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*The Pastor's Pen....*

As I write this on Tuesday afternoon 29th June we, the people of Brisbane, surrounding Local Government Areas up to Noosa and the Townsville LGA are about to enter yet another lockdown for three days and nights, our traditional time for rebirth from death into life.

This is happening because of the 'Delta' variant of the Covid virus, which is more virulent and vicious than other variants. Who knows if 6.00pm this Friday evening, 2nd July will see us come out of this lockdown or if it will be extended. The focus of this (and other lockdowns) is to protect and save lives and prevent the collapse of our health care systems such as we have seen and are seeing in other countries.

Let's remember a couple of things to keep matters clear. Viruses have no brains, no plans, no feelings. They are spread by people, replicate in people and mutate in people as they spread. Stopping their spread stops them replicating and mutating. Nature creates viruses. Politicians and leaders create pandemics both by commission and by omission. The only way out of this pandemic is wide spread vaccination; 80%+ vaccinated would be ideal. Like the Flu, booster vaccinations will be needed in months and years to come.

So, this Tuesday afternoon (29th June) being the Solemnity of the great apostles Sts. Peter and Paul, has me thinking about our way forward. Our challenges are certainly not as great as those two witnesses and martyrs encountered. Our challenges, though, are ours to carry, cope with, get through and resolve for the common good.

Below are the words of Pope Francis who has lived through the awfulness of this pandemic with us from Italy, one of the worst places affected by this plague. He said these words when preparing to meet Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople who travelled to Rome to celebrate the two Apostles and Patrons of the Eternal City.

As is his style and nature, Pope Francis speaks both pastorally and prophetically at the same time. As it was with Jesus (see this weekend's Gospel text; Mark 6:1-6) this doesn't always win immediate acceptance, but the truth and wisdom of what is said lasts because it is said in God.

Whatever is to be for us over the next few days and maybe weeks, the future is with God. Our part is to humbly listen, to learn from what we notice, changing our ways and actions according to the light and Spirit we are receiving.

You are always in my heart and prayers as, I trust, I am in yours.

*Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.*

**Pandemic a lesson in humility: Pope Francis**

Ahead of last Tuesday's feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Pope Francis said the COVID-19 pandemic is a "lesson in humility", as he warned the world against "senseless notion" that life can go back to what it was.

The Pope made the comments as he welcomed a delegation from Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew I of Constantinople, who were in Rome this week to celebrate the feast of the patrons of Rome. Pope Francis urged Orthodox and Catholic faithful to not "squander" the "dramatic crisis" caused by the pandemic.

The "scourge" of the pandemic, the Pope said in his remarks, "has tested everyone and everything. Only one thing is more serious than this crisis, and that is the risk that we will squander it, and not learn the lesson it teaches. It is a lesson in humility, showing us that it is not possible to live healthy lives in an unhealthy world, or to go on as we were, without recognising what went wrong."

Pope Francis also warned against the "senseless notion" that the world can go back to what it was, relying on "false securities, habits and projects that aim exclusively at pursuing wealth and personal interests, while failing to respond to global injustice, the cry of the poor and the precarious health of our planet."

Christians too, he said, are called to reflect on whether "we want to go back to doing what we did before," as if the pandemic had not happened. According to the Pope, the present crisis is an invitation to "distinguish, discern and sift" between what is enduring and what is passing.

The time has come, he said, for Christians working towards full communion to give further impetus to their efforts to break down "ancient prejudices and definitively overcome harmful rivalries".

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday ~ Heal Country

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly.

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the Yuggera and Toorbul peoples who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

This year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – Heal Country. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Today's Gospel is very fitting because St. Mark tells us of Jesus returning to his 'native place' – Nazareth – to a non-accepting, hostile reaction. Jesus had been welcomed and revered in other places, why is it that he is mocked and disregarded in his own home? "Is he not the carpenter?" the crowd called because they saw him as "without honour" and were unable to believe in him. He did not fit into their ideological view and thus did not deserve respect in their eyes.

In Australia, our own First Nations people have suffered a similar reception to Jesus in Nazareth. Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over millennia, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world of today. This could not be further from the truth, particularly as we become more aware of their continued care, love, and respect for 'country', grounded in a relationship with the creator that formed independently of Western influence.

2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence.

