around 45 hampers in a short space of time.

More good news from the Craft Circle: Since we announced our grand total a fortnight ago, our extra sales and stall have raised a further \$500. We now have a total of \$3,000, which is amazing. You have enabled us to give \$1,500 each to our own parish Vinnies conference and to the Parish of Murgon. Thank you all very much.

Rest In Peace: The Funeral Mass for John McNamara will be celebrated at 10.30am on Wednesday 18th December at St Joseph's Church. John was born in Sherwood and is a well known identity in the area, being part of the McNamara clan, so many of whom have lived and contributed to the parish for so many decades. John was a gentle and thoughtful gentleman, and is the last of the McNamara siblings to pass away, having died on 10th December. John and his wife of 65 years, Maureen, lived in Ardoyne Road, Oxley and raised their three children Kevin, Catherine, Anthony there. Prayers, sympathy and love are offered to Maureen, Kevin, Catherine, and Anthony and their families. *In Baptism John received the Light of Christ. This Light guided him through his life. May Christ, the eternal light, welcome John into His Kingdom of everlasting peace and love.*

Thank You: "This brief note is to thank you Father Mark, and the Parishioners of Corinda Graceville, most sincerely for your acceptance and support of the seminarians into your Parish for the celebration of the Eucharist on a Sunday morning. The more exposure the students have to the diversity that exists in the Archdiocese the better prepared they can be to serve here. You and your community of faith play an important part in their preparation. Thank you once again, with every best wish and blessing for Christmas and the New Year, *Fr Kevin Smith.*"

Sacrament of Penance: Anyone who wants to experience the consolation and tenderness of God simply needs to go to confession, Pope Francis said at a morning Mass this week. The Pope recited an imaginary conversation:

"Father, I have so many sins, I've made so many mistakes in my life."

"Let yourself be consoled."

"But who will console me?"

"The Lord."

"Where must I go?"

"To ask pardon. Go. Go. Be bold. Open the door. He'll caress you."

The Lord draws near to those in need with the tenderness of a father, the Pope said. Paraphrasing the reading from Isaiah 40, pope Francis said, "He is like a shepherd who pastures his sheep and gathers them in his arms, carrying the lambs on his bosom and sweetly leading them back to their mother ewes. That's how the Lord consoles us. The Lord always consoles us as long as we let ourselves be consoled," he said. Of course, he said, God the Father also corrects his children, but he does that, too, with tenderness. Often, people look at their own limits and sins and start thinking that there is no way God can forgive them. "It is then that the voice of the Lord is heard, saying, 'I will console you. I am close to you,' and he tenderly reaches us." "The powerful God who created the heavens and earth, the hero-God — if you want to say it that way — became our brother, who carried the cross and died for us, and is capable of caressing us and saying, 'Don't cry.'" *Sourced from Cath News.* The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) is celebrated in our parish each Saturday afternoon from 5pm to 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church, or by appointment with Fr Mark.

Papuans call on Christians to recognise their plight: Papuans in Indonesia have called on Christians around the world, including Pope Francis, to "show humanitarian solidarity" in their Advent prayer intentions by remembering the human rights abuses occurring in Papua. The call was made last Sunday as the Papuans marked the shooting deaths of five Catholic students in Papua's Paniai district five years ago. The crime remains unsolved despite Indonesian President Joko Widodo vowing to bring those responsible to justice. Calling the case one of many rights abuses committed since Indonesia formally took over Papua in the 1960s, Markus Haluk, director of the United Liberation Movement for West Papua, said they hoped Christians around the world would open eyes to their suffering. "In this special moment of Advent, we ask that Christians, church leaders everywhere, including the Holy Father Pope Francis, will stand and be present among us. People are being persecuted, who are weak and powerless," he said. On December 8, 2014, five students aged 16-18 were shot dead and dozens injured in Paniai when security forces opened fire on a crowd of protesters. Widespread condemnation followed, including from international rights groups. However, no progress has been made. Mr Haluk said. "we ask fellow Christians to pray for our future as suffering, persecution, discrimination, racism continue to kill us," he said. He pointed to more than 50,000 people, mostly Catholics, still displaced in Nduga district since December last year following a military crackdown after the murder of road workers by separatists. A Nduga humanitarian relief team led by Fr John Djonga claims that at least 200 people have since died due to poor living conditions and a lack of decent medical care. Meanwhile, Mr Haluk said the arrest of activists continues, adding to the more than 100 people hauled in for celebrating Papua's "Independence Day" on December 1, the anniversary of when West Papua's symbol of independence, the Morning Star flag, was first raised in 1961. Fr James Kosay, parish priest at Jayapura Diocese's Abepura Good Shepherd Church, where four students were arrested for displaying the banned flag while attending Sunday Mass on December 1, said Catholics marked Advent with feelings of trepidation. *Sourced from Cath News.*

