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The Pastor's Pen....

As Lent draws so near, commencing with **Ash Wednesday Masses** this coming **Tuesday night at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm** and **Wednesday morning at Christ the King at 8.30am**, our minds turn to prayer and our hearts seek conversion and renewal. The following words I read from a newsletter by a fellow Priest spoke to me. I hope they will speak to you, too.

PRAYER AS SEEKING DEPTH by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI.

In our more reflective moments we sense the importance of prayer; yet, we struggle to pray. Sustained, deep prayer doesn't come easy for us. Why? First of all, we struggle to make time for prayer. Prayer doesn't accomplish anything practical for us, it's a waste of time in terms of tending to the pressures and tasks of daily life, and so we hesitate to go there. Coupled with this, we find it hard to trust that prayer actually works and brings about something real in our lives. Beyond that, we struggle to concentrate when we try to pray. Once we do settle in to pray, we soon feel ourselves overwhelmed by daydreams, unfinished conversations, half-forgotten melodies, heartaches, agendas, and the impending tasks that face us as soon as we get up from our place of prayer. Finally, we struggle to pray because we really don't know how to pray. We might be familiar with various forms of prayer, from devotional prayers to different kinds of meditation, but we generally lack the confidence to believe that our own particular way of praying, with all its distractions and missteps, is prayer in the deep sense.

One of the places we can turn for help is the Gospel of Luke. More so than any of the other Gospels, his is the Gospel of prayer. In Luke's Gospel there are more descriptions of Jesus in prayer than in all the other Gospels combined. Luke gives us glimpses of Jesus praying in virtually every kind of situation: He prays when he is joy-filled, he prays when he is in agony, he prays with others around him, and he prays when he is alone at night, withdrawn from all human contact. He prays high on a mountain, on a sacred place, and he prays on the level plane, where ordinary life happens. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus prays a lot. And the lesson isn't lost on his disciples. They sense that Jesus' real depth and power are drawn from his prayer. They know that what makes him so special, so unlike any other religious figure, is that he is linked at some deep place to a power outside of this world. And they want this for themselves. That's why they approach Jesus and ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray!"

But we must be careful not to misunderstand what constituted their attraction and what they were asking for when they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. They sensed that what Jesus drew from the depth of his prayer was not, first of all, his power to do miracles or to silence his enemies with some kind of superior intelligence. What impressed them and what they wanted too for their own lives was the depth and graciousness of his soul.

The power they admired and wanted was Jesus' power to love and forgive his enemies rather than embarrass and crush them. What they wanted was Jesus' power to transform a room, not by some miraculous deed, but by a disarming innocence and vulnerability that, like a baby's presence, has everyone solicitously guarding his or her behaviour and language. What they wanted was his power to renounce life in self-sacrifice, even while retaining the enviable capacity to enjoy the pleasures of life without guilt. What they wanted was Jesus' power to be big-hearted, to love beyond his own tribe, and to love poor and rich alike, to live inside of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, fidelity, mildness, and chastity, despite everything within life that militates against these virtues. What they wanted was Jesus' depth and graciousness of soul. And they recognised that this power did not come from within himself, but from a source outside him. They saw that he connected to a deep source through prayer, through constantly lifting to God what was on his mind and in his heart. They saw it and they wanted that depth-connection too, for themselves. So they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Vigil Mass - 7.00pm TUESDAY 1st March - St Joseph's

Mass - 8.30am ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd March - Christ the King

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Pastor's Pen continued...

Ultimately, we too want Jesus' depth and graciousness in our own lives. Like Jesus' disciples, we also know that we can only attain this through prayer, through accessing a power that lies inside the deepest deep of our souls and beyond our souls. We know too that the route to that depth lies in journeying inward, in silence, through both the pain and the quiet, the chaos and the peace, that come to us when we still ourselves to pray. In our more reflective moments, and in our more desperate moments, we feel our need for prayer and try to go to that deep place. But, given our lack of trust and our lack of practice, we struggle to get there. We don't know how to pray or how to sustain ourselves in prayer. But in this we are in good company, with Jesus' disciples. And so a good beginning is to recognise what we need and where it is found. We need to begin with a plea: Lord teach us to pray!

