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The Pastor's Pen....

Each of the four Gospels are a collection of stories and teachings taken from the life of Jesus that were then woven together by the Gospel writer so as to tell us not only the story of Jesus' life but much more importantly the meaning of His life and who He is for us right now. Like any story or collection of stories, we can tell a lot about them by how they begin and end.

Sts. Matthew and Luke begin with some history about the family tree of Joseph (Matthew) and Mary (Luke) respectively. Next, they tell us about Jesus' conception, birth and a few stories of His early years. Matthew ends with some resurrection appearances of the Lord, our mission to the world and the promise that the Lord will be with us always, even to the end of time. Luke ends in a not dissimilar way, adding the Ascension of Jesus. Luke will continue his story with that of the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Church in his Acts of the Apostles.

St. John is completely different, beginning with a 'high theology' where Jesus is the Eternal Son and Living Word dwelling in oneness with God before being sent into the world to complete its and our salvation. John ends with some resurrection appearances, the gifting of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and their empowerment to forgive and teach in Jesus' name.

St. Mark, our 'gospel guide' for the next 12 months, is very different. His is the earliest Gospel text that we have, written around 67-70AD. We say that the form of literature which we call a 'gospel' was invented by St. Mark as nothing quite like it had existed before him. Mark ends his Gospel abruptly with three women running away from the empty tomb and the vision of Angels, in great fear, telling no one about the resurrection because they were so afraid. This is a little bait set for us by Mark because (obviously) they (or someone) must have said something since we have come to believe on the testimony of witnesses to the resurrection. The 'bait' that Mark sets is trying to get us (the reader/listener) to ask ourselves; Then how did I come to believe in the Risen Lord if the witnesses said nothing? It gets us to ponder how we came to faith and our Christian mission today.

As we'll hear this weekend Mark begins his Gospel just as abruptly. He tells us nothing about Jesus' family tree, his conception, birth or early childhood years. Instead he simply writes this; **The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.** He then goes on to tell us about John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness and how Jesus came as a grown man to John at the Jordan River in order to be baptised. But, what a sentence to kick off Mark's story! It tells us in only thirteen words that Jesus of Nazareth truly is the Christ, the chosen, promised, anointed and sent one from God and that He really is the Son of God, adding that this is all Good News for us, the very meaning of our word 'gospel'.

This is how we commence our New Year with St. Mark. Jesus is coming towards the Jordan River and we hear John the Baptist saying that a more powerful One than he is coming and that he is not fit to bend down and undo the strap of His sandal. He, John, baptises with water only, but the coming One will baptise us with the Holy Spirit of the Living God.

Isaiah foretells of this time, saying that we should get our lives in order for His arrival. We are to straighten out the roads and level the ground into a highway for our God. This is our Advent work, a work that is a joy to do as we prepare for the shepherd who will guide and guard us on our journey through this life and into the next world and a new way of living.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

Corinda Graceville Parish Advent Penance Prayer Service.

You are invited to heed the words of Isaiah and of John the Baptist by coming to our Parish Penance prayer and reflection service on **Wednesday evening 16th December, at St. Joseph's Church at 7.00pm** for about 30 minutes. Through song, prayer, reflection and signs of repentance we will seek God's forgiveness and healing in our lives and within our community. We will in this way better prepare for the coming of the Lord and the celebration of His nativity at Christmas.



Christmas Mass

After an unprecedented year, this year, more than ever, we need to celebrate Christmas with our families, friends and parish community.

Christmas in Corinda Graceville Parish will be a little different to previous years:

- Mass times are different this year (see below).
- Numbers are restricted, but there are **five Christmas Masses so there is room for everyone** if we spread the load. Traditionally 6pm Christmas Eve is an enormous Mass. We cannot have everyone attending 6pm - we need to spread the crowd across all Masses.
- **You will need to book to attend Mass** via parish website www.corindagracevilleparish.org.au Click on the "Christmas Mass Bookings" icon as pictured below.
- **You must book each person individually and complete all contact details for each individual person** – even babies in arms! This is so that we have an accurate and complete list for contact tracing purposes.
- **When booking for Mass at St Joseph's Church** 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.** Please print out your tickets and bring them 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 grounds.** 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.
- Those with mobility issues, 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 Church** 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.
- **Please remain socially distanced.** Each family unit must be 1.5m away from other families, when queuing at the entry, when on site for Mass, when receiving Communion, and when leaving.
- **Hand sanitiser** will be available.
- Bookings for all Christmas Masses will close at 9am on Wednesday 23rd December (and may close earlier if the Mass is fully booked)
- The parish is operating under a Covid Safe Industry Plan for Places of Worship.