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, a respected Ngangiwumirr Elder, artist and 2021 Senior Australian of the year explains the importance of listening and understanding the silence: *"My people today, recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator."*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are inextricably connected to country in Australia and its waters. This connection to country and all of God's creation is core to their spirituality as a people and that of their ancestors. The term itself – Country – encompasses far more than the physical land. *"For us, Country is a word for all the values, places, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features. It describes the entirety of our ancestral domains."*

Deacon Boniface Perdjert, who was both Australia's first permanent Deacon and first Aboriginal Deacon clearly expressed the translational role that 'country' or nature plays bringing together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture and Catholic faith: *"We like the way he uses the things of nature to teach, and the important part nature plays in the Sacraments"*

Deacon Boniface specifically mentions sacraments, because to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, all elements of life are sacramental. The gifts of God are evident and intertwined into every aspect of life, not just on Sundays, or when convenient. First Australian's are called to be stewards of creation, to care for and watch over their gift, and this responsibility is intrinsic to their belief systems. Many Language groups assign a Totem (a natural object, plant or animal) to a child at birth. This totem defines the responsibility of care between individuals and with creation itself. It is intrinsic and it is core to their survival and relationships.

For Catholics, the Eucharist itself is a foundational sacramental reality in which natural elements—grain and grapes—symbolise not only our lives but also Jesus and his presence today. In those natural elements and through the Eucharistic prayer, Christ is truly present to us. These elements display the abundance provided by the Creator to sustain us, both physically and spiritually. It is a very natural and familiar 'ritual' to First Nations Peoples because it combines the elements of life with a greater being. It brings all aspects of life together.

Because of the connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people recognise between country, faith and the wellbeing, it is no surprise that when the world is in pain, Australia's First Peoples are in pain. During the COVID 19 Pandemic, many of the trappings of Western life became impossible. The rivers were calm and clear from the absence of boats, the cities were quiet and still as restrictions took hold. We saw images of animals returning to previous habitats, and the smog clearing from above cities across the world as our common home took a 'breath' from our constant consumerism and drive for development.

On this special Sunday, a day where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous Catholics come together and sit side by side we should acknowledge that we are united in a fight to save God's creation. It is one we cannot fight alone. We must combine the knowledge of First Australians with the technology borne of Western culture to ensure that future generations shall have the opportunity to experience the gifts of God's creation as intended.

Again, today's Gospel also speaks of the need for faith and acceptance to enable gifts to be shared. St. Mark says "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them." Without faith, Jesus knew his miracles would not be accepted as such. This teaches us that we must have trust and faith to truly accept the wonders of God. To sit, talk, and listen is the first step towards acceptance and understanding. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have longed to share their knowledge and wisdom about the seasons, animals, and flora, but until we, as a society and a country are receptive, their contribution goes unappreciated and unutilised.

The more we share with each other, the more we realise that as humans, we have more similarities than differences. The differences between our cultures should not be seen as weaknesses, for they can also be where our strengths lie. Embracing these differences is an aspect of inculturation. Christian faith must find appropriate expression in each culture—that is what is meant by inculturation. Pope Francis, in his exhortation *Beloved Amazonia* says: *"Inculturation elevates and fulfills. Certainly, we should esteem the indigenous mysticism that sees the interconnection and interdependence of the whole of creation, the mysticism of gratuitousness that loves life as a gift, the mysticism of a sacred wonder before nature and all its forms of life."*

Let us move forwards as a united people in Christ, committed to embracing the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge to not only Heal Country, but to Heal our relationships with one another, and in doing so our creators' gifts to us all – this world.

## Covid Safe Requirements at Church

As of the time of printing we are unsure of the numbers that will be allowed to attend celebrations at church. However, what we do know is that the **“Check In Qld App”** becomes mandatory next week.

- **We will be introducing the “Check In Qld App” at all Masses, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings from Monday 5th July.**
- **For those who own a smart phone please bring your phone with you to church. Have it switched on when you arrive at church.** Please see instructions below on how to get the “Check In Qld App” on your phone.
- Please use the **“Check In Qld App”** by scanning the QR code as you approach the church entrance.
- **You will need to show the marshal that you have checked in on your phone** before entering the church. You will also need to advise the marshal how many people you have checked in on your app that day. We still need to be able to tally for the correct numbers allowed at each church.
- **For those who do not have a smart phone, that's ok - we can still get you into church.** You will need to approach the marshal and advise them that you are not able to use the app and then give the marshal your name, address and phone number. The marshal will encode this on an ipad onto the **Check In Qld** site on your behalf.
- The use of the **“Check In Qld App”** is now **mandatory for Places of Worship**, whether it be via your own device or via a parish owned device. We can no longer use paper lists or online booking.

### **Please remember your Covid Safe practices at church:**

- **Come early to Mass** so that everyone can be checked in prior to Mass commencing.
- **Enter the church via the front door only.** You still need to **register your attendance with the marshal** - even if you have used the “Check In Qld App”.
- People in the same household can sit together, but please distance yourself from others who are not in your household. Use all of the church - the side transepts at St Joseph's can often be empty - walk through the church and find a spare place to sit. Remember to use the side pews along the windows at Christ the King too.
- **Importantly you must still keep 1.5 metres between you and others when queuing, entering the church, processing to Communion and leaving the church.**
- **Remember to turn your phone off once you are seated in the church.**
- Please remember that all of our marshals are volunteers - so please be patient.

