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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### *The Pastor's Pen....*

#### **Word of God Sunday in the Australian Church.**

My thanks to Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ for his words (below) about the scripture readings for this weekend. In listening to, reading, praying over and above all by living according to God's Word we give honour to God who by many means has given this teaching and wisdom to us.

The words of scripture nourish us in Christ, the Word made flesh. They lead us to communion with him in the Eucharist. So, we are fed at both the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist as Vatican II taught. As Fr. Byrne indicates though, this feeding of us is so that we can be and bring the light of God to others. In this way people will gradually come to give their thanks to God.

*Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.*

#### **Word of God Sunday 2023**

**by Fr Brendan Byrne SJ**

The theme that runs through the Scripture readings today is clearly that of "light". We can see it in the First Reading ("then will your light shine like the dawn"), in the opening verse of the Responsorial Psalm and (with reference to Christ), in the Gospel Acclamation verse ("I am the Light of the world"), all building up the climactic statement in the Gospel: "You are the light of the world". Only the Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5 stands apart.

The First Reading, from Isaiah 58:7-10, features one of the great appeals for social justice in the Old Testament. Israel has complained that much fasting on her part has met with no response from God. In reply God explains the kind of "fast" Israel needs to undertake: not one involving penitential ritual, but a "fast" from injustice. Refraining from indifference and violence towards the weak, and a positive program of hospitality, will cause Israel's "light to shine like the dawn" and her "wound" to be "quickly healed over". In a way that has lost nothing of its challenge for us today, the prophetic text insists that if a community gets social justice right, then all else will fall into place.

Israel is reminded that when social justice prevails her "light rises in the darkness". Here we have, surely, an echo of the belief, expressed above all in Isaiah's Servant Songs, that Israel's destiny is to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 51:4; 60:3). The prophet, then, is summoning Israel, to realise her true vocation through the implementation of social justice. She is to become a "light to the nations" by modelling before the world what a truly flourishing human society should be.

It is at this point that the prophetic text becomes relevant as a background for the brief extract from the Sermon on the Mount that forms the Gospel from Matthew 5:13-16. Two images — "salt" and "light" — dominate the extract. They follow immediately upon the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), with which the Sermon began. The community of disciples is not just to be something for itself. In continuity with the vocation of Israel, the Church has the vocation both to preserve ("salt") and to model ("light") something for the rest of the world.

To appreciate this, we have to recall the setting in which the Sermon takes place: the mass of burdened, afflicted humanity described as the recipients of Jesus' healing at the end of the preceding chapter (Matthew 4:23-25). It is the sight of these crowds and their needs that prompts Jesus to address his disciples in the way that follows.

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The implication is that it is people who are prepared to live according to the dispositions and attitudes pronounce “blessed” in the Beatitudes — that is, people prepared to live in the vulnerable, non-grasping way they propose — who can really help lift humanity’s burdens, thereby becoming and remaining “salt of the earth” and “light of the world”. (Paul’s description in the Second Reading [1 Cor 2:1–5] of the vulnerable way in which he approached the community in Corinth actually illustrates this disposition.)

To appreciate what Jesus says about salt we have to recall the role this item played in food preservation before refrigeration. Salt can hardly lose its taste but it may be so mixed with other elements as to become impure and so good only for salting the path outside the house, where people will trample it underfoot. Disciples who fall away from their vocation may face a similar fate.

In biblical tradition Jerusalem was the archetypal “city built on a hilltop”. When the Temple was illuminated — as during the Feast of Tabernacles — Jerusalem was indeed “the light of the world”. The disciples’ good works must function as a lamp giving light to a darkened world — not to draw attention to themselves, but to lead outsiders to the knowledge and praise of God who has set them to be salt and light for the world.

This wonderful set of readings challenges us, not only as individuals but as parish and other communities, to reflect upon our vocation to be, according to the Second Vatican Council’s description of the Church, “the Light of the Nations” (Lumen Gentium), “salt of the earth”.

*Prepared by Fr Brendan Byrne SJ*

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART:** the painting seen on the right was commissioned by the parish in 1997 on the occasion of the 80th Jubilee of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Corinda. The painting depicts the image of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart which appears on the medal worn by the Sisters. Since 1997 this painting has hung in the Clewley Street Convent.

The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart arrived in Corinda in January 1917. On 28th January 1917 (106 years ago last weekend) Archbishop James Duhig blessed the original Corinda Convent and St Joseph’s School. So important was the occasion that special trains were organised from Brisbane Central, Ipswich and Goodna! Saint Joseph’s Primary School opened the next day on 29th January with 50 students.

