



The Pastor's Pen....

Welcome to the 1st Sunday of Advent, a four week season leading us into the celebration of the Lord's Nativity which we know as Christmas. This is the Year B cycle of readings meaning that for the bulk of the coming twelve months our 'gospel guide' will be St. Mark, supplemented by sections from St. John's Gospel during Easter time.

The 1st Sunday of Advent begins much as the old year ended with Jesus calling on us through Mark's Gospel to "Stay awake" for we do not know when He is coming. Our Church and our faith holds and teaches that **He has come** amongst us, that **He is present** with us now as Crucified and Risen Lord, and that **He will come again**, something we are able to look forward to without any fear.

Nevertheless, as the First Reading expresses, we have to live in the daily realities of this challenging and passing world and this can be hard indeed. We long for God to reveal God's self to us and to the world, for God to "tear the heavens and come down" dwelling with us and bringing us salvation and peace. The writer (Isaiah) acknowledges that we are sinful people often forgetting to invoke God's name and that we have become so self-involved and distracted that we fail to wake ourselves up and catch hold of God when God does come our way. The final image of this reading is consoling; "Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hands." It affirms that all of us are in God's hands whether we remember this truth or not.

St. Paul writes to us again on the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. He urges us to stay strong in the gifts of the Spirit while we wait for the revelation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, reminding us that it is God who has called us and joined us to God's Son, and that God is faithful. Again, a note of consolation and hope.

Advent is all about waking up, focusing our minds, hearts and souls on the coming of the Lord, aware that He has come in human and world history, that He is here coming towards us right now if we will only look and catch hold of Him, and that He will come again to take us home to peace and joy.

Some ideas to arouse and awaken us might be; to come to a weekday Mass during this Advent Season; to approach the Sacrament of Penance/Confession and make a clean breast of our truth to God; to read the daily readings and prayers in our Missal/Mass Book or online where they are readily available; to make a particular effort to support St. Vincent de Paul and it's annual Christmas Appeal and Christmas hamper collection; to visit/phone/write to and renew contacts we've neglected during the past very difficult year that we've all endured; to make a particular point of thanking people we too often take for granted when they help and serve us day in and day out.

Whatever you choose, **do something to stir up your spirit** so that this short, hopeful preparation season of Advent can work its magic and have us well disposed to honour our Lord who was, who is and who will always be the Life of our lives.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

Christmas Masses in Corinda Graceville Parish

Everyone must book to attend Christmas Mass in order to contact trace as per Covid Safe requirements. Please see page 2 for full details

Christmas Eve:

4.00pm St Joseph's Corinda

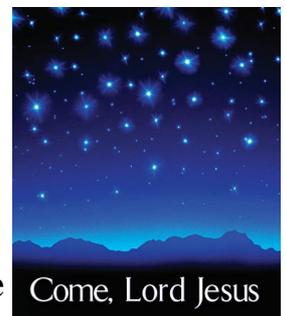
6.00pm St Joseph's Corinda

8.00pm St Joseph's Corinda

Christmas Day

8.00am St Joseph's Corinda

9.30am Christ the King Graceville



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Christmas in Corinda Graceville Parish 2020

After a year of great change, unknowns, ups and downs, separation, lockdowns, anxiety, and loads of new rules to live by, Christmas will be a most welcome celebration commemorating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ into our world and our lives.

Given the current restrictions we have to abide by under the Covid Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship, the parish is planning to celebrate in the best way that we possibly can.

So we all need to plan to celebrate in a way that will be different from previous years. Numbers will be limited at each Mass, **bookings will need to be made to attend Christmas Mass**, marshalling will need to take place and Masses will be celebrated at some different times.

We are planning in the best way possible to allow as many people on site for each Mass, but it will be very different from other years.

We will celebrate the following Masses:

Christmas Eve:

4.00pm St Joseph's Corinda

6.00pm St Joseph's Corinda

8.00pm St Joseph's Corinda

Christmas Day

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Please plan now how you will celebrate Christmas this year, and which Mass time will suit your family best. We wish to spread the number of people evenly over the Masses as we can not accommodate one enormous crowd at 6.00pm, as has been the tradition for many years.

Please go to the parish website <https://www.corindagracevilleparish.org.au/> to book. You will see the normal "Mass Bookings" icon for our regular Masses and a "Christmas Mass Bookings" icon (pictured above) which is what you need to click on to book any of the Christmas Masses. You can only book ONE PERSON at a time, so simply book for each individual member of your family - so that we have a complete contact tracing list.

