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*The Pastor's Pen....*

I won't say that formulating, drafting and passing new laws is easy in a secular democracy such as ours, but I will say that doing so is very much easier than adhering to such laws and enforcing them. The Jewish people had their laws and traditions directly from God. All the same they often broke them and found them painful and difficult to enforce.

In this week's Gospel from St. Matthew, which continues Jesus' great Sermon / Teaching on the Mount, we hear Jesus take some of these most treasured Jewish laws and ancient traditions and reframe them in fresh, exciting and challenging ways. He isn't doing away with God's laws, but as he said he most certainly is fulfilling and completing them.

Moses went up Mount Sinai, spoke to God face to face as friends do and brought back down the from the Holy Mountain the divine laws and traditions that were to guide God's people. These laws formed the basis for the covenant or testament between God and Israel. Imitating this action Jesus climbed the Mount with his disciples as the giver of a renewed law for a renewed people of God, the foundation for the new covenant / testament that he would live out and finally seal with his own blood in his sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus takes the old Jewish laws and traditions, changing them from setting a minimum of behaviour to expressing the desired goal for maximum righteousness. He changes the focus from external markers achieving a pass grade, to internal signs and motivations of integrity and high credit. He does this because, as I preached last weekend, love is God's word and gracious loving is God's way. It's to this high standard that we are called and towards this goal of living that we are empowered by the loving Spirit of God living in us.

Ours is not to demand or even enforce adherence to these new fulfilled laws, nor is it ours to exact punishment if we, or indeed anyone, fails this high moral calling. Both mercy and vengeance belong to God. Ours it is to preach them, asking the Holy Spirit to help us to live by them and to seek forgiveness and a fresh chance when we fail, which sadly we will.

As St. Paul says to us; It is the Spirit alone that reaches the depths of everything and everyone, even the depths of God. Or to put this in my own words; The Spirit of God knows the truth about us, our motives and our limits and the truth about God's love and mercy better than we ever can.

If we allow God's loving Spirit to fills us, mature in us, teach, inform and motivate us, then as scriptures says in so many places, we have nothing to fear and we can calm our consciences in God's presence. This is because loving and acting lovingly with each other as Jesus loves and does is the perfect fulfilment of all of the requirements of the law that really matters, God's law given to us by Jesus Christ.

*Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.*

**Prayer for Married Couples  
On World Marriage Day**

Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:  
look with kindness on them.  
Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Each year on the second Sunday of February, World Marriage Day is observed. Pope Francis has said that the vocation of marriage is like steering a boat on a stormy sea "It is important that, together, you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Only in this way will you find peace, overcome conflicts and discover solutions to many of your problems. Those problems, of course, will not disappear, but you will be able to see them from a different perspective."

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS



Vigil Mass - 7.00pm TUESDAY 21st February - St Joseph's Church

Mass - 8.30am ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February - Christ the King Church

Combined Schools Liturgy - 10.00am ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February - St Joseph's School Hall

*Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.*

**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.



## **Parish Pastoral Council Communique – 2 February 2023**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting was held on 2 February. This was the first meeting for 2023.

### **Council Membership**

- Resignations received from Gillian Whale (parish rep) and Anna Hartland (CTK School Parent rep). Council recognised contribution of both Gillian and Anna, and wished them both well on their spiritual journey.
- New CTK Parent Representative to be nominated.
- Youth Group will have two representatives, scheduled to attend March 2023 meeting.

Outlined below are key strategic points from the meeting:

- Agreed **Corinda Graceville Disaster Management Plan** be developed. Strategy will see a fully integrated disaster management plan across Parish Office | Schools | Parish Community | St Vincent de Paul. Planning has now commenced and will be lead by Peter Duffy, Chair of the parish St Vincent de Paul Conference. Contact Parish Office or discuss with Peter if you would like further information or to be involved in development of plan.
- Fr Mark advised on the forthcoming visit to Brisbane Archdiocese of the **Apostolic Nuncio**, Archbishop Charles Balvo, from 15 February to 22 February 2023, plus the **Archdiocesan Summit (18 to 20 May 2023)**, which will focus on integration into Archdiocese of Plenary Council Resolutions. Also outlined that **Centenary of the Foundation of the original St Joseph's Parish** will occur this year. Further details on recognition of this milestone to be provided.
- Council endorsed the '**On Our Parish Journey Led by the Spirit**' Parish Assembly date - **16 July 2023**. Formal reporting structures on the delivery of the Five Year Plan are being established. Will include accountable committees for delivery of actions, reporting to Parish Council on delivery.
- Parish Council considering a **Parish Young Adults Survey** with purpose to understand the spiritual and faith journey of young adults.
- Both **schools** have commenced the year with strong enrolments and seeing minimum growth against 2022 numbers. St Joseph's enrolment 487 students. Christ the King enrolment 231 students. School communities planning for Opening School Year Liturgies plus a combined Ash Wednesday Liturgy in St Joseph's Hall. Alignment, communication and support between Parish and schools remains a key topic.
- **Parish ongoing support** of youth, home and aged-care visitations and St Vincent de Paul remain a key link with our parish community.
- Parish governance and compliancy against **Safeguarding and Workplace Health and Safety** standards under ongoing management through Parish Office. Council noted concern about number of volunteer ministers who are not responding to documentations requests from the Parish's Safeguarding Officer. **Parish Community Members are asked to provide requested information to Veronica Maladina.**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** today Sunday 12th February at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's, then next Sunday 19th February at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King, 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.

**God's blessings:** to Austin and Charlotte who will be baptised at St Joseph's Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

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

**Parish Choir:** rehearsal at 7pm on Thursday 16th February in St Joseph's Church. The choir will be practicing Saturday evening Masses of the First and Fifth Sundays of Lent. It is a great time to join the choir as we approach the special Easter ceremonies. Contact the parish office or simply come to the practice!