Parish Choir Rehearsal

7.30pm on Thursday 19th December
St Joseph's Church

The choir will be rehearsing for the 8pm Christmas Eve Mass

Music - 6.00 pm & 11.00 pm Christmas Eve Masses

Musicians and singers are invited to be part of the music team on Christmas Eve at either the **6.00 pm Mass at St Joseph's** or the **11.00 pm Mass at Christ the King**.

Rehearsal days and times will be decided based on the availability of interested people. Please contact Chris Larter (0437 377 072) if you are interested in being part of either music team, or for further information.

Lights of Christmas

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening until **24th December from 6:30pm to 10:30pm**

Remember to Recycle for Vinnies: Drinking Bottles and Cans (not milk bottles or large wine bottles) can be left in the special bins with bright green lids positioned beside the Tennis Court Shed at Corinda (directly across from the parish car park in Clewley Street), and behind Christ the King Church (near the shed). Funds raised go to our parish St Vincent de Paul. An easy way to recycle your bottles and cans after Christmas functions, help the environment and help St Vincent de Paul to help others in need! Please make a regular habit of recycling your cans and bottles in the bins provided by the parish.



Christmas Cards for Sale
\$3.00 for a pack of eighth cards.

Columban Calendars \$9.00 each
Available at the St Vincent de Paul stalls at the rear of both churches.

Break Open the Word available now. Ministers of the Word please collect your copy from table where ministers gather at the front of the church prior to Mass or at the Parish office during the week. Please purchase a copy, at the subsidised price of \$10.00 (RRP \$22).

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Fraser Ainsworth, Ryan Armstrong, Imogen Atkins, Maureen Atkins, Ron Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Alannah Berman, Baby Emme Blackford, John Burgess, Dexter Butler, Trevor Butler, Alan Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Beryl Clark, Lina Daddow, Cath Dennis, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Robyn Dodd, Trevor Fanton, Betty Ferguson, Chris Ferguson, Nash Giles, Gerard Gillespie, Kendall Hammond, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Berndt Krogull, Monica Lampe, The Lip Family, Anthony Lupi, Derek MacLean, Kathryn Matheson, Sr Pat Mawn olsh, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Norma McCormack, Colin McLeod, Damien McMeniman, John McNamara, Maureen McNamara, Tom O'Brien, Sr Valerian O'Brien olsh, June O'Callaghan, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Sr Eleanor Parker olsh, Rebecca Pullin, Dawn Punter, Br Luke Quinn cfc, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Carmel See, Mary Shand, Lea Tate, Louise Thornton, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Frank Zubeldia. *We remember especially all of our parishioners living in aged care facilities*

May those who have died recently rest in peace: Colin Randazzo, John McNamara, Fr Joe Flannery, Katrina Wilson, Ray Meredith, Margaret Murphy, Frank Brewer, Kathleen Compain, Sr Leonila Dela Pena olsh

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Len Daniels, Colin Doherty, Mabel McLaughlin, Gerald O'Hanlon, Patricia Edey, Folkert Melgert, Dan Augustine, John Brereton, Des Kerwick, Keith Shand, Colin Doherty, Shirley Dobson, Joan Geeling, Vilma Howe, Darcy Howe, Shea Tristan Lange, Maria Hanh Hoang Thi, and deceased members of the Wheatland and McLean families.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Friday 20th December - 7pm - Christ the King Church

This will be a simple liturgy of prayer, reflection, ritual and forgiveness within a community setting.