When booking for St Joseph's you will need to choose to book INSIDE the Church, or UNDERCOVER in the Mall, or OUTSIDE on the lawn. **The place that you book is the place that you must sit at Mass.** It would be very helpful if you print out your ticket and bring it along with you to Mass.

When arriving for Christmas Mass please come 30 minutes early. At St Joseph's Church there will only be one access point to enter the entire church precinct. All will have to enter from Oxley Road, into the main entry of the church. Please traverse safely along the footpath on Oxley Road to the main entry point. There will be no access for the general public at any other point around St Joseph's Church. However, for those with mobility issues, you can safely enter from the Martindale Street driveway, or the covered walkway from the parish carpark. Please note that these access points will only be available for parishioners with mobility needs.

For Christ the King you can only book for inside the Church. Access to Christ the King Church is via the front door only. However the side ramp is available for those with mobility needs.

If you can not access a computer to book, please phone the parish office to book your Mass.

For these Masses to proceed as planned we will need of lots of helpers! We will need many marshals and ushers at each Mass to ensure it is a Covid Safe event. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help at any Mass.

Receiving Communion at Graceville

To ensure that we are Covid Safe, the churches are thoroughly cleaned after each liturgy, so that we can ensure the cleanest of environments for each congregation at each liturgy. So as not to unnecessarily touch pews that others are sitting in, we ask that parishioners seated in the pews against the windows at Graceville, **DO NOT** cross through the centre pews in order to receive Communion. The practice for all those seated in the side pews against the windows is to walk down the side aisle, across the back of the church then proceed up the centre aisle. Please do not traverse through the centre pews.

If you have a disability, the priest will come to you if you make yourself known prior to Mass.

SVDP Christmas Appeal:

This weekend your local St Vincent de Paul conference is conducting our Christmas appeal. For those at one of the parish Masses, envelopes will be available with the newsletter. You can leave your donation in the parish collection baskets at the doors of the churches, any weekend until Christmas. Funds raised will be used to support individuals and families, as government Covid subsidies are reduced, and will also help us support local families with school expenses. Your donation can also be delivered to the Parish Office in an envelope clearly marked SVDP Appeal, with your details if you require a receipt for tax purposes, or posted to the Conference at P.O. Box 97, Corinda. Contributions can also be made direct to our bank account, either on line or at any branch of the Commonwealth bank. **BSB: 064786 Account No: 100026057**



Account Name: SVDP Christ the King and St Josephs Corinda Graceville, using your surname as reference

Christmas Hamper gifts:

This year we will be distributing Christmas hampers and will again ask parishioners to assist by providing gifts for 38 children. In keeping with Parish COVID safe plans, we will not be using Christmas cards, but open slips of card, where the age and gender of the children can be seen without multiple handling of the cards. These cards are near the Sanctuary in each church. Gifts should be wrapped and the card attached to the outside of the parcel. If there are no cards left, you may care to donate to our Christmas appeal, which will assist our companions during the first half of 2021. As hampers are being delivered on 20th December, please return items to the Church by 13th December, or to the Parish office by 16th December.

Christmas cards:

St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards, which keep Christ in Christmas, are available in both churches near the main door, in the area where The Catholic Leader used to be available. Packs are \$3 for eight cards and there is an honesty box for your payment. Cards are also available from the Parish Office during office hours, thanks to the kindness of Michael and Tina.

CWL Ladies Reminder: The CWL Christmas Lunch will be held at the Corinda Tavern on Tuesday 1st December at 12 noon. Please place \$20 in an envelope with your name on it and hand this to the treasurer on the day. If you have any queries please contact Patra on 3379 8653.

ADVENT RETREAT- PARISH CENTRE GRACEVILLE - THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 9am-1pm with the themes of- COMFORT MY PEOPLE, LIVE IN HOPE, LIGHT SHALL SHINE IN THE DARKNESS, PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD! A time of reflection in this special period of waiting and preparation, especially leading into the final week of Advent, where our preparation intensifies and our celebration draws ever near. A time to climb God's holy mountain and be with Him, reflecting on His promises, His call and His desire to empower us to be prophets of hope in our time, beacons of light shining in the darkness and turmoil around us. To be Covid safe the maximum number 15, and you will need to bring your own drinks and morning tea please. Cost \$10.00. RSVP to Anne Delsorte at delsorte@bigpond.net.au

Local Safeguarding Representative Job Vacancy: After four years of ensuring that Corinda Graceville Parish is a safe place for our children and vulnerable adults, and making sure that the parish is compliant in all areas of Safeguarding, Rachel Carr is leaving her role as Local Safeguarding Representative at the end of the year. The parish will soon be advertising this casual position in the next week. If you are interested in the role please submit an expression of interest to the parish office. We are immensely grateful to Rachel for all that she has established and for all her hard work and diligence over the past four years.

