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The Pastor's Pen....

Sin, what it is and what it isn't, pops up over and over again in the mighty story of the healing of a man born blind. For the Pharisees and Jewish leaders someone born with a defect or disability had this problem because of their own sin, or carried it because of the sin of their ancestors. Sadly, some cultures and people still have this belief to this day, rejecting and even killing children born with 'defects'. Moreover, in Jesus' time and culture it was believed that sinners were rejected even by God and this justified their rejection by their families and community. Again, in some places and people, this is still the thinking.

Not though for Jesus. He saw the man born blind and in him perceived an opportunity to reveal God's love and merciful healing power. He utterly rejected sin as the cause of disabilities and disabilities as a proof of being a sinner. In other words, Jesus totally rejected the thinking of his culture, declaring all disabilities as a gift and an opportunity to let the light of God shine out. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world, he said.

The trajectory of this great story is simple. It can be the pattern of our faith journey, too. The man is touched by Jesus and sent to wash in the pool of Siloam which means 'sent' and then he gains his sight. The man, through all of the following interrogations, grows in his insight, wisdom and faith. Meanwhile the Pharisees and leaders, who thought that they could see clearly even into God's mind and heart, fall step by step into ever deeper darkness and ignorance. This continues until they reject Jesus himself as a sinner, even despite the clear as day evidence that the healing he worked could only be from God.

The man born blind moves step by steady step into the light, from thinking of Jesus as a healer and a very lucky break in his own lowly and limited life, to perceiving him as a Prophet, then as someone sent by God and finally recognising him as the long awaited Son of Man and Lord, worthy of worship and his allegiance in faith. For this insight the man is once again disowned by his fear-filled family and rejected by the leaders of the Jewish community, only to be found by the Lord Jesus and be accepted as his follower.

This blind man was 'sent' in this story from beginning to end; sent by God into the world, sent by Jesus to wash in a kind of baptism at Siloam, sent into the light with growing insight, sent to witness and speak out the truth before the Pharisees and his family and sent into history and to us as a witness to God's ways and as a model for our Christian journey of faith.

All of us start out 'blind' in this world, but through our baptism and rebirth into Jesus Christ the light of the world, we gain our sight. Now, it's our mission in the Holy Spirit to keep developing this vision and like the man be sent out to bring and to be Jesus' light, hope and mercy in this world to those we see every day. For while we are able to be Him in this world, the world still has the opportunity of seeing in Christ's light.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.



LENT AND EASTER 2023

Stations of the Cross ~ every Friday evening of Lent at 7pm - St Joseph's

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins ~ 7pm Wednesday 29th March - St Joseph's

PALM SUNDAY ~ 1st & 2nd April - normal weekend Mass times

HOLY THURSDAY ~ Mass - 7pm - 6th April - Christ the King

GOOD FRIDAY ~ Stations of the Cross - 10am - 7th April - Christ the King
~ Good Friday Passion - 3pm - 7th April - St Joseph's

HOLY SATURDAY ~ Easter Vigil - 6pm - 8th April - St Joseph's

EASTER SUNDAY ~ Mass - 8am - 9th April - St Joseph's
~ Mass - 9.30am - 9th April - Christ the King
~ NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday



SUMMIT23 is a three day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

The Summit is a key moment in the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council. Though we do not yet have papal approval, there is much we can do. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vision for the Archdiocese alongside a number of other leading voices, including Sherry Weddell (author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*). The Summit will create a place where each person can encounter Christ, be formed in faith, and equipped for the mission we are called to.



