



The Catholic Parish  
of Corinda Graceville

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DYING PEACEFULLY ~ NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY

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*The Pastor's Pen....*

This Sunday is dedicated by the Queensland Bishops to; **Dying Peacefully; No Euthanasia**. It is possible for us to die pain free when quality palliative care, home care and hospice services are funded and readily available. We should not feel that because these services aren't so readily available and promoted that Euthanasia, the direct ending of our lives by pills, potions and/or lethal injection, is the only viable option left to us to ensure that our lives end without unneeded pain and prolonged suffering. It strikes me as odd when billions of our money is freed up for weapons systems, that so little is offered to ensure that we, who have paid our taxes for generations, can be assured of a respectful dignified death. Something is badly wrong with our society's priorities when this is let happen.

As Catholics we owe it to others and to ourselves to stand up for life from its first beginning to its natural ending. We ought make it our business, for at the least it's in our own best interests, to be aware of what we want when we are dying and when we've passed over. Our Church has some important teachings on these matters to guide us. Our medical professionals, families and friends should be told what we want and don't want as we die, and where and in what way we want our funeral. By exercising our legitimate choices now in both of these areas we can live today peacefully and be better prepared for whatever the future holds.

Euthanasia is not the only option going forward. It's not really an option at all, more like the closing off of all of our options. Pray about this proposed legislative change in our State, find out what the Church really teaches about sickness, terminal illnesses and end of life choices and make your voice and choices known. Sooner or later the ending of this life is a matter of concern for us all and for the well-being and rectitude of our entire community.

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic which has closed many things down and finished off other plans and dreams, the Church goes on across the world. The first and most important thing for us to remember and hang onto is that **we are the Church in this time and place**. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote; We are the people of God who now fulfil the Churches mission, prolonging the message and ministry of Jesus Christ down through the hallways of history. One example of this continuing living Church is the Plenary Council process here in Australia. It is going on albeit delayed by a year with Plenary sessions scheduled for 2021 (Adelaide) and 2022 (Sydney).

A couple of years ago the Bishops of Australia asked a group of eminent people to analyse and create a report on the governance and structures of our Church in this country. This report was to supplement and help focus the work we all did in our Parishes and religious communities in preparation for the Plenary sessions. This report called **The Light From The Southern Cross: Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia** (LSC for short) was officially released in August. It is available on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) website running to over 200 pages. In fact, I notice that looking back over my homilies I spoke to all of you about this report as early as the weekend 27/28 June of this year.

As I mentioned above the focus of LSC and its recommendations is on the governance and management of Dioceses and Parishes in the Catholic Church in Australia. Everything from our place in and relationship to the global, universal Church, through our national Church structures and groups, to Parishes, education and our many welfare agencies is considered. The principles that undergird LSC are; **collegiality, stewardship, dialogue, discernment, participation and good leadership**.

I aim to have more to say to you about this most important report and its many recommendations, particularly those pertaining to Parishes, in the coming months. I encourage those who can to go the ACBC website to read it. Start with the short **LSC Reading Guide**. Then in the LSC document itself focus on the sections about Parishes and Parish councils/groups, structures and leadership.

This is a good start to engaging our minds and hearts with the ongoing journey of renewal and reform of our Australian Catholic Church. Let's be sure to remember the message of this weekend's Gospel; God is throwing open a wedding feast of joy. Those invited did not bother to accept or come, so God went out to the highways and byways gathering in anyone who wanted to enjoy the free and rich feast of life. If we fail to respond the feast of God's life we just won't be part of it.

*Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.*

## Queensland's COVID Safe Future - Stage 4 ~ Will there be changes in the Parish?

- ◇ COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 has been extended till 11.59pm Thursday 31 December 2020.
- ◇ Public Health *Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No. 7)* issued under this act and effective from 4pm 2 October 2020 continues to require the parish to operate under the **COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland**. <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/approved-industry-covid-safe-plans>
- ◇ As yet the interfaith body responsible for the COVID Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship has not issued any changes, but they are working with the Government to ensure the plan is consistent with Stage 4 requirements.

So at this point the answer to the question is, we have not been informed of any changes. We still are mandated (on risk of a \$6,000 fine or imprisonment) to:

- Direct parishioners to stay home, if they are sick, in self-isolation or quarantine.
- Record attendees in a Contact Tracing Register that includes full name, contact number, address, date and time.
- Adhere to a maximum capacity based on 4m<sup>2</sup> per person present (105 in St Joseph's and 66 in Christ the King) and keep to the social distancing rule of 1.5m between households.
- Maintain good hygiene practices – cleaning the churches after every Mass, handwashing/sanitising, not having hymn books etc. (See our *Daily Checklist* on the church noticeboard.)
- Provide volunteers with adequate information about changes in tasks and practices.