Working Bee at St Joseph's from 7am to 10am on Saturday 19th December. Please come along and help mulch and prepare the church gardens for Christmas. You can come any time between 7am and 10am. Please bring your own water, sunscreen, hat, garden gloves and wear closed in shoes. If you are able please also bring shovels, rakes or wheelbarrows.

Break Open the Word: Copies are now available for the new liturgical year. Please collect your copy near the picture of Mary MacKillop in each church (and place payment in the tin provided) or at the Parish office during the week. This book is essential for the preparation of Ministers of the Word. 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, Maureen Atkins, Ron Atkins, Fleur Bennell, Alannah Berman, Alan Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Beryl Clark, Tony Condon, Anne Crossin, Lina Daddow, Stephen Daddow, Anne-Marie Deschamps, Robyn Dodd, Emilia Dow, Trevor Fanton, Chris Ferguson, Carol Finchman, Jack Gabler, Fr Gianni ofm, Rudolf Giebels, Nash Giles, Gerard Gillespie, Kendall Hammond, Pam Harding, Charlie Hardy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Michael Hogan, Cedric Holland, Anne-Marie Hollier, Margaret Holynski, 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, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Rebecca Pullin, Dawn Punter, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Mary Shand, Maria Smargiassi, Lea Tate, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Philomena Van Brunschett, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Margaret White, Roseen Wode, Frank Zubeldia, & all suffering from COVID-19.

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

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Peter Doyle

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Leonard Kehoe, Ken Selinger, Hesper McCourt, Darcy Howe, Margaret Murphy, Elizabeth Lynch, Ken Esdale, Norman Hill, Ray Bull, Des & Peg Fitzgerald, Vincent Hall, Ronald Attwood, Richard Crist, Audrey Steinitz, Shea Tristan Lange, Helena Czekierda, Joseph Czerkierda, Janina Kuzba, Helen Tatchell, Dominic Trinh Can, Anna Doan Nguyen, Anna Pham Tan, Duy Khanh Pham. *We pray for all those recorded on the parish memorial cards.*



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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

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)

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 29 NOV FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
 Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
 MON, 30 NOV St Andrew, apostle - *Feast*
 Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 TUE, 1 DEC Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 WED 2 DEC Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37
 THU, 3 DEC St Francis Xavier, priest - *Memorial*
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 (Alt. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 16:15-20)
 FRI, 4 DEC St John Damascene, priest, doctor of the church
 - *Optional Memorial*
 Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane, 1989
 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 SAT, 5 DEC Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
 SUN, 6 DEC SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Parish Calendar 2021

All Parish groups are invited to submit your meeting / event dates for the 2021 Parish Calendar to Michael at the parish office as soon as possible. We know that it is very hard to plan, but we still wish to produce the parish calendar as best we can for next year.

A VOCATION VIEW: It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544 or email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au or visit



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

7pm Wednesday
 16th December
 St Joseph's Church

Bookings essential - online or phone the parish office



HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "CITY OF GOD"

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
 A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
 The people in darkness have seen a great light.
 The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God.
 May our tears be turned into dancing!
 For the Lord, our Light and our Love,
 Has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
 The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
 The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
 A light for his people to set their hearts free. (*refrain*)

3. God is Light; in him there is no darkness.
 Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
 O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
 Proclaim to my city the day of her birth. (*refrain*)

PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

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,

[And, striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;

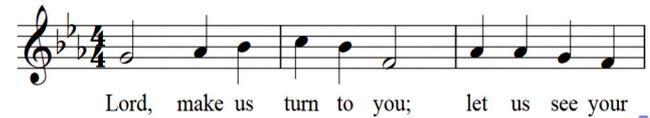
[Then they continue:]

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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 80: LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU"



COMMUNION: "BREAD OF LIFE, HOPE OF THE WORLD"

Refrain: Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother:
 feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

SENDING FORTH:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"

Your light will come, Jerusalem;
 for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,
 and all nations will walk in your light,
 alleluia, alleluia.



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