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of Corinda Graceville

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The Pastor's Pen....

We need a little background to help us situate and understand the Gospel parable. To put things mildly, Chapter 21 of Matthew's text is action packed. Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey for what was to be the last week of his life with us. He was greeted with loud Hosannas and shouts of blessing by the crowd. He then went to the Temple precinct and fiercely drove out the sellers and money changers. This assertion of his authority deeply upset the Pharisees and the other religious and civil leaders who profited from the financial exchanges and dealings at the Temple. That evening he went to Bethany, the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus just a few kilometres out of Jerusalem.

On the next morning as he made his way again to the Temple he cursed the fig tree for its lack of fruit. This 'curse' had a symbolic meaning as a fig tree often represented Israel and God's people. Jesus also told his disciples to have deeper faith, a richer prayer life and stronger trust in God.

When he arrived at the courts of the Temple the chief priests and leaders of the people confronted him demanding that he explain to them by which authority he was acting and speaking as he was? Jesus said that he would tell them by what authority he was doing as he was if they would first answer him one question; John's baptism ... Where did it come from? Was it from Heaven or was it from a human source? This they couldn't answer, to which Jesus replied; Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things!

The context for today's Gospel then is this mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus further questioned the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognise the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent - tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) give evidence of our love for God. Perhaps something here for each of us to ponder and use in our own examination of conscience.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

Feast of Nations memories..... thank you to all who participated and helped.





AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

TOWARDS THE REFERENDUM

A Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops

In 1842, Australia's first Catholic bishop, John Bede Polding, criticised the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: "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". In 1849, he wrote to the people of Sydney in his Lenten message, "The wretched unfortunate Aborigines of the country – the first occupants of the lands over which your flocks and herds now roam – have a very strong claim upon you".

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. Within our nation's history, the Church was regrettably part of that policy's implementation.

We are now familiar with the concept of terra nullius (the view 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples was not recognised in the Australian Constitution.

We need to see the truth of what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have suffered and the disadvantage many experience to this day. Justice demands that we seek to rectify this disadvantage.

Australians are now being asked to consider a constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice as one way to address this disadvantage. This was asked for in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The hope of those who prepared the Uluru Statement is that this will not only offer constitutional recognition, but also assist progress towards a more just and equitable Australia, helping to tackle not just the symptoms but the causes of chronic disadvantage.

Pope Francis wrote recently of the Indigenous people 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.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's statement on the Voice in May urged that the debate be conducted civilly and respectfully; there are some who strongly support the Voice and others who have concerns, including whether the Voice would benefit those most in need or could stifle good governance.

However differently they are viewed, the issues surrounding the Voice are not just political; they are moral and ethical. Therefore all Australians need to educate themselves. One way we might do this is by a careful reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and this year's Social Justice Statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to listen to the hopes and fears of each other. We urge people to act in a way that commits to redressing the disadvantage suffered by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will allow them to reach their potential, thus promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation.

May the Holy Spirit who opens locked doors give us light and strength to keep working for a better and more equitable Australia. Let us walk together.

Our Lady of the Rosary: October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As October is a month when the Church encourages us to pray the Rosary, over the next few weeks we will look at praying the different mysteries of the Rosary. If you haven't picked up your Rosary beads for a while, this could be the time. As you know, the prayer of the Rosary is a small compendium of the bible. As you pray each decade the invitation is to ponder an aspect of the life of Christ. The usual way to pray the Rosary is to pray mysteries for each of the decades according to the day of the week:

The Joyful Mysteries: Mondays and Saturdays: The Joyful Mysteries remind the faithful of the event of Christ's birth:

- The Annunciation - The Archangel Gabriel "announces" to Mary that she shall conceive the Son of God. (Luke 1:26–38);
- The Visitation - Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. (Luke 1:39–56);
- The Nativity of Our Lord - the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1–21);
- The Presentation - Mary and Joseph "present" Jesus in the Temple where they meet Simeon (Luke 2:22–38);
- The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple - After losing Him, Mary and Joseph find young Jesus teaching the Rabbis in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52).



Rest In Peace: long-time Graceville parishioner Brian Mealey passed away last Saturday on 23rd September just three months after the death of his dear wife Margaret in June. Brian's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday at Christ the King Church Graceville. Brian was a significant member of our parish community, contributing in countless ways over many years. The parish offers sympathy, prayers and support to Brian's six daughters Ann, Mary, Elisabeth, Louise, Alison, and Rachel, and their families. *Lord, look kindly on your servant Brian, whom you have embraced in eternal life. He has been a guide to us. As he served you faithfully throughout his life, give him the fullness of peace and joy.*

God's blessings: to Yosiyas who will be baptised at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

Morning Tea: will be served after the 8am Mass today 1st October. All are welcome to stay.

Sausage Sizzle: after the 6pm Mass today Sunday 1st October. All welcome to stay and share some hospitality. Thank you to our generous parishioners who supply and prepare this treat for us on the first Sunday of each month.

King's Birthday Public Holiday: the Parish office will be closed for the public holiday on Monday 2nd October.

