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The Pastor's Pen....

These days it strikes us as creepy that the Scribes and Pharisees themselves, or via one of their agents at least, were actively out and about seeking to catch the woman in the very act of committing adultery. Somehow or other they must have got word of her illicit sexual activities, her adultery, and made up their minds to catch her in a manner that she couldn't deny, then making use of her themselves so as to put Jesus in a very awkward position.

Though it is clear that the woman was certainly breaking the law as it was written at that time, their real objective was to embarrass and compromise Jesus. By dragging her in front of Him while He was teaching in the public area of the Jerusalem Temple and in front of a crowd, demanding His verdict on her crime and on her fate, they had made their own destructive intentions clear.

She had broken the sixth commandment which they believed empowered them to break the fifth commandment and have her killed by stoning her to death. What they demanded of Jesus, whom they formally addressed as 'Teacher' was that He say what He would do with this woman given the indisputable facts of her case. The Scribes and Pharisees knew that He was then cornered by two options; To go along with them in following the Law of Moses as it was and have her publicly killed. This would make Him seem no better, more worthy or offering anything different and new than themselves. Alternatively, He could say that she should be forgiven and released which would openly prove that He, like the woman, was a law breaker, a sinner and an enemy of the Jewish faith and culture of the day deserving of condemnation and punishment. In this way they believed that they finally had Jesus, their real enemy and intended victim, in a perfect Catch 22 situation.

We'll never know what Jesus scribbled in the dust that day and I don't think it matters. What we do know is that He bent down low before them, a sign of humility which won Him time to think, pausing the tense exchange, so that a bit of heat and steam could come away from the confrontation. Nevertheless, St. John's Gospel tells us that they continued to press Jesus to give His answer, His verdict.

Next, and only when He was ready, Jesus stood up, faced them, looked them in the eye and said that the one among them who was without sin, who was beyond all reproach, should be the one to stone the woman. What He was saying was that since they demanded perfection in following the law of Moses then surely it was only fair that the Scribe or Pharisee who was perfect be the one to kill the woman. This was a risky response granted that the woman's life depended upon it, but Jesus knew it was neigh on impossible to have never ever broken one of the many commandments of the Mosaic law. He also surmised that if one of them did stone her, another person gathered in this very public place would know of that person's faults and their hypocrisy in daring to doing so.

Having responded to His inquisitors Jesus then bent down low once again and resumed His writing on the ground. Again, He is humble, not provocative before their response, allowing them to make up their minds. This must have gone on for some time with Jesus from His low position watching their feet leave one by one from the eldest to the youngest, until only the woman's feet were in His line of sight. Only then does Jesus straighten up once more asking her; Where are they? Has no one condemned you? It is only after she replies that no one has condemned her, the first words she has been allowed to speak in all of this drama, that Jesus gives His verdict saying; Neither do I condemn you. Go away and from now on don't sin any more.

As to the point of this important story for us, one message amongst many is very clear; In Jesus Christ God has done and God keeps on doing something great and new for us, a work of God's merciful acceptance, forgiving love and life giving power. Are we humble enough, honest enough and open enough to receive today this gift, this freeing grace the Lord is offering?

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday 9th / 10th April

Similar to last year, in order to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we ask that you **please consider bringing your own small palms / branches / greenery to Mass next weekend for blessing. A small quantity of palm branches will be available for those who are unable to bring their own.**

Please also arrive a little bit earlier for Mass next weekend. We will begin outside the Church, weather permitting, for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem.



A message from Archbishop Mark: The words Jesus spoke on that first Easter long ago still speak to us: "Peace be with you." That peace is needed in so many lives now. Through this first term of school we've had to cope with the pandemic everywhere, the floods here and the horrors of war in Europe. Little wonder it's been hard to get into a rhythm in this first term. The Easter holidays will come at a welcome time for many. But it's important to remember that those words of Jesus aren't in the past. The Easter event is God's masterpiece. It's never back then and back there; it's here and now; it's always and everywhere. Please see the Easter liturgy times below and join your parish community in celebrating together.