When: 6pm - 9pm Thursday 18th May, 8am - 9pm Friday 19th May, 9am - 3pm Saturday 20th May

Where: Riverlife Centre, 47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

Cost: Earlybird is \$170pp | \$150 pp for groups of 10+ After early bird is \$200pp | \$170 pp for groups of 10+

Expressions of Interest are to be made to the parish office so that group bookings and early bird rates can be shared by all. The parish will subsidise part of the costs. Please contact the parish office this week if you wish to attend.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corinda Graceville Atrium
"Come and See" Open House after school 2.50 - 4.00pm Tuesday 28th March

An opportunity for parents and children to come and explore the atrium. Enjoy a self discovery tour that will take you on a hunt through the atrium to find the answers to special clues provided. On the way, discover the many amazing hands on materials that are available for children, interested in spending some quiet reflective time in a peaceful setting, designed to draw all who enter deeper into a relationship with God. The atrium is divided up into three separate environments for different age groups. It is available on a weekly basis during term time for children aged 3-12, but is also the place where the parish offers sacramental preparation, giving children time in a retreat like setting to spend time with God, getting to know Him better, reflecting on the gift of each sacrament. **Please come and join us. Several of the team will be available to answer any questions and share with you about the opportunities available for your children.**

Thank you: I wish to thank Father Mark, Father Pius and all of the parish community for the special farewells, cake, and blessings given to me recently at the Sunday evening Masses at Christ the King. I have been a parishioner for most of my life and will miss the parish greatly. The kindness and warmth shown to me will be fondly remembered. I wish you all of God's blessing and thank you most sincerely. *Teresa Quinn.*



Rest In Peace: last Thursday the parish community farewelled Pat Winnett at a funeral service at Christ the King. The parish offers the support and prayers of the community to Pat's husband Lloyd and their children Craig, Jason and Nicola and their families. *Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our sister Patricia, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, Patricia will rise with Christ on the last day.*

In God's Care: the funeral service to celebrate the life of Alannah Buddery was held last Wednesday. Prayers, sympathy and support are offered to Alannah's husband Alex, their daughter Ivy and her parents Anne-Louise and Mark. *May the angels lead Alannah into paradise; May the martyrs come to welcome her and take her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

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Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

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.



Lent Ideas for Kids: During Lent Christians we prepare for the celebration of Easter, and we do this in three ways: 1. We pray and spend time with God. 2. We make room for God by fasting from things that usually fill our time or our bellies. 3. We reach out through alms giving which puts our love for others into action. It doesn't matter how old you are, Lent is a time that even our youngest disciples can embrace! So, we have just a few ways that you can engage the kids in your life in prayer, fasting and almsgiving as they make a new beginning with Jesus this Lent. These ideas are included in a free Lenten calendar, which can be downloaded at : <https://tinyurl.com/kidsandlent>

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.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: welcome to the school students, families and staff of St Joseph's School who join us and help lead our ministries at the Saturday evening Mass this weekend. You are always most welcome.

Rite of Healing and Strengthening: We pray for Garura as she journeys to Confirmation and Communion which will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Today at the 8am Sunday Mass we pray a special Rite of Healing and Strengthening over Garura. *Let Garura rejoice in your light Lord, that she may see, and, like the man born blind whose sight you restored, let her prove to be a staunch and fearless witness to the faith,*

Children's Liturgy of the Word: today Sunday 19th March at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church. This will be the last Children's Liturgy for term 1.

30th Anniversary of Ordination: Father James O'Donoghue, who was raised here in Corinda Graceville Parish and celebrated his first Masses in both St Joseph's Church and Christ the King Church in 1993 will celebrate the 6pm Mass on Sunday 19th March on the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination. All are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa and piece of anniversary cake!

Happy St Joseph's Day: to parishioners and our school students, staff and families. The Solemnity of St Joseph is celebrated on Monday 20th March this year. *For the Church, under the protection of St Joseph ~ For the salvation of the world, entrusted to us ~ For labourers, whose work brings dignity ~ For all of us, called to be obedient to God ~ We make our needs known to God, confident that they will be heard through the intercession of St Joseph.*

