



The Catholic Parish
of Corinda Graceville

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13th / 14th MAY 2023

Mother's Day

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Mothers day: This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. We pray for our mother's in gratefulness for the gift of life and nurturing that they have given us. We remember those who have died and are with us in the resurrection. Those preparing for motherhood are also in our prayers as they wait expectantly for what lies ahead.



Gracious God,

You chose Mary

to be the Mother of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**As you blessed her through her Son,
bless our mothers.**

**Grant them patience, wisdom, strength and joy,
so that they may care for and love
the children you have given them
and placed in their care.**

**For our mother's who have passed from this life
grant them your eternal light and peace.**

We as this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Easter tide is nearly at an end: There is a sense that an important event is about to happen. As the readings this week seek to reassure us, we will not be left without comforting support.

In the First Reading, we see how active the Apostles are in spreading the Good News. They are welcomed even in Samaria and the people receive the Holy Spirit. The Psalm expresses the joy they must have felt. We can imagine the grateful disciples praying: 'Before you all the earth shall bow, shall sing to you, sing to your name!' But all was not plain sailing for these new communities. They often encountered persecution as we see in the Second Reading. Peter tries to encourage them, reminding them of the sufferings of the innocent Jesus. They are to answer their accusers with courtesy and respect.

In the Gospel, Jesus reassures his friends. He will not leave them without support, as 'orphans', but will ask his Father to send them help after he has left. The Spirit of truth will be with them.

In our prayer this week, we might reflect on Jesus' promises and draw strength from them, so that we can speak to others about our beliefs with greater confidence. We continue to ask Father, Son and Spirit to inspire all peoples to work for peace.

National Volunteer Week: This week, May 15-21, Australia celebrates National Volunteer Week. Throughout the parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest numbers of volunteer groups throughout the state - around 10,000 people approximately.

As we commence National Volunteer Week we offer thanksgiving to the God of service, justice and love, for all who serve as volunteers in a multitude of settings within our parish of Corinda Graceville, the Church of Brisbane and the wider community. May their witness of faith and generosity of service reveal the face of Christ to those for whom they care. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Mary in the Month of May: Mary did not receive the Son of God only into her body, but into her entire being as woman. By Jesus becoming human, God assures us that the unique condition of woman is an essential element in his extraordinary and wonderful plan of coming to live among us. When we reflect on the way Mary herself sees her life journey, we see that she creates space in her being in order to accept the human Jesus and all the Good News of salvation. She enters into a personal relationship with Christ, developing her gifts of tenderness, perceptivity, and listening. Mary makes her special gifts of intuition and sensitivity effective in the service of Christ's mission.



Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart: will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 27th May at St Joseph's Church. Fr Gerry Kalinowski will join us to celebrate the Mass. Sr Merrilyn and Sr Evelyn will be returning from NSW, along with Sr Margaret from Toowoomba, to celebrate the feast day with us. Mass will be followed by morning tea! All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Mass Count: Each year during May a count is taken of the numbers attending each weekend Mass in each church. A simple head count will be taken during the homily time at each Mass - so if you see someone with a clipboard wandering around the church during Mass it's ok, they are simply counting how many people are present!

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia’s original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

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We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ron Atkins, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, June Denham, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Nash Giles, Maureen Gleeson, Gregory Gould, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Charles Keating, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Monique Maltet, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Val O'Brien, Patrick O'Dea, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemssen.

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

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Betty Donoghue, Clare Hickey

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Glen Cameron, Bruce White, Khiet Dao, Phuong Nguyen, Gerry Mitchell, Mary Kalinowski, Carmel Barron, Redmond Murphy, Laura Bowe, Nolan Winter, Zoe O'Shea, Jarryd Nelson, Herb McDonnell, Margaret Melgert, Julia Stewart, Annie Attwood, Hazel Phillips, Harry McKee, Walter Parsons, Bill Cowie, Mary Hogan, Ross Ferguson

THE LORD'S DAY: A message from Archbishop Mark:

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in this country and beyond in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself.

In English, the first day of the week preserves the Roman name – the day of the sun. But from the dawn of Christianity the first day was called the Lord's Day; and in other languages that is what you find. Christians saw the Risen Christ as the true light of the world, worshipping him rather than the sun. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter, when Christians celebrated above all the Resurrection of Christ, the pivot of all time which looked back to the first day of creation and ahead to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Sunday recognised what we proclaim at the Easter Vigil: that "all time belongs to Christ and all the ages". It not only marked the succession of time but revealed time's deeper meaning.

The Lord's Day was not only the weekly Easter but also the weekly Pentecost, because the Lord not only rose from the dead on the first day of the week but he also sent the Holy Spirit on the first day. The link was made between the light of the Risen Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit; and that link is never stronger than on the Lord's Day. Sunday is the day of encounter with the Risen Lord who breathes the Holy Spirit into the Church as he did into the disciples after his Resurrection (John 20:22), so that they could then go out on mission.

The Lord's Day was also seen as the eighth day. The Sabbath is the seventh day, the day of rest when God himself rested (cf Gen 2:2-3); and each Sabbath Jewish people pray that this Sabbath will never end, that the eighth day of eternity will come. Christians saw the day of Resurrection as that eighth day, as an image of eternity. It anticipated the End which St Augustine describes as "the peace of quietness, the peace of the Sabbath, a peace with no evening" (Confessions).

In the early centuries, Christians everywhere kept Sunday holy on a regular basis. A text of the third century says, "Leave everything on the Lord's Day and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God" (*Didascalia*). This continued even through times of persecution when Christians paid with their life for attending the Sunday assembly. As one martyr declared before the judges, "Without the Lord's Day we could not survive".