However we all know things can change very quickly, and the office staff are doing their level best to react promptly to Health Directions.

**Meeting of Marshals.** - Thank you to all who have taken on this important role. We are holding an informative organisational meeting to help all Marshals navigate through any challenges and to have an opportunity to seek clarity and ask questions. We will be meeting on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October in St Joseph's Church** (enter via the front door) **to register at 6.45pm and to start at 7.00pm.** (This meeting is replacing the Ministers of the Word Annual Meeting, previously noted in the Parish Calendar.)

### More from "The Common Good in a COVID World"... A statement by Catholic Bishops of Queensland for the 2020 State Election

One of the key principles of Catholic social teaching is a preference for the **poor and vulnerable**. The greater the needs of people, the greater the responsibility we have to respond to their needs. Clearly this includes people who are **homeless** or struggling to keep a roof over their heads. It also includes others who are victims of violence and exclusion, particularly people like the **survivors of child sexual abuse** to whom we must offer care and support in every way possible.

In a time of affliction like this, many families and individuals are struggling to **make ends meet**. The dignity of employment is a key aim, but that's not always possible for people facing a myriad of challenges. Charities, including Catholic agencies, make an enormous contribution by providing community support for people facing hard times like these. This will be especially true once Jobkeeper and other forms of government assistance cease.

We acknowledge the particular challenge of helping regional, rural and remote Queenslanders to access adequate **health care**, ensuring there's better transparency of out-of-pocket fees and making sure all patients enjoy access to the medical treatment they need, regardless of their insurance status.

Queensland has a long and proud tradition of **Catholic schooling**, with more than 150,000 students in 300 Catholic schools across the State. The Catholic Church is Queensland's second-largest provider of schooling, and our schools are a vital part of their local communities. The Church campaigns strongly for funding because we want to give students, particularly disadvantaged students, the best education and support we can.

We ask for a renewed urgency to the commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous Queenslanders and the rest of the population. This is a running sore at the heart of the State. Through our agencies, the Church plays a critical role in working with Indigenous peoples in health, education and welfare. But **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples** continue to suffer grave disadvantage and should not have to keep waiting for justice. Now is the time to act. But to act in a way that makes a real difference will require some lateral thinking.

To recognise human dignity is to value the lives of all people, including those at the beginning and the end of life. **Euthanasia and assisted suicide** puts some of the most vulnerable people in our community at risk by endorsing – even in law – the judgement that some people's lives are no longer of value. The State Government needs to provide better funding and resourcing for palliative care so that all Queenslanders have access, not just the few. Access to **palliative care** for older Queenslanders receiving aged care, especially in regional and rural settings, is a critical area of need. This urgent need is highlighted at a time when there is pressure to legislate for euthanasia in the State parliament. There is a dark irony in this at a time when the shadow of death looms over us at this particular time of crisis and the Government's target of halving suicide rates in Queensland by 2026.

Governments must also provide for sustainable aged care services, continue to improve the quality regulatory framework in **aged care** and provide older people and their families with choice and control over the services they receive.

More from the Queensland Bishops' Statement "The Common Good in a COVID World" will be printed weekly in the lead up to the State election. **To read the full statement now go to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/catholic-bishops-queensland-election-statement>**

### When at Mass:

- Remember to always be socially distanced.
- Do not sit in the roped off pews.
- Do not use the roped off pews for your coats, purses, phones, keys etc.
- People from the same household may sit together. Other attendees must be socially distanced by 1.5m.

**It is essential that you register to attend any Mass** (especially the Sunday Masses) via the parish website. If you do not have the resources to register on-line, please contact us on 3379 1534.

It will help our efficiency if you are able book for weekend Masses prior to 3pm on Friday afternoons. Bookings with fabricated or false addresses/contacts, or inappropriate comments will be withdrawn.

### The following guidelines remain in place:

- If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and participate in Mass on-line via the Cathedral website;
- Social distancing of 1.5m entering Mass, during Mass, whilst in the Communion procession, and when leaving;
- Hand hygiene (sanitising your hands when entering the church and when exiting);
- Respiratory hygiene (coughing or sneezing into elbow);
- The number of people in our churches at any one time must be strictly adhered to.
- We are currently allowed to welcome 105 people at Corinda and 66 people at Graceville.

