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*The Pastor's Pen....*

Our Parish Feast of Nations celebration happens this Sunday in St. Joseph's Hall from 11.30am onwards. This gathering matters much more than we might at first think. Yes, it celebrates the cultural and linguistic diversity of our contemporary Parish community through a sharing of dances, songs, stories, food and table fellowship, a good thing in and of itself, but it goes even further than this.

We know that we live in a world divided and at war in many ways and on so many fronts. That we, as a Church community, can overcome these differences and tensions because of our common faith in Jesus Christ is no small matter indeed. Our gathering at Mass and later on in the Hall turns this into a sacramental event; a moment of encounter with the crucified and risen Lord, an experience and a sign of what the Kingdom of God is like.

This get-together is a true celebration then, one which takes our communion with God and each other in Christ and his Eucharist, then acts out the meaning of all of this during our time spent together with our different races and cultures sharing respect and appreciation for each other.

Resentment and anger are foul things, and both are found with the sinner, says the First Reading. They are foul because they fester within us until they ooze up in conflict, hatred and warfare. Being together in service, appreciation, joy and love strikes a small but important blow against such evil and offers to us a foretaste of the unity, justice and peace of God's kingdom reign already amongst us.

St. Peter wanted to know how often he and Jesus' followers had to forgive, as much as seven times, he asked? Jesus answered, not seven times, but seventy-seven times!

In other words, forgiveness is to be without limits, for we have been forgiven so very much. This being so, what gives us the right and the power to refuse to forgive and to keep bound in their faults and failings one of our sisters or brothers, a fellow human? We have to start from this stand-point and with this understanding and goal in mind and heart so that we can imitate God, be more like Christ and overcome our part in fouling up our relationships and our bit of the world.

Keep the following simple model in mind; Christ is the sacrament of God to the world; the Church is the sacrament of Christ left in the world; we are part of the Church, so when we act and choose God's way in the strength of the Holy Spirit we are a sacrament to others; for a sacrament is a visible and effective sign of the very real but as yet invisible God and the working of God's grace in human lives and history.

Our Psalm Response is this weekend's message; The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion. Likewise, with God's help, we are to become the same.

*Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.*

*The Feast of* **NATIONS**

**Come together and enjoy our cultural  
and culinary delights!**

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**St Joseph's Hall**

**11.30am for 12 noon start**

**Tea, Coffee & Cordial provided**

***Song, Dance, Lunch and Friendship ~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME***

*Australia as a nation is at a delicate and important moment in our history as we move towards the referendum on "The Voice" and all that it entails. The call for a 'Voice' goes back to at least 2017 and to a National Constitutional Convention which produced what we know as the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart', which speaks of three things – Voice, Truth Telling and Treaty; three elements that are intimately related. The call for a 'Voice' in fact goes back much earlier, so there is quite some history to what we are going to do in this year as we come to the referendum.*

*I would urge all of you to read the 'Statement from the Heart'. Many people have read about it but not everyone has read the statement. It's not long; it's a powerful and in some ways quite beautiful statement. I would urge you all to read or to read again, and carefully, the statement, which is really our indigenous peoples offering a hand to the entire nation. This is about the whole nation.*

*+Mark Coleridge ~ Archbishop of Brisbane*

### **ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART Uluru 27 May 2017**

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent, and its adjacent islands and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a *spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty.* It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is *the torment of our powerlessness.*

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

### **Resource to discuss "The Uluru Statement from the Heart"**

Evangelisation Brisbane have worked in concert with the Edmund Rice Centre in Sydney to produce a resource that helps people unpack the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

This is one way to prepare for the National Referendum on constitutional recognition and the establishment of a Voice to Parliament. Here is the link and document of the Discussion Series: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/assets/uploads/statement-of-the-heart-discussion.pdf> It works similarly to a Lenten or Advent reflection series, where participants are lead through a process of prayer, scripture reflections and discussion questions, while exploring the Uluru Statement From the Heart.