What began in those early times as a spontaneous practice later became an obligation in Church law. But that took time. Spontaneous practice became exhortation and then eventually canonical precept. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law the Sunday obligation became universal law, except in unusual circumstances like the pandemic.

Yet law can never obscure what lies deeper still. Before his passion and death, the Lord said to his disciples, "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15). None of those invited had earned a place at the Last Supper. "All had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat the Passover with them" (Pope Francis, *Desiderio Desideravi*). Before ever we respond to the Lord's invitation there is his desire for us. It is this which gives his invitation the urgency of a call; and it is that urgency which the Sunday obligation recognises.

Without us even realising it, the deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church requires it but because "we are drawn there by his desire for us" (ibid). In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

The Sunday obligation may not have the power it once had, and changes in the culture have made it more difficult for many to observe. Yet people have returned to Mass now that the pandemic is receding, not so much because they feel obliged but because they feel the need and are drawn by the urgency of the Lord's call.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May 2023) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored. The obligation does not apply to those for whom it is impossible to attend Mass, those who are sick or frail or those who are caring for the sick, especially sick children. Those unable to attend Mass can honour the Lord's Day in other ways, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

+ Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

4 May 2023

Rosary Bead Making Workshop: our parish children will have a unique opportunity to experience the month of Mary with a special activity allowing the children to make their very own set of Rosary beads! These rosary beads will be unique and individual to each child as they will be able to choose from a range of bright and colourful beads. We will gather at 6.30pm on Thursday, 25th May at the Parish Centre Graceville to explain the meaning of the Rosary and teach the children to make their own Rosary beads that they can keep. Costs for participation in this activity is \$10 per child. Please talk with your family and consider whether your child/ren would like to participate. We would be grateful for your expressions of interest to be sent via email to sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au no later than Friday 19th May.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Graceville Atrium: three day adult formation Saturday May 27th, Saturday June 3rd, Saturday June 24th. Each day is 9am- 5.30pm. For anyone interested in learning more about the 3-6 year old child and how we can best meet and serve their religious needs. Available to those wanting to assist as catechists in either regular or sacramental groups in the atrium, parents and grandparents, or anyone wanting to broaden their understanding about the essentials of our faith. The three days are a part of a larger formation process that covers the whole array of presentations for 3-6 year old children. It is actually days 7-9 in a twelve day formation process, but you can come to one day or all three days. The cost for each individual day is \$60 or \$180 for all three days. Brochures can be found at the main doors of the churches. Please bring your own lunch. Please contact Anne Delsorte via email to RSVP delsorte@bigpond.net.au

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.



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Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass

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



Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday 11.00 am	St Joseph's
4th Sunday 11.00 am	Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

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

SUN, 14 MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(World Communications Day)
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

MON, 15 MAY Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4

TUE, 16 MAY Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

WED, 17 MAY Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

THU, 18 MAY St John I, pope, martyr - *Optional Memorial*
Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

FRI, 19 MAY Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

SAT, 20 MAY St Bernardine of Siena, priest, Franciscan, patron
saint of Italy, devised symbol IHS - *Optional Memorial*
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

SUN, 21 MAY The ASCENSION of the LORD - *Solemnity*
 (Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
 Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Mass Coordinators training session: after ALL Masses this weekend 13th / 14th May. This will be a brief time of training / information regarding the procedures for the distribution of the Chalice. All Extraordinary Ministers and Mass Coordinators are asked to stay after Mass this weekend.

Children's Liturgy: will be held TODAY 14th May at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's. All primary school aged children, and all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are welcome to attend. There will be no Children's Liturgy next weekend due to the Rite of Welcome for Confirmation children.

Morning Tea: will be held after the 8am Mass TODAY. Please stay for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

Choir Practice: will be held on Thursday 18th May at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. New singers are always welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 8am Friday 19th May at the Parish Office. New members are always welcome.

Youth Group for high school students and young adults: 6.30pm to 8.30pm Friday 19th May (including a light dinner) at St Joseph's Meeting Room (beside the parish carpark) Corinda. Come along and meet our new Youth Worker Claire. All young people are most welcome to attend. Youth Group is held every Friday evening of the school term.

The Parish Choir: will be singing at the Saturday evening Mass next week for the Solemnity of the Ascension

Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation: will be held at all weekend Masses on 20th / 21st May. Please pray for the children of our parish who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Communion from the Chalice: will be restored to our liturgy next weekend 20th / 21st May on the Ascension.

Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians: our National Patron: Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Wednesday 24th May at St Joseph's Church.

Rosary Bead Making Workshop: 6.30pm on Thursday, 25th May at the Parish Centre Graceville. See page 3 for details

Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart: Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 27th May at St Joseph's Church, followed by morning tea. All welcome.

School Sponsored Masses: will be held on the Solemnity of Pentecost: St Joseph's School community will participate in the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 27th May. Christ the King School community will participate in the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 28th May. We look forward to celebrating the Birthday of the Church together!

Wear Red for Pentecost: wear something red to Mass on 27th / 28th May to add to the festivities of this great celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church.

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.

"PSALM 66: LET ALL THE EARTH"



Let all the earth cry out__ to God with songs of joy.

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Planned Giving envelopes are available in the pigeon holes at the front entrances at both churches. If you make offerings via envelope but would prefer to set up a regular offering to the parish via Direct Debit or Credit Card, please contact the Parish Office before collecting your envelope packs and we will provide you with the necessary form.

If you are not on Planned Giving and wish to commence, either via envelope, Direct Debit, or Credit Card, please contact the Parish Office. Your support of the parish, its ministries and its maintenance is greatly appreciated.