EASTER 2022

MASS FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS ~ Tuesday 5th April 2022: MASS - 7pm - St Joseph's

PALM SUNDAY ~ 9th & 10th April 2022: MASS - 5.30pm Saturday - St Joseph's
MASS - 8.00am Sunday - St Joseph's
MASS - 9.30am Sunday - Christ the King
MASS - 6.00pm Sunday - Christ the King



Please bring your own palm / greenery / branches to Mass with you next weekend.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 14th April 2022: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7pm - St Joseph's
Please note change of location due to the larger Covid safe capacity of the Corinda Church.



GOOD FRIDAY ~ 15th April 2022: Stations of the Cross - 10am - Christ the King
THE LORD'S PASSION - 3pm - St Joseph's



HOLY SATURDAY ~ 16th April 2022: EASTER VIGIL - 6pm - St Joseph's
Please note later start time for Saturday evening Mass.



EASTER SUNDAY ~ 17th April 2022: MASS - 8am - St Joseph's
MASS - 9.30am - Christ the King

Please note that there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

There are no limitations on attendance numbers at the Easter Liturgies this year, and there is no requirement to book to attend. All are welcome and all can be easily accommodated.

Outdoor (undercover seating) will be available at the main ceremonies at Corinda for those who wish to sit in the fresh air.

Please bring a mask with you so that you can pop it on if you feel that you can not adequately social distance.

Remember to use the hand sanitiser when arriving and leaving the church.

Ministry Call Up. We need your help for our future!

What we do need for our liturgies in the parish: are more people willing to renew their ministry involvements in the Liturgy. We need more of you to say 'yes' to helping your Priests and community with the **distribution of Holy Communion**, in **proclaiming and reading the Scriptures** at Mass, by assisting us all with the role of **weekend Mass Co-ordinator**, in the **taking up the collection plates**, being a **Welcomer** at Mass and by **helping with Children's Liturgy of the Word** at both of our Churches when it is held. We are also seeking more of you to assist us with the **music and singing at weekends**. Lastly, please know that preparation and support will be given to you in taking up any of these important ministries within our Parish. You are never left on your own in serving the people of God.

I'm am very grateful to all who have continued their ministries during these challenging years. I'm also very aware that some have needed and/or chosen to step away from their service for personal and health reasons. **Now is the time of Call and Renewal.** I ask you to think hard about how you can help your Clergy and Parish community in any of the above areas I've mentioned. I'm calling on you to say 'yes' to helping us all. **Please place your details on the clipboards located near the pictures of Mary MacKillop** at the front of the church, or contact the **Parish Office on 3362 8777** with your offer of assistance in any of the above ways, or any way that you think and feel that you can help us, so that Corinda Graceville Community can grow stronger and be more fruitful. Thank you. *Fr. Mark Percival.*



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the doors of the church, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Thank you to Fr. Pio Waqavotuwale SM and Fr. Stephen Byrnes who lead us in our Eucharistic celebrations this weekend whilst Father Mark is recuperating from knee surgery. Your presence in our community is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Fijian Choir: who lead us in song at the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass.

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: On our Lenten Journey we have the special opportunity to gather as a community for the **Mass for Forgiveness of Sins at 7pm on Tuesday 5th April at St Joseph's Church Corinda.**

The Funeral Service for Wendy Egart: will be held at St Joseph's Church at 11am on Wednesday 6th April. Eternal rest grant unto Wendy, O God, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass for Lina Daddow (mother of Therese Brockhurst) will be celebrated at 9.30am on Wednesday 6th April at Holy Family Church, Ward Street, Indooroopilly. Eternal rest grant unto Lina O Lord. May she rest in peace

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 7th April at the Parish Office.

Parish Choir Rehearsals for Easter: The following practices will take place at St Joseph's Church Corinda:

Final Practice for Holy Thursday: **Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm** (please note early start time)

Final Practice for Good Friday: **Sunday 10th April at 2.00pm**

Final Practice for Holy Saturday: **Sunday 10th April at 3.00pm**

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 8am Friday 8th April 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. We need more Vinnies members than ever after the recent flood event.

Stations of the Cross: held at 7pm on Friday 8th April at St Joseph's Church Corinda. All welcome to attend this special Lenten devotion.

