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*A Pastoral Statement on the Referendum*

The Referendum on the Voice brings Australia to a threshold moment, since it looks not only to our past but to our future, not only to what we have been but to what we can become.

There is no doubt that Australia has achieved great things since European settlement, and that is a source of national pride. But Australians are increasingly coming to appreciate the devastation that European settlement has brought to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Australia's first Catholic bishop, the English Benedictine John Bede Polding, spoke plainly of their treatment. In 1842 he wrote, "The life of an (Aboriginal) human being is valued no more than the life of a kangaroo, and far less than that of a bullock". Later he wrote, "The Aborigine will demand, 'What right have you to come here? We have not asked you to come, and you take away our lands, you drive away our means of subsistence'." Polding went on to denounce "occupation by force, accompanied by murders, ill-treatment, ravishment of their women...the white man coming for his own advantage, without any regard to their rights". He concluded, "I am making myself [an Aborigine], putting myself in that position, taking away all that I know except that this is my country, that my father lived by pursuing the emu and the kangaroo, that I am driven away from my hunting grounds, that my children and tribe are subjected to the grossest barbarities."

There emerged in time a policy of assimilating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into mainstream Australian culture. However well-intentioned it may have seemed, the policy led to the dissolution of Indigenous culture. We are now familiar with the concept of terra nullius (that before European settlement the land belonged to no-one), the tragedy of the Stolen Generation and the fact that the prior habitation of the First Nations peoples was not recognised in the Australian Constitution.

Australians are now being asked to consider a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament and to executive government, which was asked for in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The hope is that this will not only offer constitutional recognition but also assist towards a more just and equitable Australia, helping to tackle not just the symptoms but the causes of chronic disadvantage.

In response, we need first to see the truth of the suffering of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the disadvantage many experience today as a result. Justice demands that we seek to rectify this disadvantage and its consequences.

We also need to listen to the Indigenous peoples, in order to learn from them and learn to love them, not see them as "the other". Pope Francis has said of the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon, and how best to engage with them on issues particular to them: "They are our principal dialogue partners, those from whom we have the most to learn. Their words, their hopes and their fears should be the most authoritative voice at the table. Otherwise, the result would be, once again, 'a plan drawn up by the few for the few'." The same could be said of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

In 1986 at Alice Springs, Pope St John Paul II said to the Aboriginal people: "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received". Pope Francis and Pope John Paul ask us to listen to the Indigenous peoples and to receive joyfully what they have to offer the whole nation and the world.

Regrettably, the debate on the Voice has been politicised to the point where it is being enacted, as Andrew Hamilton SJ has noted, "as a battle between the Yes and the No side in which the task is not to unite the nation but to smash the opposition". But the issues surrounding the Voice are not primarily political; they are at their heart moral and ethical, which makes this essentially a conscience vote.

For Christians, it is also a summons to see the issues through the lens of the Gospel and ultimately with the eye of Jesus who is not above or apart from the Referendum process. Therefore, all Australians need to educate themselves on the issues, asking not so much what we might lose but what the nation might gain. One part of this would be a careful and open-minded reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The status quo is not an option, because the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia is growing wider rather than closing. Therefore, I urge everyone in the Archdiocese to prepare to vote in a way that looks to the Gospel and, whatever the result of the Referendum, to commit to redressing the chronic disadvantage suffered by the Indigenous peoples and promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation.

+Mark Coleridge ~ Archbishop of Brisbane

**Safeguarding Sunday:** This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can access information on the Church's response to child sexual abuse on the Bishops Conference website at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/A-guide-to-the-Church-s-response-to-child-sexual-abuse> It includes information about reporting allegations, the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the various national organisations with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

*Gracious God,  
you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.  
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited  
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.  
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.*

*We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support,  
so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,  
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

*We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen*

# The Feast of NATIONS

**Let's come together and enjoy our cultural and  
culinary delights!**

**Bring a plate of your favourite food that  
celebrates your nationality!**

**Please make a note of the ingredients for the safety of those with allergies and dietary requirements**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
St Joseph's Hall  
11.30am for 12 noon start  
Tea, Coffee & Cordial provided**

**Bring Your Family; Bring Your Friends; Bring Your Neighbours  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

**Confirmation ceremonies:** Congratulations and blessings to the 74 children and 2 adults who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday night at our parish celebrations. May the Holy Spirit empower you and guide you always.

