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The Pastor's Pen....

A very clear and helpful article (below) from Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI sent to me by Sr. Gerardine Doherty OLSH.

I hope that this reflection helps to provoke some thoughts in us that will set the scene for our journey of renewal over the coming six weeks of the Lenten Season.

May God bless our efforts with grace and mercy in this special time.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

The Major Imperatives Within Mature Discipleship
Ron Rolheiser, OMI

What makes for a deeper human maturity? I would like to suggest ten major demands that reside inside both human and Christian maturity:

1. Be willing to carry more and more of life's complexities with empathy: Few things in life, including our own hearts and motives, are black or white, either -or, simply good or simply bad. Maturity invites us to see, understand, and accept this complexity with empathy so that, like Jesus, we cry tears of understanding over our own troubled cities and our own complex hearts.
2. Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred rather than give them back in kind: Any pain or tension that we do not transform we will retransmit. In the face of jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred we must be like water purifiers, holding the poisons and toxins inside of us and giving back just the pure water, rather than being like electrical cords that simply pass on the energy that flows through them.
3. Let suffering soften rather than harden our souls: Suffering and humiliation find us all, in full measure, but how we respond to them, with forgiveness or bitterness, will determine the level of our maturity and the colour of our person. This is perhaps our ultimate moral test: Will my humiliations soften or harden my soul?
4. Forgive: In the end there is only one condition for entering heaven (and living inside human community), namely, forgiveness. Perhaps the greatest struggle we have in the second-half of our lives is to forgive: forgive those who have hurt us, forgive ourselves for our own shortcomings, and forgive God for seemingly hanging us out unfairly to dry in this world. The greatest moral imperative of all is not to die with a bitter, unforgiving heart.
5. Live in gratitude: To be a saint is to be fuelled by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less. Let no one deceive you with the notion that a passion for truth, for church, or even for God can trump or bracket the non-negotiable imperative to be gracious always. Holiness is gratitude. Outside of gratitude we find ourselves doing many of the right things for the wrong reasons.
6. Bless more and curse less: We are mature when we define ourselves by what we are for rather than by what we are against and especially when, like Jesus, we are looking out at others and seeing them as blessed ("Blessed are you!") rather than as cursed ("Who do you think you are!"). The capacity to praise more than to criticize defines maturity.
7. Live in an ever-greater transparency and honesty: We are as sick as our sickest secret, but we are also as healthy as we are honest. We need, as Martin Luther once put it, "to sin bravely and honestly". Maturity does not mean that we are perfect or faultless, but that we are honest.
8. Pray both affectively and liturgically: The fuel we need to resource ourselves for gratitude and forgiveness does not lie in the strength of our own willpower, but in grace and community. We access that through prayer. We are mature to the degree that we open our own helplessness and invite in God's strength and to the degree that we pray with others that the whole world will do the same thing.

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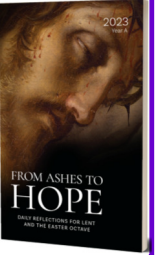
9. Become ever-wider in your embrace: We grow in maturity to the degree that we define family (Who is my brother or sister?) in way that is ever-more ecumenical, interfaith, post-ideological, and non-discriminatory. We are mature only when we are compassionate as God is compassionate, namely, when our sun too shines on those we like and those we do not. There comes a time when it is time to turn in our cherished moral placards for a basin and a towel.
10. Stand where you stand and let God protect you: In the end, we are all vulnerable, contingent, and helpless both to protect our loved ones and ourselves. We cannot guarantee life, safety, salvation, or forgiveness for ourselves or for those we love. Maturity depends upon accepting this with trust rather than anxiety. We can only do our best, whatever our place in life, wherever we stand, whatever our limits, whatever our shortcoming, and trust that this is enough, that if we die at our post, honest, doing our duty, God will do the rest.

God is a prodigiously-loving, fully-understanding, completely-empathic parent. We are mature and free of false anxiety to the degree that we grasp that and trust that truth.

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

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* which 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.



The reflection books (pictured right) are available at the mains doors of the churches. 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.

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 will be held at **6:30pm on Thursday 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.

To express your interest in attending the information night simply email Melissa the Sacramental Program Coordinator at 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. ***Only parents/guardians need attend this session.***

LITURGY SNIPPET: OUR LENTEN LITURGICAL SYMBOLS

No other sign so clearly symbolises Christianity as the cross. As crucifixion was the cruellest means used by the Romans to execute criminals, it symbolised hatred, despair and pain. Jesus' resurrection from the dead meant that the cross became a symbol of victory over death and salvation from sin. The cross is, therefore, a central object in our liturgy, especially during Lent. The wooden cross stands prominent in both of our churches during this season. (Source: Liturgy Lines, Liturgy Brisbane)



The Gospel on this First Sunday of Lent tells us of Jesus fasting for forty days and nights in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil three times, and rebuking the devil. As we listen to the Gospel this weekend, may our liturgical environment draw us closer to the Gospel message.