Please continue to pray for our candidates: who will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. As we approach Easter we ask all parishioners to please remember in your prayers in a special way our seven candidates: Linda, Kokoda, Temujin, Tupac, Seth, Sasha, and Joyce.

Parish Finance Council Meeting: will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st April at the Parish Office.

Closing date for Confirmation Enrolments: is Friday 22nd April. If you have any enquiries about the Sacramental Program please contact Melissa Lonergan at the parish office or via email at sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth Group: will recommence after the school holidays on Friday 22nd April 6.30pm to 8.30pm in St Joseph's Hall Corinda. All high school aged youth and young adults are invited to attend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: will recommence after the school holidays at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Corinda on Sunday 24th April and at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King on Sunday 1st May.

SVDP Flood Assistance: The Christ the King and St Joseph's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is actively involved in providing assistance to people who have been affected by the floods. We are here for the short term to provide immediate needs, and for the longer term, when homes are again occupied, and we can assist with replacing white goods, furniture, and with other expenses to make your home liveable again. If you have been affected, or if someone you know has been, a call should be made to the SVDP call centre on 1800 846 643. This is a central number and callers will be referred to their local conference.

The St Vincent de Paul Warehouse at Sumner Park is accepting donations of furniture, and expect a large demand following losses during the floods. If you have any items you wish to donate, please phone 1800 846 643.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ron Atkins, Mona Lissa Buckley, 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 McErean, 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 Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Fr Ho Tran SVD, Geoffrey Trehear, 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: Lina Daddow, Sr Nora Hanrahan olsh, Wendy Egart, Marie Magann, Win Mendoza, Gloria Peterson and for all those who have died from Covid19

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Kit Melaney, Arthur Egert, Fr Jim Hynes, Adeline Attwood, John Quinn, Jack Dennis, Mary Healy, Sandra Scantlebury, David Radford, Andrew McCarthy, Conrad Maesepp, Brian Kelly



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tuesday 7.00 pm St Joseph's - Mass for Forgiveness of Sins

Wednesday 9.00am 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

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 3 APR

FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

MON, 4 APR

St Isidore of Seville, bishop, doctor of the church - *Optional Memorial*

Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

TUE, 5 APR

St Vincent Ferrer, priest, patron saint of reconciliation - *Optional Memorial*

Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

WED, 6 APR

Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42

THU, 7 APR

St John Baptist de la Salle, priest, patron saint of educators/teachers - *Optional Memorial*

Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

FRI, 8 APR

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

SAT, 9 APR

Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

HOLY WEEK

SUN, 10 APR

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Entrance: Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56

PRAYER of the PEOPLE of CORINDA GRACEVILLE CATHOLIC PARISH

Good Shepherd, be with us as we make our way
in these days by faith.

Guide and shape us

so that our minds and hearts resemble yours,
so that you come to reign
as the Lord and King of our lives.

Help us to hear and welcome the Good News
of your loving kindness and mercy,
renewing us in the grace of Christ.

Fill us with the Holy Spirit

so that we can joyfully live and share your light.
Protect us, forgive us and like St. Joseph help us

to discern and do the will
of our Loving God and Father. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord and of the Church. Pray for us.

St. Joseph, husband, father and worker. Pray for us.

St. Mary of the Cross, MacKillop, woman of courage
and hope. Pray for us.

*We, the community of Corinda Graceville 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 & emerging.*

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

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 126: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US"



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

Refrain: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION: "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Refrain: And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

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Archbishop Mark has a message for you:

There's a lot of ugliness in the world – the ugliness of war, of child abuse, of family violence, of human trafficking and so the list could go on. In such a world, beauty is more than decoration or evasion. It's not an escape from ugliness but a way of seeing beyond the ugliness to the beauty at the heart of all things. The death of Jesus was a very ugly affair, but many of our crosses and crucifixes are beautiful. This isn't a denial of the ugliness of what happened but a vision of the beauty of self-sacrificing love at the heart of the crucifixion. Art is always important in the world we know. It's powerful and necessary because it gives meaning to a world which can seem meaningless, beauty to a world which can seem relentlessly ugly. The Russian novelist Dostoyevsky wrote that "beauty will save the world". He meant the beauty of love, which is at the heart of Easter for which we are preparing through these days of Lent.



NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER 3362 8777

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