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

8.00am St Joseph's Corinda

9.30am Christ the King Graceville



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 which is what you need to click on to book any of the Christmas Masses.

If you cannot 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.

Musical devotion: Fifty years ago, on Sunday morning 6th December 1970 parishioners in St Joseph's Church heard the magnificent organ playing of a young and dedicated musician, Elaine Keogh, for the very first time. Fifty years later, our parish is blessed to have Elaine playing the organ so beautifully at so many of our parish liturgies over all of these decades. Elaine's exceptional talent has helped us worship throughout every aspect of our lives of faith, at Baptisms, Weddings, First Communions, Confirmations, Funerals, School liturgies, Easter and Christmas, Sundays and weekdays, with choirs and ensembles, with the youth and with the not so youthful, and everything other kind of celebration, year in and year out. It is with profound gratitude that the entire parish community thanks Elaine for her most dedicated and talented musical ministry which has supported and enlivened our liturgies and indeed our lives.

At the St Vincent de Paul Christmas party, hosted for us by our supporters at the Sherwood Services club, Honorary Associate Life Membership certificates and badges were presented to Margaret Kelso and Brian Mealey. This followed a similar presentation at Canossa last month for Adam Morrison. Between them these wonderful Vincentians have given almost 150 years of service through the society, and are wonderful role models for current members. We thank them for their dedication.

Many thanks to those who have already supported the **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**. Your assistance will enable us to continue helping locals who are doing it tough at the moment. It is not too late to support the appeal, with donations to our bank account being possible either on line or at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank: **BSB: 064786 Account No: 100026057: Account Name: SVDP Christ the King and St Joseph's Corinda Graceville, using your surname as a reference**. Alternatively you can place your donation in an envelope marked SVDP Christmas Appeal, and return it via the Parish collection plates in the Churches, or by dropping it to the Parish office. Donations can also be posted to the conference address, P.O. Box 97 Corinda.



Thanks for taking home gifting cards for children in families receiving Christmas hampers. When you have purchased a suitable gift for the child described on your card, please wrap the present, affix the card to the outside, and leave it either in one of our **churches** by **SUNDAY 13th**, or to the **parish office** by **Wednesday 16th** December. Hampers will be delivered on 20th December.

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 is 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. 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 of 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: Matthew Young, Max Barton, Tim McManus

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Colin Doherty, Dawn Thorpe, Jenny Marshall, Keith Shand, Shirley Dobson, John McNamara, Maria Hanh Thi Hoang, Leonard Kehoe, Ken Selinger, Hesper McCourt, Darcy Howe, Margaret Murphy, Elizabeth Lynch, Ken Esdale, Norman Hill



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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)

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
MON, 7 DEC	St Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the church - <i>Memorial</i> Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26 (Alt. Eph 3:8-12; Jn 10:11-16)
TUE, 8 DEC	The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - <i>Solemnity</i> Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
WED 9 DEC	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
THU, 10 DEC	Our Lady of Loreto - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
FRI, 11 DEC	St Damasus I, pope - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
SAT, 12 DEC	Our Lady of Guadalupe - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 13 DEC	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

7pm Wednesday
16th December
St Joseph's Church



Bookings essential - online or phone the parish office

Invitation to Christmas Lunch at Kingsford Terrace Retirement Village

St Joseph's and Christ the King Churches are invited to enjoy a complimentary festive Christmas Lunch at Kingsford Terrace Retirement Village.

Traditional Christmas fare will be served by our fabulous chef – we look forward to spreading the cheer at this wonderful time of the year!

Places are limited so please RSVP early! Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

WHEN: 12pm Thursday, 17th December

WHERE: Kingsford Terrace Retirement Village, 260 Cliveden Avenue, Corinda (Parking available on-site)

RSVP: By Thursday, 10th December at kingsfordterrace.com.au/christmas or by calling 3716 0804

COST: Lunch is courtesy of Kingsford Terrace Corinda

We look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable & festive afternoon.

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "EVERY VALLEY"

Refrain: Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
and ev'ry hill made low.
And all God's people shall see together
the glory of the Lord.

1. A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God." (Refrain)
2. Comfort all my people;
the time for war is gone.
The blind shall see; the deaf shall hear;
the lame shall leap for joy. (Refrain)
3. Stand upon the mountain top;
lift up your voice to the world.
Sing joyfully Jerusalem;
behold, behold your God. (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 85: LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS"

Refrain: Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

COMMUNION: "LIKE A SHEPHERD"

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

SENDING FORTH:

"YOUR LIGHT WILL COME, JERUSALEM"

Refrain: 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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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.