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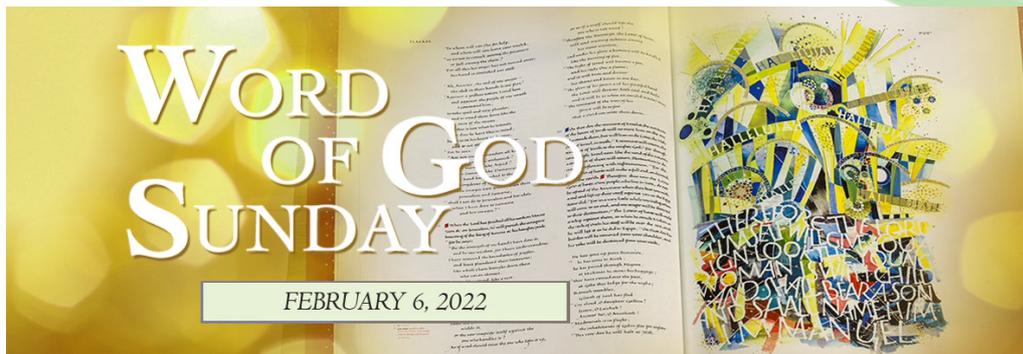
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The Pastor's Pen....

The Australian Catholic Bishops have decided that the first weekend in February each year is when we will honour **Word of God Sunday**. The initiative to have a weekend that specifically calls us to focus on the scriptures and to the person of the Word made flesh which they reveal came from Pope Francis a few years ago. After a little bit of chopping and changing to try to suit our local Australian Summer conditions and holidays this Sunday each year has finally been agreed.

The Second Vatican Council with its many documents and decrees brought the sacred scriptures back into the very centre of Catholic life, prayer and worship, a significant change from practices that had evolved in previous centuries. Not only this, but now the scriptures are read in a sequential and repeated pattern over three years, in the local language (English for us) and they are to form the basis for preaching and teaching at Mass and in all of our public liturgies. For us on Sundays, the Old Testament First Reading is chosen so as to have some link(s) or theme(s) with the Gospel text and message. The Gospel texts are read through in a sequential three year cycle; A=Matthew, B=Mark and C=Luke, and back around again. John's Gospel text is used during Year B because Mark's Gospel is short, as well as in the Lenten and Easter Seasons.

The Second Reading from the Epistles/Letters from St. Paul and some of the other Apostles, are read through from beginning to end. Sometimes they 'connect' to the First Reading and the Gospel text, and sometimes not. Presently we are nearing the end of hearing from Paul's First Letter to the church at Corinth (First Corinthians). The Psalm, to be sung whenever possible, usually has some thematic link(s) to a key message from the Old Testament First Reading and leads us to the New Testament Gospel text of the day.

What we must remember is that all of these scriptural texts are ancient and revered. Some Old Testament texts go back 3,000 years and even more. The earliest New Testament writings, the Letters of St. Paul, were penned around 50-60 AD and the Gospel texts come to us from around 60-100 AD. These writings have been treasured for millennia and continue to be an authoritative witness to and voice from God. The scriptures contain many forms of literature; stories, poems, songs, prayers, wise sayings and teachings, letters, laws, personal experiences and ancient myths explaining the human condition. As we learn to better value the stories and writings of other ancient peoples and seek to understand them, their culture and world-view, so we must do the same with the many texts and styles that make up our Bible. This means reading, praying, studying and gradually, with determination and focus, deepening our understanding of both the texts themselves and above all else, what God is saying and revealing to us through these holy words.

Over the past 37 years I have written a weekly Pastor's Pen in a faithful effort to try to make the Sunday readings better understood for myself and for my readers. I have always sought to base my preaching on the Scriptures of the day offered by our Church, which holds them dear and keeps them alive. I've tried to link what I've read, studied and prayed over with our times and the events and circumstances of the here and now. Undoubtedly, many times I've fallen short of this goal. Thanks be to God, sometimes I've even managed to hit the target.