## **Check in and you're good to go!**

We will be using the **Check In Qld** app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you visit.

All you need to do is:

- ⇒ visit [www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld) for links to download the app from Google Play or Apple App stores
- ⇒ enter your details once when you first open the app
- ⇒ open the app when you next visit us
- ⇒ select 'Check in Now' and scan or enter the code

Using this digital check in means your details will be stored securely by the Queensland Government for 56 days to assist with COVID-19 contact tracing (if needed).

The Check In Qld app is safe, secure and private. By using it, you are helping Queensland to stay open, and you can be contacted quickly and easily if there is any risk of exposure to the virus.

If you need assistance, please see a marshal.



*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Maureen Atkins, Ron Atkins, Alannah Berman, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Beryl Clark, Kevin Clayton, George Cole, Ian Douglas Coles, Edward Crossin, Lina Daddow, June Denham, Robyn Dodd, Emilia Dow, Trevor Fanton, Carol Finchman, Jack Gabler, Fr Gianni ofm, Rudolf Giebels, Nash Giles, Carla Gill, Philomena Green, Kendall Hammond, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Cedric Holland, Anne-Marie Hollier, Margaret Holynski, Mark Inman, Jennifer Lees, Alistair Lees, The Lip Family, Derek MacLean, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Warwick McEvoy, Colin McLeod, Geraldine McLeod, Colleen McMahon, Maureen McNamara, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Emily Perrin, Rebecca Pullin, Dawn Punter, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Mary Shand, Geraldine Slatworthy, George Stanley, Charles Trenear, Geoffrey Trenear, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Philomena Van Brunschett, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Margaret White, Nick Willemsen, Frank Zubeldia, & all suffering from Covid-19. *We remember and pray for all parishioners living in aged care.*

*May the recently deceased rest in peace:* Thomas Doran, Brooke Marsay, Baby Max Marsay, Mike Wren, Jane Dalgarno

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Laurel Ferguson, Anna Tam Thi Pham, Kathleen Milford, Frank Hartigan, Joan Allen, Fred Darch, Eric Baker, Michael Carmody, Patricia Passfield, Duy Pham, Teresita Trisoglio, Kathleen Marie Ahearn, Freda Mahon, Eileen Rosenthal, James Gordon McCormack, Bill Readon, Martha Walker, Heather Hockings, Marjorie Cartwright, Neville Draney, Fr Michael Fallon



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## 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

## 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

## 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 Sundays 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 pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

### FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 4 JUL 14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6  
MON, 5 JUL St Anthony Zaccaria, priest - *Optional Memorial*  
Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26  
TUE, 6 JUL St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr, Patron saint of  
Catholic youth and teenagers - *Optional Memorial*  
Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38  
WED, 7 JUL Bl Peter To Rot, Papua New Guinea martyr - *Optional Memorial*  
Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7  
THU, 8 JUL Gen 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15  
FRI, 9 JUL St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest,  
and companions, martyrs of China - *Optional Memorial*  
Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23  
SAT, 10 JUL Gen 49:29-33, 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33

### FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 4 JUL 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Toorbul peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

### Aboriginal Our Father

You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.  
You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.  
We believe your Word, Father,  
We are Your children, give us bread today.  
We believe Your Word, Father,  
We are Your children, give us bread today.  
We have done wrong, we are sorry,  
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.  
We have done wrong, we are sorry,  
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.  
Others have done wrong to us,  
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.  
Others have done wrong to us,  
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.  
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,  
Save us all from the evil one.  
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,  
Save us all from the Evil One.  
You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.  
You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.



## HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

### GATHERING: "ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"

*Refrain:* All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea,  
has come with justice for the world.

1. Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
the wonders God has done in ev'ry age. (*refrain*)
2. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in your might;  
ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call you Lord. (*refrain*)
3. The Lord has made salvation known,  
faithful to the promises of old.  
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all  
it holds make music before our God! (*refrain*)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 123: OUR EYES ARE FIXED ON THE LORD"



Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, plead-ing for his mer - cy.

### COMMUNION: "PSALM 34: TASTE AND SEE"

*Refrain:* Taste and see, taste and see  
The goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see  
The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

### SENDING FORTH:

"THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL"

*Refrain:* Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,  
yet the love of the Lord will stand  
as a shelter for all who will call upon his name.  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

1. Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
he will not abandon you. (*Refrain*)
2. Should you turn and forsake him,  
he will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from him,  
he will always take you back. (*Refrain*)

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### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*