### **One Journey, Together**

This year, Australians are asked to cast a vote on the proposed alteration to the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Like all Australians, Catholics have an important role to play in the upcoming Referendum

The tradition of Catholic Social Teaching well-equips Catholics to make informed decisions based on their own faith and moral positions. With Catholic Social Teaching Principles in mind and in partnership with Caritas Australia and a number of other Catholic organisations, a website has been developed hosting a range of resources to help you decide for or against acknowledging the world's oldest continuing cultures in our Constitution. It is hoped that, however we vote, we take this One Journey, Together.

So, whether you are looking for homilies and reflections by leading Catholic thinkers, interviews and statements from First Nations Community members, links to Referendum information or youth activities or answers to FAQs, learn more at [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church)

*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.*

**Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Juliette and George who celebrated their Wedding at Christ the King on Saturday afternoon. May God bless you both always.

**Thank you:** to our Youth Group members who help us celebrate Mass on Saturday evening by leading us and partaking in some of the ministries of the Mass.

**Feast of Nations: TODAY** Sunday 17th September commencing at 11.30am at St Joseph's Hall. All are welcome to share lunch at this multicultural gathering of the parish. There will be cultural dancing from different countries to entertain us on the day. It's not too late to come along and join in. See you there!

**Feast of St Matthew - Apostle and Evangelist** - Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Thursday 21st September at St Joseph's Church.

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

**Wedding Blessings:** Congratulations and blessings to Larry and Phuong who will celebrate their Marriage next Saturday 23rd September. *May the Lord hear you on your joyful marriage day. May he send you help from heaven and protect you. May he grant you your hearts' desire and fulfil every one of your prayers.*

**World Refugee and Migrant Sunday:** next weekend 23rd / 24th September. In this year's World Day for Migrants and Refugees Message, Pope Francis focuses on the theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay." In the message he points out that for a healthy society there should always be "the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land." Migration movements throughout the world continue unabated. The Pope insists that we should always be "ensuring that that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern." Pope Francis reminds us that St John Paul II stated that there should be a real commitment "to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country." The Pope stated that "the migrant is not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door." We are to construct "bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration."

**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.

**Feast of St Vincent De Paul:** All Vincentians and parishioners are invited to attend Mass on the Feast of St Vincent de Paul at 9am on Wednesday 27th September at St Joseph's Church. At this Mass we will specially remember and pray for recently deceased member of our Parish community and life-member of our Parish SVDP Conference, Paul Vickers RIP, who gave great service to the community through his dedicated work with the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

**Do you know how Vincentians in your parish provide assistance?** Our local Corinda Graceville SVDP Conference mainly provides assistance to the poor or marginalised in our community by way of a "Visitation". We go and meet those in need in their own home usually or a local meeting place. We listen to their story in a compassionate and nonjudgmental way. Then offer practical support and financial assistance as required. In today's Parish newsletter, there is an insert on how visits to companions are arranged and what we do. We hope you find it an interesting read. For more information on our Conference, please contact Peter Duffy at [pbduffy54@gmail.com](mailto:pbduffy54@gmail.com) or phone 0418 796 965 or Marnie Niland at [Marnie.Niland@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:Marnie.Niland@svdpqld.org.au)



**Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael:** come celebrate the Feast of the Archangels at 9.30am Mass on Friday 29th September at Christ the King Church. This day also marks National Police Remembrance Day, which is an opportunity to pay our respects to officers killed on duty, as far back as the beginning of the Queensland Police Force in 1864.