***“The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek...”***

### **Sunday 18th October is World Mission Day and the Annual Catholic Mission Appeal.**

There are a lot of references to food and banquets in the texts that form today's Liturgy of the Word. From the first reading's reference to "rich food, a banquet of fine wines", through to the Responsorial Psalm's assurance that the Lord "has prepared a banquet for me/in the sight of my foes", and the famous parable of the wedding feast, told by Jesus – we are a Church which gathers for spiritual nourishment and we are a Church called to bring practical sustenance to those in need. From these moments of 'coming together', we are fed in order to then go forth and share what we have with others. One of the ways available for us, as Catholics, is to support the missionary work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, of which Catholic Mission is a part. During October, we ask for your prayerful and financial contributions. You can send a text to the following mobile number (the rest of the process is quite simple) 0488 854 436 (enter your parish name in the notes), by donating online at [catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or by using the appeal envelopes that will be made available on World Mission Sunday, next weekend 17 /18 October. In anticipation for all the ways you will help "wipe the tears from every cheek", we give thanks.

### **DYING PEACEFULLY—NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY**

We need to tread lightly and carefully in making laws about end of life.

We must be careful not to cause more suffering under the illusion that we are ending it.

Legislation around euthanasia or voluntary assisted dying will be considered in Queensland early next year, so this is an important issue to consider as we prepare for the state election on October 31.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life visit

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>



*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Fraser Ainsworth, Maureen Atkins, Ron Atkins, Jan Baker, Fleur Bennell, Alannah Berman, Alan Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Beryl Clark, Carmel Cole, Lina Daddow, Stephen Daddow, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Robyn Dodd, Trevor Fanton, Chris Ferguson, Jack Gabler, Fr Gianni ofm, Rudolf Giebels, Nash Giles, Gerard Gillespie, Carl Girgenti, Kendall Hammond, Pam Harding, Charlie Hardy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Michael Hogan, Cedric Holland, Anne-Marie Hollier, Mark Inman, Monica Lampe, The Lip Family, Anthony Lupi, Derek MacLean, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Colin McLeod, Maureen McNamara, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Fr Ron Mollison, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Joyce O'Brien, Sr Valerian O'Brien olsh, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Rebecca Pullin, Dawn Punter, Carmel Radford, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Mary Shand, Maria Smargiassi, Lea Tate, Philomena Van Brunschett, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Roseen Wode, Frank Zubeldia, and all suffering from COVID-19.

*We pray for all of our parishioners living in aged care facilities.*

*May the recently deceased rest in peace:* Brian Tinniswodd, June Jones, Mary Bourke, Kelvyn Potts, Ken Blanch

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Reg Angwin. Kath Angwin, Jacqueline McArthur, Betty Cannon, Bernard Wilson, Keith Cross, Eric Attwood, Marjorie Evelyn Egert, Reginald Egert, Wal Percival, Pat Ahearn, Kitty Barron, Norma Kirsopp, Mollie Rollo, Roslyn McEniery, Ted Dunne, Neil McGuire, Shirley Scott, Larry Burgin, Sr Margaret Fahey olsh



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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	5.30 pm	St Joseph's
Sunday	8.00 am	St Joseph's
	9.30 am	Christ the King
	6.00 pm	Christ the King

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	St Joseph's
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Other times by appointment.

### 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

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 11 OCT	28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
MON, 12 OCT	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
TUE, 13 OCT	Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
WED 14 OCT	St Callistus - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
THU, 15 OCT	St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor of the church - <i>Memorial</i> Eph: 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54 (Alt. Rom 8:22-27; Jn 15:1-8)
FRI, 16 OCT	St Hedwig, religious - <i>Optional Memorial</i> St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
SAT, 17 OCT	St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr - <i>Memorial</i> Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12 (Alt. Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Jn 12:24-26)

#### TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 18 OCT	29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21
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### BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE - OCTOBER 20

Queensland Churches Together and Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism & Inter-religious Relations invite you to the Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture on **Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 7.30pm.**

This lecture is being conducted by Zoom rather than in person. The speaker is to be Dr Sara Gehlin from the Faculty of Theology at the University of Helsinki in Finland. She is the author of "Pathways for Theology in Peacebuilding: Ecumenical Approaches to Just Peace". Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpc-2trD0sHdRt8STiyhSFjsCirnGpl9Fr> or email: Jackie at [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### DYING PEACEFULLY—NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY

When it comes to end of life, it's important for everyone to discuss their wishes in terms of care and their desire for interventions and to have this documented in an advanced care plan.

Everyone should have access to quality palliative care.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of- life and the need for quality palliative care, rather than 'assisting dying' visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>

Care first



### HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for God is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear: Brothers and sisters, draw near,  
Praise God in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love will befriend us.
3. Praise to the Lord O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen!" Sound from God's people again  
Gladly with praise we adore him!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 23: I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD"

*Response:* I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

COMMUNION: "TABLE OF PLENTY"

*Refrain:* Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
Here at the table of plenty.

SENDING FORTH: "GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD"

*Refrain:* Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him  
who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
in ev'ry heart that sings.
3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost,  
to answer those who pray.



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