**Youth Group for high school students and young adults:** 6.30pm Friday 17th 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.



**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

*Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.*

**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 through the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Contact our Sacramental Program Coordinator at [sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au)



**St Vincent de Paul meeting:** 8am on Friday 24th February in the Parish Office at Corinda. Vinnies always welcomes new members to assist in their good works.

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

**The Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul:** will be commissioned at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 25th February.

**Christ the King School Sponsored Mass:** will be held at the 9.30am Sunday Mass on 26th February.

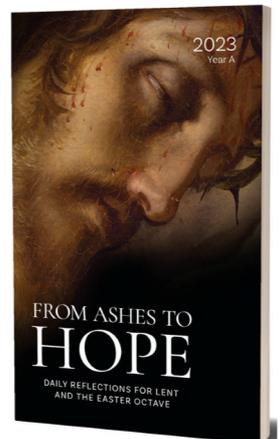
**A NEW REFLECTION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP USE FOR LENT AND THE EASTER OCTAVE 2023**

Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter Octave reflection resource for 2023 called From Ashes to Hope.

From Ashes to Hope has been written to provide each of us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope.

This resource has been written by Shane Dwyer, Associate Director for Adult Formation at Evangelisation Brisbane - an experienced speaker, faith resource writer, and course provider, and Janiene Wilson, a clinical psychologist who has worked in private practice and in the Church context for many years.

The reflection books (pictured right) will be made available in the churches next weekend. If you are able to contribute \$5.00 to cover the costs of the book, your donation would be greatly appreciated either via the normal collection baskets at Mass or drop it into the parish office. A leaders' guide can be provided for those who will be journeying with a group over the Lenten period.



*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, Christine Harris, 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 Olsh, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, 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:* Lex McCarthy, Jorge Ruiz, Allan Camp, Glenis Lund, Francisco Dominguez Del Brio

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Brian Ahearn, Jean Wheatland, Mary Kent, Carmel Curtain, David McKeon, Rita Mortiss, Bernadette Burton, Darryl Brittain, James Carmody, Robyn Nielson, Fr Joseph Thanh Nguyen, Sima Sulaimani



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## WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass  
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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)

### SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 12 FEB 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37  
MON, 13 FEB Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13  
TUE, 14 FEB Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop, patron saints  
of ecumenism - *Memorial*  
Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21  
(Alt. Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-9)  
WED, 15 FEB Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26  
THU, 16 FEB Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33  
FRI, 17 FEB Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
- *Optional Memorial*  
Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 - 9-1  
SAT, 18 FEB Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

### SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 19 FEB 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (8.00 AM):

"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 118: HAPPY ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW"



Hap-py are they who fol-low the law of the Lord.

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Thank  
You!

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville for your help in making my mother's, May Byrne's, send-off so special on Friday 27th January. In particular, Fr Mark, Malia and Michael.

Michael's assistance with preparations prior to the service ensured that we had everything ready. Malia's and Father Mark's experience when we arrived at the Church really helped to make sure that the service ran smoothly. Finally, Father's officiating and personal words really did make an impression with everyone who attended the service. My mother would have been pleased.

Again, thank you very much,  
Kind regards, Chris Byrne

**World Day of Prayer:** will be held 10am on Friday 3rd March at St John's Lutheran Church, Clewley Street, Corinda. This year's theme "Have Heard About Your Faith" is God's promise in the letter to the Ephesians, which is an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers. Following the example of the letter (Ephesians 1:15-19), where the author praises the church for their faith in Jesus and love toward all the saints, the worship service contextualizes the witness of the saints with the stories from Taiwan. 'We are steeped in history. Through exploitation, piracy, trade and colonisation, we industrialised early, and saw developments in science, maths, medicine and industry. We are increasingly more aware of the role of the empire in the slave trade and the effects of technological advances on climate change.' World Day of Prayer Taiwan service writers



**The Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre:** is offering the following services at 38 Thallon St Sherwood  
**Services Australia:** We now have Scott from Services Australia offering assistance for persons looking for advice on information on Centrelink and similar areas. They are usually at the centre every other Wednesday between 10am and 12pm. Persons can drop in, but we advise calling the centre on 3379 6963 to check that Scott will be available.

**Uniting Care Financial counselling/advice:** Every other Wednesday that Scott is away, we will have Rob a financial counsellor from Uniting Care, he can advise for anything from flood relief to debts and other support. He will be available between 9am and 12pm. You can call the centre on 3379 6963 or contact Rob directly 3624 2400 to arrange a time.

**Scam:** Jubilee Parish have advised us of what seems to be a scam "Go Fund Me" page purporting to be set up by Fr Fortune Okoro, who until recently had been ministering in the parish. The page suggests it is raising funds for a roof on a church building in Papua New Guinea. One parishioner has already been taken in by the ruse which comes in as a fairly non-descript email: *Hi, I'd really appreciate it if you would share or donate to this GoFundMe, \*Put a roof and complete our church\** Please be aware that there are currently many scams using the names and identity of priests in the Archdiocese. No priest will ever ask for money in these kinds of ways.

**Discernment retreat:** Start the year on the right foot with some time away with God at a discernment retreat! Discere is a one-day Catholic discernment retreat for both men and women. Held on Saturday 18 February from 9am-3pm at the beautiful Marian Valley. Participants will have the opportunity to deepen their faith, reflect on their purpose, and gain clarity through prayer, reflection, and group discussions. Join our team for a peaceful day of prayerful vocational discernment. Contact Evangelisation Brisbane at eb@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3440

*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.*