Rest In Peace: Lifelong parishioner Jack McLaughlin passed away on 13th March. Born in Clewley Street Corinda (opposite the original St Joseph's Church) in 1930, to a pioneering family of the district, Jack was raised in Graceville, and lived his entire life in the Parish. Jack and Maureen (dec'd) raised their children Elizabeth and John in Verney Road East, Graceville, next door to the house that Jack himself was raised in. Jack lived a life committed to his family, his faith, his parish and his great passion - cricket. On Saturday, just two days before he passed away "Gentleman Jack" as he was known, was honoured after his Wests home club ground in Graceville was named after him - the "John 'Jack' McLaughlin Oval". Jack passed away last Monday at St Vincent's Corinda. The Funeral Mass to celebrate Jack's life will be held at 11am on Wednesday 22nd March at St Joseph's Church Corinda. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Elizabeth and John and their families. *On the day of Baptism Jack was clothed in Christ. With deep faith he lived out his Christian life. May Christ now enfold him in love and bring him to eternal life.*

How to help your child understand the Mass: a workshop for Parents and Grandparents to help you to help your children and grandchildren to understand the beauty of the Mass. A wonderful opportunity to open up the meaning of the different elements of the Mass. Open to anyone to attend at 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd March at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Graceville. Please contact Melissa via sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to register your attendance.

Parish Choir: rehearsals for Easter ceremonies at 7pm on Thursday 23rd March in St Joseph's Church. The Parish choir will sing next Saturday evening on the Fifth weekend of Lent at the 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's.

St Vincent de Paul meeting: 8am on Friday 24th March in the Parish Office at Corinda.

Youth Group for high school students and young adults: 6.30pm Friday 24th 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.

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.

Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion: will be held at all Masses next weekend 25th / 26th March.

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: 7pm Wednesday 29th March at St Joseph's Church Corinda. Prepare for Easter by celebrating together with your parish community at this special Mass for Forgiveness of Sins. A time to reflect, pray, celebrate and seek forgiveness as we journey through the Season of Lent towards the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ron Atkins, Jack Cain, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, June Denham, Maureen Doherty, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Maureen Gleeson, Gregory Gould, Christine Harris, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Gordon McCormack, 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, Jennifer 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: Alannah Buddery, Pat Winnett, Jack McLaughlin, Annie O'Connor, Joan Rooney, Fr John Boyd-Boland

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Carolin Fogarty, Philip Lynch, Carmelina Pietrobon, Beryl Bright, Guiseppi Danieli, Peter Scott, Jo Parsons, Veronica Howard, Anthony Brady, Norma McNamara, Edna Cook, Eileen Mimis, Colin Cuthbert, Kathryn Salmon, Burt Peterson



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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)

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 19 MAR 4th SUNDAY of LENT
1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
MON, 20 MAR ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, patron saint of fathers and the universal church - *Solemnity*
2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51
TUE, 21 MAR Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16
WED, 22 MAR Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
THU, 23 MAR St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop - *Optional Memorial*
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
FRI, 24 MAR Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SAT, 25 MAR The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD - *Solemnity*
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 26 MAR 5th SUNDAY of LENT
Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (9.30 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 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"



The Lord is my Shep-herd, there is no-thing I shall want.

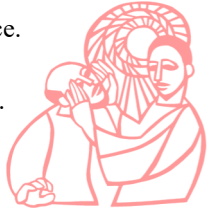


"FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT"

1. From ashes to the living font your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed by your most holy word.
2. Through fasting, prayer and charity your voice speaks deep
within,
Returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.
3. We sit beside the road and plead, "Come, save us, David's son!"
Now with your vision heal our eyes, the world's true Light alone.
4. From ashes to the living font, your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit fire fulfilled.

"OPEN MY EYES"

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live within you, Deep in your heart, O Love,
I live within you. Rest now in me.



"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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.
Wonders and signs, revealing your might.
Your power and glory shine upon our lives:
We've become your light for the world.



"A SCHOOL PRAYER"

Lord, be with us through the day, help us understand the way.
To follow right and never wrong and make our love grow ever strong
St Joseph protect us at work and play and guide our teachers every day
To lead us along the right paths. This, dear Lord, is what we ask.

"GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Refrain: 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.