Please note that this is not the Sacrament of Penance.

The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) is celebrated 5pm to 5.30pm each Saturday afternoon at St Joseph's Church

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD GRACEVILLE ATRIUM

Enrolments for 2020 are currently being taken.

Vacancies exist for 3-6 year olds in both Monday & Thursday morning groups 10am-noon.

Vacancies also exist in the Thursday afternoon groups for 3-6 years olds, 6-9 year olds and 9-12 years olds, from 3.15pm-5.15pm. Please contact Anne Delsorte via email on delsorte@bigpond.net.au to enrol your children asap.

Carols by Candlelight

CELEBRATE THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
7pm SUNDAY 29 Dec

SHARE a relaxed evening of Christmas music and carol singing together on the lawn in front of the church, overlooking the Brisbane river.

BYO picnic blanket, cushion or folding chair (some chairs provided). Enjoy Christmas treats afterwards. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Bethlehem costume.



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday	9.00 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	Christ the King - Advent Penitential Prayer Service

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 15 DEC	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
MON, 16 DEC	Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27
TUE, 17 DEC	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
WED, 18 DEC	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
THU, 19 DEC	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
FRI, 20 DEC	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
SAT, 21 DEC	St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the church - <i>Optional</i> Song 2:8-4 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 22 DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
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CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Tonight, Sunday, 15 December 2019, from 5:00pm at Holy Family School, corner of Cecil St and Central Ave, Indooroopilly. A great night including the animated family Christmas movie "The Grinch", jumping castle, face painting, Christmas Carols, Nativity play, sausage sizzle, games and activities! Invite your family, friends and neighbours - all welcome! BYO Picnic rug. Organised by "Mother Effect" and Emmanuel Community. Register now for your Free Movie Tickets at <https://rego.igniteyouth.com/christmas2019>

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

7pm Friday
20th December
Christ the King Church



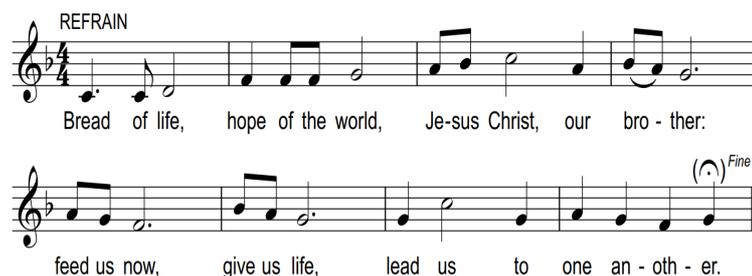
HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 146: LORD, COME AND SAVE US"

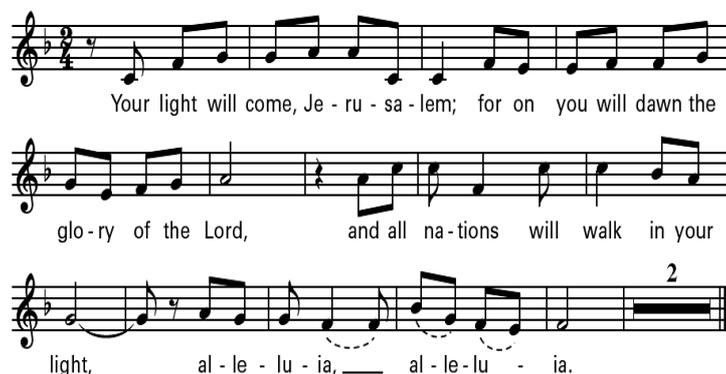


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SENDING FORTH:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"



Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.