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This weekend the Word Himself acts and speaks powerful and effective words from God that call His first disciples to flow in His footsteps. With generosity of spirit those humble fishermen of Galilee left everything behind them in order to walk beside Jesus and learn from Him. Some years after this, Paul was called to do the same. He turned his ways and thinking completely around and became the Apostle to the pagans/the gentiles. Over 600 years before Jesus, the fishermen disciples and St. Paul came on the scene, Isaiah was cleansed and called to speak out God's prophetic word for the people of his time. He humbly accepted, becoming God's voice of warning and of hope, afflicting and challenging the comfortable and powerful and comforting and consoling the afflicted and powerless.

God speaks and calls us still to the same discipleship and the same mission. There is only one question; Are we listening, understanding rightly and humbly accepting God's message and call to us today? Just about everything depends upon which way we answer this question.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.



New Auxiliary Bishop for Brisbane: Pope Francis recently announced that Society of the Divine Word priest Fr Tim Norton will become an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Fr Norton, who was in ministry in Italy, will join Auxiliary Bishop Ken Howell in supporting Archbishop Mark Coleridge in serving the Catholics of Brisbane Archdiocese. Born and raised in Sydney, Fr Norton made his first profession in 1986 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1991. He describes several years of religious formation and priestly ministry in Mexico as “very formative for him”. Since June 2020, Fr Norton has been working full-time with consecrated women and men promoting interculturality, something his order – commonly known as the Divine Word Missionaries or SVDs – are renowned for, including in Australia.

While head of the Australian SVD Province, he worked with Archbishop Coleridge to establish a Divine Word Missionary presence in two parishes. “The SVD are active in the parishes of Inala and Kingston-Marsden, both very multicultural, and therefore places where the SVD confreres do their best work,” he said. Fr Norton also worked with the local St Vincent de Paul Society in arranging for one of the order's properties in Brisbane to serve as a shelter for people fleeing abusive relationships. In almost 40 years of ministry, Fr Norton has also held key roles in Divine Word Missionary seminaries and has spent most of the past eight years in Rome running renewal programs for priests and brothers. He served as vice-president of Catholic Religious Australia from 2008 to 2010, in which capacity he attended meetings of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference as an observer. He said he would bring to his ministry in Brisbane “an intense interest in culture, and the mission of God in the world, whatever shape or form that may take”. Fr Norton spent time before and after priestly ordination living and working with people in Sydney who live on the streets, struggling with mental illness and addiction. He trained as a physiotherapist before entering religious life, and he continues to see that as part of his ministry. Archbishop Coleridge said Fr Norton's appointment was “in some ways surprising”, but said he “brings to the ministry of bishop many gifts and experiences required now more than ever as the whole Church seeks to become more missionary”. “He will make a real contribution not only locally in Brisbane and Queensland but also nationally and internationally”. Fr Norton's Ordination to the Episcopate will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 22nd February 2022, the Feast of the Chair of St Peter.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has recently made the following appointments: Fr Biju Thomas CMI - Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Dymphna's Parish Aspley; Fr John David Chodagiri OMI - Parish Priest of St Eugene's Parish, Burpengary; Fr Meno Basti Devalagama Arachchige OMI - Parish Priest St Oliver Plunkett Parish, Cannon Hill; Fr Gabriel III Chung, from Andong Diocese, South Korea, has been appointed Chaplain to the Korean Catholic Community; Fr Ladu Yanga - Dean of Redland Bayside Deanery; Fr Kevin Smith - Administrator of Regina Caeli Parish, Coorparoo Heights; Fr Neville Yun - Administrator of St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield; Fr Valentine Ejikeme Ntamaka - Associate Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Caloundra; Fr Anthony Chijioke Odionyenfe - Associate Pastor of Living Waters Parish, Caboolture; Fr Dang Ngoc Hai Nguyen OSA - Associate Pastor of Jubilee Catholic Parish; Fr Johny Ouseph Edapulavan CMI - Associate Pastor of Ipswich Catholic Community. Fr Thomas Zaranski has been granted permission to serve on loan to the Military Ordinariate for a period of 6 years. Fr Luau Le OFMCap has joined the Capuchin community at Dutton Park as Director of Postulants. Fr Neil Muir has been appointed Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary. Fr Pius Jones SM has joined the Society of Mary community in Herston. Deacon Tim Shanahan has been appointed as Deacon of Redcliffe Parish as well as ministry in the area of Christian marriage formation. Deacon Gary Stone's appointment as Chaplain to the ex-Service community of South-East Queensland is renewed. Deacon Adrian Eldridge has been appointed Deacon of Nambour Parish as well as ministry in the area of disability service. Deacon Ernesto Villalba Velasquez has been appointed Deacon of New Farm Parish as well as ministry in the area of healing in particular support of exorcism. Deacon El Louie Jimenez has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield. In November Pope Francis appointed Fr Tim Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane. His ordination is proposed for 22 February 2022.