So far in 2022 there have been over 2600 COVID-19 deaths in Australia. Whilst undeniably tragic, this does also highlight the COVID success in Australia.

In 2020 there were 28,000 cases with 909 deaths : 1 in 31.

In 2021 there were 367,000 cases with 1,300 deaths : 1 in 273.

In 2022 so far, there have been 2,700,000 cases with 2,600 deaths : 1 in 1017.

If 1 in 31 Covid cases resulted in death like in 2020, cases this year would so far have resulted in over 87,000 deaths.

May God guide and bless our efforts during our coming Lenten time of repentance and renewal in Christ.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

Pope Francis has announced Ash Wednesday 2 March as day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine. During the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused "great pain in my heart." "Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks," the Pope said, "increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up," with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain." "Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests," he stressed. Pope Francis appealed to those "with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies." He also prayed that "all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute." Speaking at the end of the General Audience, Pope Francis invited everyone to make **Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, a Day of Fasting for Peace.** I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war".

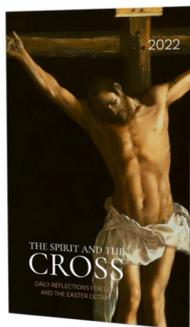


CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORINDA GRACEVILLE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Expressions of interest are open for those parents who are considering enrolling their children in the Parish Sacramental Program (Confirmation, First Eucharist and Penance). All interested parties are very warmly welcomed to attend an information night on **Thursday, March 17th**, to find out more about our Sacramental program and the process for enrolling in the same.

The 2022-24 program - run by the Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville - is for all children who are baptised and have turned 8 years of age by July 1, 2022 (usually Grade 3 children and above), regardless of which school they attend.

The **mandatory parent information night will be held from 6.30pm at Christ the King Church, Churchill Street, Graceville on Thursday, March 17th.** If you have yet to do so, to express your interest in attending the information night simply email the Sacramental Program Coordinator at the following address :- sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au Your correspondence will be acknowledged and a copy of the agenda for the evening will be sent. Those that have already expressed interest will be automatically sent the agenda.

Enrolments for the Sacramental Program will officially open following the March information session. Enrolments for the 2022/24 program will close 22nd April, no exceptions.



Lenten Reflection Books: are now available at the doors of each church. Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter Octave reflection resource called 'The Spirit and the Cross'. Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis. 'The Spirit and the Cross' has been written by a single author which allows for continuity and development within the resource, taking the reader on a meaningful journey. The author, Deacon Peter Pellicaan, is the Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane and is an experienced speaker and faith educator. Archbishop Mark Coleridge said "I thank all who have worked hard to prepare 'The Spirit and the Cross' as a resource for Lent and the Easter Octave, and I commend it to you as a way of helping us to listen more deeply to what the Holy Spirit is asking of us as we seek to enter the future which God is preparing for his Church." If you wish to take a book please donate \$5 in the collection basket for the costs of purchasing the book.

Project Compassion Envelopes and Money Boxes: are available at the doors of each church for collection this weekend.

A Note from Archbishop Mark: The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Tim Norton this week was quite something. We had Tim's family from far and wide as well as many bishops from around Australia. Then there were other Divine Word Missionaries working in this country and elsewhere, and they were joined by priests and religious from all over the Archdiocese. Representatives from the parishes joined key workers in the Archdiocese; and we had leaders of other Churches. There were also members of various cultural communities - Indigenous first of all, but Pacific Islanders, Vietnamese and others. All of this said that Tim is a Bishop, not just for some, but for everyone, which is just the way Jesus wants it.

Welcome back to the Parish Choir: who leads our music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass this weekend!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: for all primary school aged children will commence today Sunday 27th February at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Corinda, and will continue at St Joseph's Church each fortnight (next gathering Sunday 13th March).