**Youth Group:** is having a holiday and will meet again at St Joseph's Hall at 6.30pm on Friday 6th October.

**Children's Liturgy:** is on a break for the school holidays and will resume at 9.30am on Sunday 15th October.

*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 Willemsen. *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:* Karen Lyons, Fr Albert Yelds msc, Alan Carr, Marie Deane

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Rose Ann Carroll, Neil Ferguson, Margaret Long, Jack Gray, Marjorie O'Donohoe, Bill Williams, Cliff Biggs, Ray Beauchamp, Frank O'Shea, Irene Quinn, Rona Hooper



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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)

### 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  
MON, 18 SEP 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10  
TUE, 19 SEP St Januarius, bishop, martyr - *Optional Memorial*  
1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17  
WED, 20 SEP Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest,  
Paul Chông Ha-sang & companions,  
martyrs of Korea - *Memorial*  
1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35  
(Alt. Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31-39; Lk 9:23-26)  
THU, 21 SEP St Matthew, apostle, evangelist - *Feast*  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
FRI, 22 SEP 1 Tim 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3  
SAT, 23 SEP St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest - *Memorial*  
1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

### TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 24 SEP 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16  
(*World Refugees & Migration Day*)

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Saturday 30th September, 11am Mass followed by Morning Tea, at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth St, City. RSVP 22/9/23 to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030

**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)

**Engaged Encounter** Got your Wedding under control? But how prepared are you both for the rest of your lives together after the Wedding? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Held at *Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra, Saturday 4 November to Sunday 5 November*. An opportunity to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further info contact Lisha & Joseph on 0481 307 821 or email [cee.brisbane@gmail.com](mailto:cee.brisbane@gmail.com) or visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

**Uluru Statement from the Heart: Free online discussion series:** Prayer, scripture reading and discussion on the Uluru Statement From the Heart in the lead up to the Voice to Parliament Referendum. Tuesdays 11am to 12.15pm via Microsoft Teams: 19 September, 26 September, 3 October & 10 October. Facilitated by Joni McCourt RAP Project Manager and Emma Beach, Executive Officer for the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission. Register via email at [beache@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:beache@bne.catholic.net.au)

## HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 103: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL"

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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**Tap & Pay Terminals:** have been installed at the entrances of both churches and are now operational.

In these post Covid times we are aware that many people no longer carry cash, and our cash collections at Mass have been impacted by this over the past three years. Like all households and businesses, things do not get cheaper and the bills keep arriving.

The generosity of our parishioners to keep our parish financial, maintained and pastoral has been extraordinary. We thank each and everyone of you for your support and generosity. So many support the parish through the planned giving envelopes, and regular direct debit / credit card payments, but for those who are not comfortable carrying cash, or who are unable to commit to a regular direct debit, the Tap & Pay terminals are an easy way to support our parish.

The screens display four donation options: \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or 'other amount'. Simply touch the amount you wish to offer. If you touch the \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$20.00 amounts the screen will prompt you to tap your card for that chosen amount and it will show that your transaction has been successful.

If you touch 'other amount' the screen will prompt you to type in the amount you wish to donate and then you simply tap your card when the screen is ready.

Without the support of our wonderful parish community we could not exist. Thank you to everyone for every way you support your parish community.

**"Let Your Minds Be Remade"** a book by Paul Hodgkinson. As we approach October and the month of the Rosary you may wish to purchase a copy of "Let Your Minds Be Remade". This is a spiritual journey of living the Mysteries of the Rosary and imitating what they contain. The author declares this is life changing! God, who is love, took on a human nature in Jesus Christ, to lead us to share eternal life with Him in this life and in the next. Praying the Rosary can change our lives. *"You have obviously spent much time in prayer in putting this together"* ~ Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

\$15 per copy - available from the Parish Office or from the Author on 0402 494 401 or [cmhodg44@gmail.com](mailto:cmhodg44@gmail.com)

**Going Deeper:** is a ten-session online series about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life, where participants can dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' and is open for participation in groups or for individuals. You can register any time in September and work through the course at your own pace. If you'd like to participate or organise a group to take part, visit the Going Deeper website to find out more and to register: [www.goingdeeper.org.au](http://www.goingdeeper.org.au)