EthicsFinder: a search engine database which features expertly curated content on a range of important ethical, social, cultural and philosophical issues and, in particular, Catholic approaches to these. This free resource is offered to parishioners who would like a reliable, accessible way to explore what the Church teaches on a variety of key issues. EthicsFinder is a free, global, digital resource which will be of immense value to interested parishioners. Try Australian Catholic University's free, digital tool www.ethicsfinder.com

Tonga Disaster Relief: Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga. Call 1800 024 413 toll free, or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> to provide much needed support by donating to the **Pacific Emergency Appeal**.

We, the community of Corinda-Graceville Catholic Parish, acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our parish stands, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

School Resumes: for all of our students at Christ the King and St Joseph's Schools on Monday morning 7th February. Our schools will be operating as safely as possible according to The Queensland Government Back to School 2022 Plan, as well as advice from Brisbane Cath Ed. Any activities held between the school and the parish communities will also be in accordance with all regulations and advice. The safety of all of our parishioners is paramount and the parish has worked very hard over the past two years to ensure all regulations and requirements have been adhered to for the sake of all.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 8am Friday 11th February.

Finance Council Meeting: 7pm Thursday 17th February - Parish Office.

Choir Practice: at this stage it is planned that we will commence choir rehearsals on Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

First Holy Communion Information Night: is planned for Thursday evening 24th February at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church Corinda. This meeting is for parents/guardians of children who have already made the Sacrament of Confirmation and who are choosing to continue their child's sacramental journey.



Date Claimer: ASH WEDNESDAY: A Vigil Mass will be held at 7.00pm on TUESDAY 1st March at St Joseph's Church. Mass on Ash Wednesday morning 2nd March will be held at 8.30am at Christ the King Church.

Baptism ceremonies: continue as planned and as detailed in the parish calendar. Baptism Preparation sessions are held on the first Sunday of month at Christ the King Church at 10.30am (straight after Mass). Baptisms are held at 11am on the second Sunday of the month at St Joseph's Church and at 11am on the fourth Sunday of the month at Christ the King Church. Bookings must be made via the parish office and all paperwork submitted prior to attending the Prep session.



Youth Group and Children's Liturgy of the Word: will recommence as soon as possible. We will determine new commencement dates for both of these activities according to the Omicron situation and Covid regulations as we move forward in next couple of weeks.



St Vincent de Paul: Your local St Vincent de Paul conference provides support to people within our parish area who are struggling. We have been able to reach out on about 250 occasions so far this financial year, providing over \$30,000 worth of assistance. In making visits and establishing a relationship with our companions, we are able to better understand their needs, and it is this personal relationship which is an important component of the support we provide.

For those who are surviving on Centrelink income, payment of an electricity account or a vehicle registration bill can be enough to leave them unable to afford groceries, so supermarket vouchers are welcome. At this time of year, school expenses can be difficult for local families, and this is another area where we can reach out. We have also paid bills for those unable to meet payment deadlines, and have encouraged companions in setting up payment plans. On a number of occasions, we have met rental payments, keeping people in their dwellings as they went through a time of unplanned expenses, and have also helped with temporary accommodation for those escaping domestic violence. Recently we were able to purchase beds for a refugee family who had been sleeping on the floor.

