



The Catholic Parish
of Corinda Graceville

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Catholic Education Week

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The Pastor's Pen....

In our First Reading from the Book of Genesis Abraham bravely stands before the Lord God prayerfully and persistently haggling and bargaining, not for himself but for the salvation of those who live in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God listens and agrees with each proposal of clemency put by Abraham because Abraham listens to God and cares to see justice and mercy done even for people he does not know.

Luke's Gospel gives us his short version of the Lord's Prayer, along with a story about the need for persistence in our prayers, never giving up. This is followed by the famous teaching about asking, seeking and knocking until we receive, find and have the door opened to us. It concludes with Jesus affirming the goodness of God who in complete selflessness only ever seeks our good and who desires to give us the best gift of all, a share in God's Holy Spirit, God's only wisdom and life.

Last Sunday we held our Parish Assembly which drew 85 people to gather at St. Joseph's School Hall. This was a good number granted the illness of some who wanted to come and the competing demands felt by others. This Assembly of the Parish is something I'd wanted to do since early 2020. We all know what became of those plans of mine. I looked again at several other dates in 2021 and was once more defeated by SARS CoV2 requirements, outbreaks, lockdowns, laws and cautions. All for the best I now think as any discussions and planning back then would have been largely redundant now, so much has our society changed over these two and a half years.

The Holy Spirit, along with our continued parish prayer, led us to a very worthwhile gathering on Sunday 17th July 2022. My thanks to every person who assisted and everyone who came. I particularly desire to thank Mary O'Dea, Helen Ferguson, Michael Greene and Mary Holland for their organisational skills, sacrifices and wisdom and for presenting the data about our Parish along with our financial picture and guiding the time we spent together.

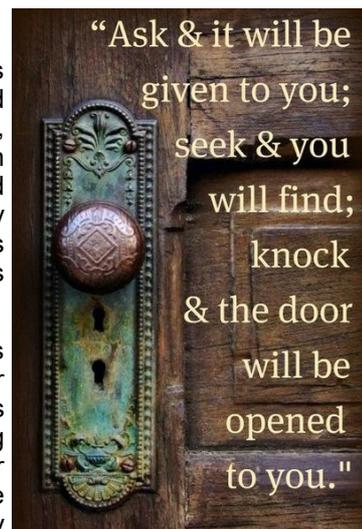
Further to these thanks, I also want to acknowledge and thank the Parish Youth Group and their leaders for helping set up the Hall with us on the Friday night, the hospitality and food and drink workers on Sunday, the people who welcomed us to the gathering, the table recorders of what was shared and the people from each of the ten tables who spoke for their group, those who helped us to set down once we were done, Bryan Malone and Damian Sullivan who represented our two Parish Schools at Corinda and Graceville and the work of the Parish Office staff. Lastly, I thank each of you for coming along, for bringing a plate to share, for participating as fully as you were able and for giving up a couple of hours of your time as well as your thoughts and ideas to help your Parish community.

Mary O'Dea, Helen Ferguson, Michael Greene and I will collate all that was shared last Sunday and report back to everyone who came and to the entire Parish membership by mid September of this year. We will begin from here onwards by having more regular updates for you from your Parish Pastoral Council and at least a yearly report to you from your Parish Finance Council, too. With some more possibilities now open to us we can look once again to having more social engagements for all parishioners and opportunities for group activities and prayer and discussion groups so missed by all of us during these past Covid years.

There is much more to share, to be developed and to be put into action from what was said, and it will be shared with you and be done as speedily and effectively as possible. You will see some results soon, with more to come. Let's keep praying like Abraham did and as Jesus taught, seeking, asking and knocking until we find, receive and have the door to the living and reviving Spirit of God opened to us all.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

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



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Dear Friends, "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full. This makes it hard to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit".

Retirement and grown children make many of the things that used to occupy our time and energy no longer so pressing. The recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties. The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (71:9).

Yet that same psalm – which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives – urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still. We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. Like "green olive trees in the house of God", we can become a blessing for those who live next to us.

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. "The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations". This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing, beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out. These great crises risk anaesthetizing us to the reality of other "epidemics" and other widespread forms of violence that menace the human family and our common home.

All this points to the need for a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters. We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. This attitude may be mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the earth.

One fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world. "Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees"; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer alone – not only our own grandchildren but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects. Let us hold in our hearts – like Saint Joseph, who was a loving and attentive father – the little ones of Ukraine, of Afghanistan, of South Sudan...

Many of us have come to a sage and humble realization of what our world very much needs: the recognition that we are not saved alone, and that happiness is a bread we break together. Let us bear witness to this before those who wrongly think that they can find personal fulfilment and success in conflict. Everyone, even the weakest among us, can do this. The very fact that we allow ourselves to be cared for – often by people who come from other countries – is itself a way of saying that living together in peace is not only possible, but necessary.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". *Continued on page 3*

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Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life".

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has "filled with days". Let us celebrate it together! I ask you to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.

To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me!

FRANCIS



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

Welcome to Father Pius Jones SM as he celebrates Mass with us each weekend. We greatly appreciate your presence in our parish.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: welcome to the school community, students, parents and teachers who help us celebrate the Saturday evening Mass at St Joseph's Church, also marking Catholic Education Week.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: TODAY Sunday 24th July at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church, and then next weekend Sunday 31st July at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Church. Alternating between the two churches weekly throughout the school term.