**Children's Liturgy:** the final Children's Liturgy for Term 3 will be held today Sunday 10th September at the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church. All primary school aged children, and all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are welcome to attend.

**Morning Tea:** will be served this Sunday morning after the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's. Please stay and enjoy a cuppa and a friendly chat.

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

**In God's Care:** long time parishioner Alan Carr passed away on Monday 28th August. Alan & Bridie were staunch parishioners involved in many aspects and ministries of the parish for many decades. The Funeral Mass to celebrate Alan's life will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 12th September at St Joseph's Church. The sympathy, prayers and support of the parish community are offered to Bridie, and sons Chris, Paul, John and Justin and their families. *Lord, look kindly on Your servant, Alan, whom you have embraced in eternal life. He has been a guide to us in our lives. As he served You faithfully throughout his life, give him the fullness of peace and joy.*

**Anointing Mass:** all are welcome to attend this special Mass of Anointing and Healing at 10am on Wednesday 13th September at St Joseph's Church. Please note that later time for Mass (10am).

**Rest In Peace:** The Funeral Service for Marie Deane will be held at Christ the King Church at 1.30pm on Wednesday 13th September. Sympathy and prayers are offered to Marie's husband George and their children Andrew, Cameron and Natasha and families. *Eternal rest grant unto Marie, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon her.*

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** Mass for this special Feast will be celebrated at 9am on Thursday 14th September at St Joseph's Church.

**Closing Date for Penance Enrolments:** for children who are ten years of age (Year Five) or older and who have celebrated their Confirmation and First Communion. The closing date for enrolments for the Sacrament of Penance is Friday 15th September. Please contact Melissa at the Parish Office or via [sc.corindagranceville@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.corindagranceville@bne.catholic.net.au) if you require more information.

**Youth Group:** The final Youth Group for Term Three will be on Friday 15th September, with the youth joining the ministries of the Mass on Saturday 16th September. Youth Group is held from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in St Joseph's School Hall. We play games, have a light dinner, make friends, and learn about our faith. Grades six and above are welcome. To find out more please contact Claire on 0490 202 194. This is a great space for faith to come alive.

**Feast of Nations:** will be celebrated on Sunday 17th September commencing at 11.30am at St Joseph's Hall. Please bring a plate to share - a traditional cultural dish or favourite dish. Kindly make a note of the ingredients for the safety of any dietary needs. There will be cultural dancing from different countries to entertain us on the day. If you wish to help out in any way please contact Malia at the parish office.

**St Vincent de Paul Meeting:** The next meeting will be at 8.30am on Friday 22nd September at the Parish Office.

**"Who is your neighbour?":** If we walk in any direction from our parish churches, you will find families, often unknown, that are struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Our local St Vincent de Paul Members are the hands behind the help for these families and individuals, and have the privilege of walking with these companions through the challenging times they face. Through various forms of assistance, our Members put their faith into action by serving those they meet, with respect, compassion, hope and joy. For more information on how to become involved, contact Peter Duffy via [pbduffy54@gmail.com](mailto:pbduffy54@gmail.com) or phone / message 0418 796 965, or contact Marnie Niland at [Marnie.Niland@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:Marnie.Niland@svdpqld.org.au)



*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, June Denham, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Gregory Gould, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Monique Maltet, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Brian Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Richard Niland, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Steph Simpson. Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Rebecca Wallace, Ben Waters, 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:* Fr Albert Yelds msc, Alan Carr, Paul Vickers, Greg Jackson, Marie Deane

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Ray Beauchamp, Frank O'Shea, Irene Quinn, Rona Hooper, Michael Bambino, Concetta Bambino, Michael Hefford, Allison Ovenden, Mary Carmichael, John Green, Narelle Butler, Lola Ireland



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## WEEKDAY LITURGIES

### Wednesday 10.00 am St Joseph's - Anointing 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)

### TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 10 SEP 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20  
(Child Protection Sunday)