The Sisters teaching apostolate expanded over the years to include OLSH Junior Boys Boarding School at Corinda from 1919 to 1939, OLSH College Corinda from 1941 to 1972, which was a high school for girls, for both day students and boarding students, and also Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School founded at Darra in 1937. Over the decades the Sisters were also involved in all aspects and ministries of the parish, as well as many ministries beyond the parish. In total over 150 Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart have lived and ministered in the parish in the past 106 years.

Unfortunately, due to the increasing age and declining health of many Sisters it was necessary to move to where nursing care is readily available. Other Sisters, fewer in number, are engaged in ministry elsewhere and are not free to come to Corinda Graceville at this time.

However the Sisters have partnered with St Vincent de Paul Queensland to use the convent to conduct wellbeing programs for women. This ministry which commenced in September 2021 is proving to be much needed and is filling a gap that had previously not been provided for in Brisbane. The Convent is known as the ‘House of Hope’.

In acknowledgement of the ministry of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in our parish for over a century and also of their continuing ministry in a new way to those in most need, the painting of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (pictured right) has now been hung in the Martindale transept of St Joseph’s Church.

*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved ~ forever!  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart ~ pray for us.*





**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** today Sunday 5th February at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King, then on Sunday 12th February at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's, alternating weekly between each church throughout the school term. All primary school aged children are welcome. If you wish to assist as a leader or a helper please contact the parish office or speak to one of the Children's Liturgy team members at Mass.

**Sunday Night Sausage Sizzle:** this weekend Sunday 5th February after the 6pm Mass at Christ the King. Thanks to our generous helpers who make this happen for our community every first Sunday night of the month.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Graceville Atrium:** will reopen for the children on Tuesday 7th February. There is still an opportunity to enrol your child. Also if anyone would like to join our team of Catechists please contact Anne Delsorte at [delsorte@bigpond.net.au](mailto:delsorte@bigpond.net.au) for further information.

**St Joseph's School Opening Liturgy for 2023:** will be held at 9am on Thursday 9th February in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend.

**Parish Choir:** rehearsals for the parish choir recommence at 7pm on Thursday 9th February in St Joseph's Church. New members are always welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul meeting:** 8am on Friday 10th February in the Parish Office at Corinda. Vinnies always welcomes new members to assist in their good works.

**Christ the King School Opening Liturgy for 2023:** will be held at 9.30am on Friday 10th February in Christ the King Church. All are welcome to attend this liturgy.

**Youth Group for high school students and young adults:** 6.30pm Friday 10th February at St Joseph's Hall Corinda. Commencing with a light dinner and finishing at 8.30pm. All young people are most welcome to attend. Contact Malia at the parish office or at [pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au) if you require further information.

**Ministers Gathering:** As we commence 2023 we extend an invitation to our Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and our Mass Coordinators to come together for short time of formation, sharing and renewal on Saturday morning 11th February at 10am in St Joseph's Church. This gathering will be approx one hour and will conclude with morning tea and change to chat and catch up. We wish all ministers to attend if possible.

**Parish Finance Council:** the first meeting for 2023 will be held at 7pm on Thursday 16th February at the parish office



**Ash Wednesday Liturgies:**

Vigil Mass for Ash Wednesday: 7pm Tuesday 21st February at St Joseph's Church.

Mass on Ash Wednesday morning: 8.30am Wednesday 22nd February at Christ the King Church.

Combined Schools Liturgy: 10am Wednesday 22nd February at St Joseph's Hall Corinda



**First Holy Communion Information Night:** Thursday 23rd 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.

**Stations of the Cross:** each Friday evening of Lent at 7pm in St Joseph's Church commencing on Friday 24th February.

**Parish Calendar:** a few copies of the 2023 Parish Calendar are still available for collection. Please pick up a copy for your household, available at the entrances of the churches while stocks last!!

## Word of God Sunday

**Honouring the Word of God:** One of the primary ways in which the faithful honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to their lives.

Within the liturgical celebration itself, the Church's General Instruction of the Roman Missal offers concrete guidelines for honouring God's Word at Mass. One most visual sign is proclaiming the Word from a dignified Lectionary or a specially decorated Book of the Gospels at the ambo.

Holding the Book of the Gospels aloft during the entrance procession and carrying the Book from the Mass altar to the ambo during the singing of the Gospel Acclamation is a way of highlighting the Lord's Word to be proclaimed.