Parish Choir: practice 7pm Thursday 28th July in St Joseph's Church. The parish choir will be singing next Saturday evening 30th July at the 5.30pm Mass.

St Vincent de Paul: meets 8am Friday 29th July 2022 at the Parish Office.

Youth Group: for all youth Year Six and above, and young adults. Held each Friday night of the school term from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, including a light dinner. See you on Friday night 29th July at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Hall Corinda.

St Joseph's School Fete is back for 2022: Sunday 31st July 10am to 4pm (please note change of times for this year). All the fun of the fair - cakes, jams, pickles, plants, trash-n-treasure, craft, books, clothes, food, rides and more. Come and join in the fun.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 7.00pm Thursday 4th August at the Parish Office.

Sausage Sizzle: every First Sunday night of the Month at Christ the King Church after the 6.00pm Mass. Please stay and share some hospitality on Sunday evening 7th August.

Liturgy Team: There will be no Liturgy Team meeting for August. The next meeting will be 3rd September.

MenAlive Weekend: Please note there has been a change of date for the MenAlive weekend, which will now be held on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October in St Joseph' School Hall Corinda.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ron Atkins, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, George Cole, June Denham, Ian Douglas Coles, Maureen Doherty, Nash Giles, Carla Gill, Rachel Gillespie, Maureen Gleeson, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Mark Inman, Maureen Inman, Anthony Leo, Fr Frank Lourigan, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Jack McLaughlin, Colin McLeod, Geraldine McLeod, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Dawn Punter, Megan Riddle, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Mary Shand, Tony Stark, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Fr Ho Tran SVD, Geoffrey Trenear, Thao Trinh, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemsen. *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: John O'Dwyer, Yohanes Ulu, Fr Gerry Dallard OSA, John William Massie and for all those who have died from Covid19

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: William Sellars, Doreen Beauchamp, June Burton, Kathryn Matheson, Catherine Corrigan, Trevor Butler, Dorothy McIntyre, Colleen Kimmins, Stella Sheard, Mollie Parer, Bob Parer, Erminia Danieli, Patrick Quinn Snr, Neil Murphy, Joe Dwan, Margaret Jeffs, Patricia McGuire, Annie McMullen, Trevor Fanton, Veronica Galligan, Ivan Donaldson, Isabel Henry, Orm Gauld, Daphne Quinn, Marie Cuthbert



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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)

SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 24 JUL 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
(World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly; Bible Sunday)

MON, 25 JUL St James, apostle - Feast
2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

TUE, 26 JUL Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents - Memorial
Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
(Alt. Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Mt 13:16-17)

WED, 27 JUL Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

THU, 28 JUL Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

FRI, 29 JUL Sts Martha, patron saint of homemakers, Mary and Lazarus, patron saints of siblings - Memorial
1 Jn 4: 7-16; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

SAT, 30 JUL St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor of the church - Optional Memorial
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 31 JUL 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (9.30 am MASS): "DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN"

We send you now to hear God's word; God's message just for you.
Walk with Jesus by your side in ev'ry-thing you do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 138: LORD, ON THE DAY I CALLED"



Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.
3. Where two or three are gathered in my name,
There am I in their midst;
And whatsoever ye ask, I will do.
Allelu, alleluia.



COMMUNION: "BE NOT AFRAID"

Refrain Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: Saturday 5.30pm: "STRENGTH AND GENTLENESS"

1. Nothing's as gentle as strength that is true
Gentle you were when God called to you
May we be people with hearts full of love
May we find peace in the love of your Son

Refrain: You show us the way to the heart of Christ
Where we find trust and where we find love
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Mother of Jesus, Mother to all

2. Nothing's as strong as true gentleness
Strong were you with your Son at his death
May we be people so strong in our faith
Standing together with Christ every day
3. You opened your heart to the way of the Cross
Heart of compassion, of sacred love
May we follow your heart a heart that is true
May we reach out in love, and love Christ like you



RECESSIONAL: Saturday 5.30pm "COMMUNITY BLESSING"

A blessing on our teachers who show their love each day
They guide us in our learning and teach us of Your ways.
God bless them with Your wisdom, bless them with Your peace
God draw them close within Your love we pray.

Refrain: Let Your blessings flow
Let Your blessings flow

A blessing on our parents who show their love each day
They guide us in our learning and teach us of Your ways.
God bless them with compassion, bless them with Your peace
God draw them close within Your love we pray.

A blessing on our helpers who show their love each day
They guide us in our learning and teach us of Your ways.
God bless them with Your joy, bless them with Your peace
God draw them close within Your love we pray.

A blessing on all children we show your love each day
To guide and help each other and follow in Your ways.
God bless us all with gentle hearts, bless us all with peace
God draw us close within Your love we pray.

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**Mass on The Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Monday, at 10.00am on Monday 8 August at
the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by morning tea.**

MenAlive Weekend Has been reschedule to

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October.
MenAlive will still be held in St Joseph' School Hall Corinda.
Please note the change of date and stay tuned
for more information, or contact Col on 0401 324 469