MON, 11 SEP Col 1:24 - 2:3; Lk 6:6-11

TUE, 12 SEP The Most Holy Name of Mary - *Optional Memorial*  
Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

WED, 13 SEP St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the church, patron saint of preachers - *Memorial*  
Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
(Alt. Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 4:1-10, 13-20)

THU, 14 SEP The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the finding of the cross on which Jesus died - *Feast*  
Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

FRI, 15 SEP Our Lady of Sorrows - *Memorial*  
Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

SAT, 16 SEP Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr - *Memorial*  
1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
(Alt. 2 Cor 4:7-15; Jn 17:11-19)

### TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 17 SEP 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Marriage Encounter:** Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. **Live-in weekend** at *Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston from Friday evening 13 October to Sunday afternoon 15 October*. Go to [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) for info or for bookings / details contact Lisha and Joseph 0481 307 821 or email [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au)

**Archbishop Mark has a message for you:** Finally we know the date for the Referendum vote. As with political elections, I wish in some ways the vote was tomorrow. Not that this is like voting in a political election. The Referendum process has been badly politicised, with politicians and activists on both sides trying to smash the opposition rather than unite the nation. But the choice on 14 October is moral and ethical rather than political. Some say that a Voice to parliament and executive will divide the nation, but we are already divided. The question is how Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia can be brought together at a time when the gap isn't closing but growing wider. For Christians, the issues focused by the Referendum need to be viewed through the lens of the Gospel and ultimately with the eye of Jesus who isn't above or apart from the process. In preparing to vote for the good not of some but of the whole nation we need to listen carefully to the Uluru Statement but also and more especially to the voice of Jesus

## HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (8.00 am MASS): "DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN"

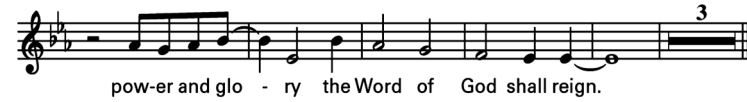
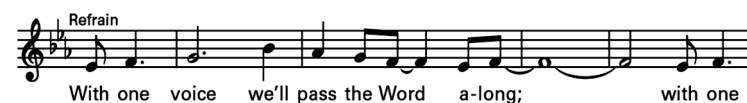
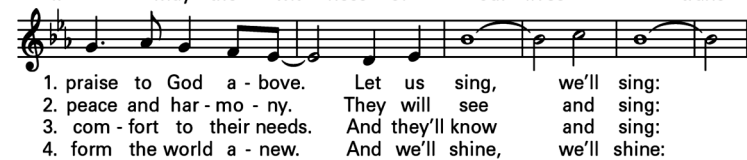
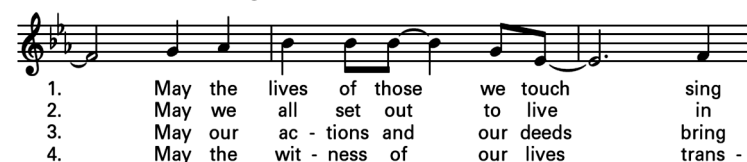
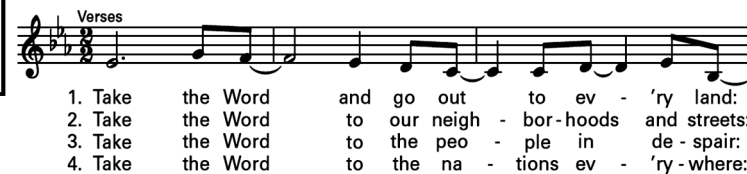
We send you now to hear God's word; God's message just for you.  
Walk with Jesus by your side in ev'ry-thing you do.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE"



### SENDING FORTH: "WITH ONE VOICE"



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**Multicultural Mass:** This year's Multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday 24th September, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. The Mass is held annually in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees and will this year highlight the 2023 theme "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". Sunday September 24 at 2.30pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, City. RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23) Mass will be followed by cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds. Parishioners from any and all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to attend to celebrate the richness of Brisbane's diverse Archdiocese.