Incensing the open Book of the Gospels and arranging servers to hold lighted candles on either side of the ambo are ways of reverencing the sacredness and light of Christ's presence during the proclamation of the Gospel.

As a sign of love for Christ and his message, the Book containing the Gospel reading is also kissed by the priest or deacon after the reading, like the altar which is venerated by the presiding celebrant at the beginning and end of Mass.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* suggests that on Sunday of the Word of God, the book containing God's Word might be "enthroned" or given due honour in the church. It is a point also made in Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, so the faithful can reflect upon God's Word.

An important point to remember here is the Second Vatican Council's insight that Christ's presence is recognised in the actual "proclamation" of the Word, when the Church believes that Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the words of the Church's minister [*Sacrosanctum concilium*], rather than in the physical book itself.

*Aperuit Illis* also reminds us that for many centuries before being written down, God's Word was passed down orally from one generation to another. Therefore the actions of proclamation, listening and heeding God's Word are still accorded high priority.

The other ways in which due honour might be given to God's Word including placing the Lectionary or Book of the Gospels on a significant stand near the ambo or entry to the church, in a dedicated side chapel or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for people to read.

<b><u>WEEKDAY LITURGIES</u></b>		
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's - Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's - School Opening Liturgy
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King - School Opening Liturgy
<b><u>SUNDAY MASSES</u></b>		
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
<b><u>SACRAMENT OF PENANCE</u></b>		
Saturday	4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	St Joseph's
<b>Other times by appointment.</b>		
<b><u>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</u></b>		
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
<b>All enquiries to the Parish Office</b>		

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

SUN, 5 FEB	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Word of God Sunday) Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
MON, 6 FEB	St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs - <i>Memorial</i> Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56 (Alt. Gal 2:19-20; Mt 28:16-20)
TUE, 7 FEB	Gen 1:20 - 2:4; Mk 7:1-13
WED, 8 FEB	St Jerome Emiliani, patron saint of orphans and abandoned children - <i>Optional Memorial</i> St Josephine Bakhita, virgin, patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking - <i>Optional Mem.-</i> Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
THU, 9 FEB	Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
FRI, 10 FEB	St Scholastica, virgin, martyr, twin sister of St Benedict - <i>Memorial</i> Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
SAT, 11 FEB	Our Lady of Lourdes, patron saint of bodily ills - <i>Optional Memorial</i> (World Day of Prayer for the Sick) Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

SUN, 12 FEB      6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Ron Atkins, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, June Denham, Maureen Doherty, Nash Giles, Maureen Gleeson, Gregory Gould, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Greg Hunt, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Therese Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Gordon McCormack, Jack McLaughlin, 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, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Luke Reed, Megan Riddle, Sr Bernadetta Robinson, Sr Cyprian Thureson, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, 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: Allan Camp, Glenis Lund, Francisco Dominguez Del Brio, May Byrne, Bob Fechner, Lyn Crowley*

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:*  
David McKeon, Rita Mortiss, Bernadette Burton, Darryl Brittain,  
James Carmody, Robyn Nielson, Fr Joseph Thanh Nguyen,  
Sima Sulaimani, Desmond McCormack, Barbara Hawkins, Des  
Campbell, Brian Claffey, Ann Sellars, John Staunton, Thomas  
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**The 2023-25 Sacraments of Initiation 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, 2023, (usually Grade 3 children and above), regardless of which school they attend. The premise under which this policy is implemented within our Parish, is about inviting children to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith as part of a parish based, school supported, family centred preparation program. ***We will be working together as a team to continue your child's faith journey.***

An information night is proposed for **6:30pm 16 March 2023, at Christ the King Church**, Churchill Street, Graceville, for parents who would like to find out more about the program (Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Penance) and the process for enrolling their child/children in the same. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this night, so at least one parent or guardian should attend so that you may be in the best possible position to make an informed decision on whether your family wish to commit to the program at this time. *Only parents/guardians need attend this short session.*

To express your interest in attending the information night simply email the Sacramental Program Coordinator at [sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au). Your email will be acknowledged. A copy of the agenda for the evening will be made available closer to the event.

This meeting is a great opportunity to ask questions to help make an informed decision about whether the time is right for you and your family to participate in our program.



**Open Music Group:** Our next Open Music Group will be held at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 12 February. If you would like to be part of the group, please come to a practice at Christ the King Church at 5.00pm on the day. Contact Ian Larter 0414 811 782 for further details.

*We 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. We acknowledge the continuing and deep connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country, its land, waters and culture.*