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her

village. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** 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/envelopes available in the churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Ambrose Treacy Student Assessment: Three Year 12 students from Ambrose Treacy College Indooroopilly will be present at the Saturday 5.30pm Mass this weekend 25th February with the hope of parishioners spending a few minutes with them to help them with an assessment piece on ethics for their Year 12 Study of Religion. To complete this assessment, they need to gather adherents' views on the ethical issue of Euthanasia. The boys would very much appreciate the assistance of parishioners at the 5.30pm Mass this Saturday and ask that you take a few minutes after Mass to fill out a survey for them. The surveys are anonymous. Please speak to Thomas, Louis, or Harvey if you are happy to take part.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Thank you to the Parish Choir: who lead our music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass this weekend. If you wish to join the choir please speak to Michael Doherty, or any member of the choir. We'd love you to join us for Easter!

The Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul: will be commissioned at the 5.30pm Mass this Saturday 25th February. The St Vincent de Paul do many good works for those most in need in our suburbs. If you wish to join and assist in their good works please speak to Peter Duffy, or any member of the St Vincent de Paul, or attend one of their meetings each Friday fortnight at 8am in the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: today Sunday 26th February at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Church, then next Sunday 5th March at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church, alternating weekly between each church throughout the school term. All primary school aged children are welcome. New leaders and helpers are always welcome - if you are interested in helping this important ministry please speak to Malia Mar at the parish office.

Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: welcome to the students, families and staff of Christ the King School who help lead our ministries at Mass this Sunday morning at 9.30am. You are always most welcome.

God's blessings: to Archie and Sophia who will be baptised at Christ the King Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

Cake and Coffee: after the 6pm Mass on Sunday night to farewell Teresa Quinn who has moved from the parish. Thank you Teresa for all of your help in so many ways and ministries to our parish.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 7pm Thursday 2nd March at the Parish Office.

Parish Choir: rehearsals for Easter ceremonies commence this week at 7pm on Thursday 2nd March in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to be part of the parish choir. Please come along to practice.

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.

Youth Group for high school students and young adults: 6.30pm Friday 3rd March 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 if you require further information.

Stations of the Cross: each Friday evening of Lent at 7pm in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this very special and prayerful devotion as we journey through the season of Lent.

Liturgy Team Meeting: 10am Saturday 4th March at the Parish Office.

The Fijian Choir: will lead our music ministry at the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass on 4th March.

Sausage Sizzle: after the 6pm Mass on Sunday 5th March. All welcome!

St Vincent de Paul meeting: 8am on Friday 10th March in the Parish Office at Corinda.

PARISH MUSIC MINISTERS GATHERING: A gathering of Parish Music Ministers will be held at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 11 March at 10.00am. The invitation is extended to all parish music ministers – organists, pianists, guitarists, other instrumentalists, cantors, small group singers and choir members. The gathering will start with a time of prayer, followed by some discussion and conclude with some morning tea and a chance to chat and catch up. It is anticipated that entire gathering will be finished by 11.30 am. Please RSVP to Ian Larter (email: ian.larter7@bigpond.com), so that we can have an understanding of numbers able to attend.

Date Claimer: Anointing Mass: Wednesday 15th March at 10am at St Joseph's Church Corinda

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 due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Paul Franklin, Shirley Dwyer, Teclé Tesfazgi, Lilly Bai (Omana)

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joseph Pace, Catherine Rogers, Douglas Wode, Julie McHugh, Judith Massey, Joan Crowley, Ronald Parker, George Maltet, Madeleine Maltet, John Hourigan, Madonna McCarthy, Mervyn Kalinowski, Brian Ahearn, Carmel Curtin



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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)

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 26 FEB 1st SUNDAY of LENT
Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
MON, 27 FEB St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor of the church
- *Optional Memorial*
Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
TUE, 28 FEB Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
WED, 1 MAR Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
THU, 2 MAR Esther 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Mt 7:7-12
FRI, 3 MAR AUTUMN EMBER DAY
Special Day of Prayer and Penance
Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
SAT, 4 MAR Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
SUN, 5 MAR 2nd SUNDAY of LENT
Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "BEYOND THE DAYS"

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

- Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.
- Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

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.



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 51: BE MERCIFUL, O LORD"

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

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

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

"FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT"

- From ashes to the living font your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed by your most holy word.
- Through fasting, prayer and charity your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.
- From desert to the mountain-top in Christ our way to see,
So, tempered by temptation's might we might transfigured be.
- From ashes to the living font, your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit fire fulfilled.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: Saturday 5.30pm "WORTHY IS THE LAMB"

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
To receive honour and glory.
Worthy are the ones who believe
To receive the goodness of God.

- Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb.
Wisdom and strength belong now to you.
You laid down your life, and died upon the cross:
We've become a people of hope.
- Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.
Salvation and joy belong now to us.
By conquering death and rising to new life,
We've become a people of praise.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Sunday 9.30am "GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Chorus: Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

- We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen
Go make a difference in the world.
- We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world.
- So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ, will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world.