Synod Small Group discussion: will be held Sunday evening 6th March (this weekend) directly after the 6pm Mass in Christ the King Church. If anyone is interested or is seeking more details please phone Katherine Kennedy on 0407 143 510. More information on the Synod process is on page four of this newsletter.

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. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: will be held at 7pm on Thursday 3rd March at the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: is an annual celebration of the unifying power of prayer within Christian communities. Each year, women of a different nation prepare a prayer service and local churches take it in turns to host the celebration. The service this year has been prepared by Christians in England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme "I know the plans I have for you" based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. The local World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 4 March at Oxley Uniting Church (cnr Oxley Station Road and Premier Street) at 10.00am. All welcome. Covid restrictions mean that masks will be required for those coming to the service.

The Funeral for Maurice Mirabito will be held at St Joseph's Church at 11am on Friday 4th March.

Youth Group will be held FRIDAY 4th March, and each Friday night of the school term at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Hall Corinda. All high school aged youth and young adults are invited to attend. Come along to join in the fun and friendship.

Stations of the Cross: will be held at 7pm each Friday evening of Lent at St Joseph's Church commencing 4th March.

Liturgy Team Meeting: will be held at 10am on Saturday 5th March at the Parish Office.

Fijian Choir: we welcome our Fijian friends who will lead the singing at the 5.30pm Mass next Saturday 5th March.

St Joseph's School Year Six Leadership Liturgy: will be held at 9am on Thursday 10th March in St Joseph's Church. This means that there will be no 9am Mass that day.

Choir Practice for Easter: will commence on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church. If you wish to join the parish choir for Easter please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 8am Friday 11th March at the parish Office. If you are interested in joining SVDP, please email us at ctksj4075@svdpqld.org.au and a conference member will contact you with information.

Helpers Needed: Unfortunately we are unable to commence **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 9.30am Christ the King Sunday Mass due to a lack of leaders / helpers. If you wish to assist in this important ministry to our children, please contact the parish office or speak to Malia Mar at Mass. You do not need to have any "teaching" qualifications, just a love of God and a love of children! You will be supported with resources and rostered as appropriate. *The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER 3362 8777

Please note that due to NBN upgrades the Parish Office Phone Number has now changed. Please record this number for all future phone calls to the parish. The out-of-hours emergency number remains the same as previously: 0422 107 802.

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 Healy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Ryan Lange, Anthony Leo, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Kevin McErlean, Jack McLaughlin, Colin McLeod, Geraldine McLeod, Maureen McNamara, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Adam Morrison, 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 Cyprrian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Geoffrey Trenear, 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: Maurice Mirabito, Sr Margaret Jennings olsh, Carmel Spierings, Mary MacDermott, Peter Palmer, Bridie Roche, Darryl Brittain, Br Kazimer Nowak SM, Fr Joseph Tran Ngoc Thanh OP and for all those who have died from Covid19

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Cathy Rogers, Douglas Wode, Ron Parker, Julie McHugh, Judith Massey, Joan Crowley, Mervyn Kalinowski, Madonna McCarthy, Joseph Pace, Dominic Can, Anna Doan



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tuesday 7.00 pm St Joseph's – Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 8.30 am Christ the King – Ash Wednesday 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

DEVOTIONS

Friday 7.00 pm St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

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

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

"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 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!

"SING A NEW SONG"

- Refrain:* Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.
1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.
 2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.
 3. Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "PSALM 92: LORD, IT IS GOOD"



Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

"A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD"

Refrain: Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.



"SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN"

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,
One cup that is shared by all;
The Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

"KEEP IN MIND"

Refrain: Keep in mind that Jesus Christ
Has died for us and is risen from the dead.
He is our saving Lord,
He is joy for all ages.



"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things have done, in whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O great and bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in your grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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Synod Submissions: Pope Francis wants to hear from you!! At the request of dioceses, the period for local submissions for the global Synod of Bishops process has been extended by two weeks, with responses now being received until **Sunday 13 March 2022**. All Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church. All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church globally. Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kf0> **You can make your submission via the following link:** <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.*