It is at times like these that we realise how appreciative we are of your support, knowing that we are able to step in because you have donated to our conference. So thank you again, and be assured that your donation is well used. Your kindness is much appreciated, not only by us, but also by those we assist. If you are interested in joining SVDP, please email us at ctksj4075@svdpgld.org.au and a conference member will contact you with information.

Synod 2021-2023: In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme "**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**". Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together), a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod Themes and sharing your story. Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Please remember your Covid Safe practices at church:

- **Check in with the Qld Check In App or at the Marshal's desk.**
- **Masks are mandatory.**
- **Enter the church via the front door only.**
- **Use Hand Sanitiser upon entering and leaving the church.**
- **Social Distance - Keep 1.5 metres between you and others when entering the church, processing to Communion and leaving the church.**

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ron Atkins, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Jairo Cifuentes, Beryl Clark, George Cole, June Denham, Ian Douglas Coles, Maureen Doherty, Nash Giles, Carla Gill, Philomena Green, Bob & Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Ryan Lange, Gordon & Neil McCormack, Jack McLaughlin, Geraldine McLeod, Maureen McNamara, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Adam & Monica Morrison, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Shelly Parer, Dawn Punter, Sr Bernadetta Robinson Olsh, Mary Shand, Tony Stark, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Geoffrey Treneer, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemsen, Frank Zubeldia. We pray for all who are suffering from Covid19. We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Concetta Bambino, George Fitz-Walter and for all those who have died from Covid19

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rita Mortiss, David McKeon, Bernadette Burton, James Carmody, Jean Wheatland, Sima Sulaimani, Vincent Son Vau Vu, Peter & Maria, John Ahearn, Brian Ahearn, Desmond Campbell, Brian Claffey, Ann Sellars, John Staunton

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)

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 6 FEB 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

MON, 7 FEB 1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

TUE, 8 FEB St Jerome Emiliani, patron saint of orphans and abandoned children - *Optional Memorial*
St Josephine Bakhita, virgin, patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking - *Optional Memorial*
1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

WED, 9 FEB 1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

THU, 10 FEB St Scholastica, virgin, martyr, twin sister of St Benedict - *Memorial*
1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

FRI, 11 FEB Our Lady of Lourdes, patron saint of bodily ills - *Optional Memorial*
World Day of Prayer for the Sick
1 Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

SAT, 12 FEB 1 Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 13 FEB 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has designated 8th February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan, into a well respected, comfortable and loving family. However, at about eight years old, Josephine was kidnapped by slave traders, who forced her into slavery. This time was so traumatic that Josephine forgot her own name, so she took one given to her by one of the slave traders, Bakhita, which is Arabic for "lucky".

Josephine's final owner was an Italian diplomat, and so began her journey from slavery to freedom. Whilst her owner did business in the Middle East, she stayed in Italy with the Canossian Sisters, working as a nanny. During this time, Josephine came to know Jesus; she recognised that true freedom and hope comes from him, and that he offers fullness of life to all people. Italy did not recognise slavery and so finally Josephine was free. After being baptised in 1890, she joined the Canossian Sisters in 1893. As an African woman with a deep sense of compassion and experienced slavery and oppression, Josephine was able to help and advise the Sisters who were going to serve in Africa.

Pope Francis in his Message for the World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Trafficking in Persons said "this is a Day of Prayer. Yes, there is a need to pray to support the victims of trafficking and the people who accompany the processes of integration and social reintegration. There is a need to pray that we may learn to approach with humanity and courage those who are marked by so much pain and despair, keeping hope alive."

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "SING TO THE MOUNTAINS"

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

1. I will give thanks to You, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.
2. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
3. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 138: IN THE SIGHT OF THE ANGELS"



COMMUNION: ""HERE I AM, LORD"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

SENDING FORTH: "THE SUMMONS"

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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St. Josephine
Bakhita
1868-1947

The Lord has loved
me so much: we must
love everyone ... we
must be
compassionate!