Welcome back: to our students, staff and families who commence Term Four at St Joseph's and Christ the King Schools on Tuesday 3rd October.

Parish Pastoral Council: will meet at 7pm on Thursday 5th October at the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: The next meeting will be at 8.30am on Friday 6th October at the Parish Office.

Youth Group: for year six to year twelve students will gather from 6.30pm to 8.30pm Friday 6th October (including a light dinner) at St Joseph's Hall Corinda. All young people are most welcome to attend. Youth Group is held every Friday evening of the school term. For more information contact Claire on 0490 202 194.

Liturgy Team Meeting: will be held at 10am on Saturday 7th October at the Parish Office.

The Fijian Choir: will lead our music ministry at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 7th October at St Joseph's Church.

The Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Penance: will be held at all weekend Masses on 7th / 8th October. Please pray for the children of our parish preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

Parish Choir: rehearsals will commence on Thursday 12th October at 7pm at St Joseph's Church. All welcome.

Reflection Morning: Saturday 14th October: The parish is hosting a special morning reflection on Saturday 14th October from 9.30am to 12pm. To be held at St Joseph's Church Corinda, this reflection will be based on the meaning of the Mass and the Eucharist. The morning will be conducted by Shayne Dwyer and Lisa Kerr from the Archdiocese's Adult Formation Team from Evangelisation Brisbane. We are very lucky to be able to provide such experts to guide the morning. Please take advantage of this special opportunity. Morning tea and a light lunch will be included. To help us to plan and prepare for the morning an RSVP to the parish office would be helpful, but is not necessary. You can just turn up in the day if you want too.



Children's Liturgy: is on a break and will resume at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 15th October, then on Sunday 22nd October 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.

Parish Finance Council: will meet at 7pm on Thursday 19th October at the Parish Office.

Children's Fun Day date claimer: Sunday 29th October - from 9am to 12 midday! All children are invited to a special celebration at St Joseph's after the 8am Mass on Sunday 29th October. There will be lots of activities for the children - colouring, games, music, sausage sizzle and more. This celebration will be for all children to up 12 years of age. Parents must attend if your child is under 5 years of age, but all parents are welcome to stay even if your child is older.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, 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, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Richard Niland, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, 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: Brian Mealey, Luke O'Reilly

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Pearl Whittaker, George Whittaker, Betty Pattison, Vince Plummer, Audrey Cuthbert, Kathy Barron, Norma Kirsopp, Mary Rollo, Roslyn McEniery, Neil McGuire, Sr Patricia Mawn olsh, Terry Parer, Frank Lourigan Snr, Brian Cahill, Dominic Trinh Can, Anna Doan Nguyen, Maria Man, Anna Tam Pham, Pat Everist, Ruth Ward, Wally Percival, John Ross, Eileen Doherty, Harry Rand, Sylvia Hartigan, Gwen Nielson, Carmel Cole, Mary Purcell

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-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 1 OCT 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
MON, 2 OCT The Holy Guardian Angels - *Memorial*
Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
TUE, 3 OCT Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
WED, 4 OCT St Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan family,
patron saint of Italy and ecology - *Memorial*
Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
(Alt. Gal 6:14-18; Mt 11:25-30)
THU, 5 OCT St Faustina Kowalska, virgin, received revelations for
creation of Divine Mercy Sunday - *Optional Memorial*
Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12
FRI, 6 OCT St Bruno, priest - *Optional Memorial*
Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
SAT, 7 OCT Our Lady of the Rosary - *Memorial*
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
(Alt. Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1:26-38)

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 8 OCT 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 25: REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, LORD"

Response: Remember your mercies, Lord.

COMMUNION: "PSALM 34: TASTE AND SEE"

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see
The goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
My soul shall glory in the Lord
For God has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me;
From all my troubles I was set free.
3. Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
In God we need put all our trust.



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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we gather, the Yuggera peoples and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continuing and deep connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country, its land, waters and culture.

Parish Pastoral Council Report—Meeting 7 September 2023

The Parish Council gathered on 7 September 2023. The following is a summary of the meeting.

Parish Learnings 'Lamps Ablaze' Attendee Summary Report compiled from Parish members who attend the recent Archdiocese Summit now completed. Report learnings will feed into the **2023 Parish Assembly Report and Plan**. The assembly report will be published in coming weeks.

Parish Schools Report received from Kim Davis, Principal, St Joseph's School. Recognition given for success of our schools: ranging from successful NAPLAN results (above State average), choir and orchestra success at Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival, well attended fetes, through to participation in Sacramental Programs. Both schools are now preparing for Prep Orientation where both Fr Mark and Malia Mar will attend to introduce the Parish to new families.

St Vincent de Paul Society continues to share its valuable work with those in need. Recognition given to past members Paul Vickers RIP and Alan Carr RIP for their commitment to local Society. Communication on the Society's work via the parish newsletter and at Masses throughout September.

Parish Liturgy Team continues its liturgical work. Discussed and confirmed Christmas Mass times 2023. These will be 4.00pm and 6.00pm (Christmas Eve - St Joseph's Corinda) and 8.00am (Christmas Day - St Joseph's Corinda) and 9.30am (Christmas Day - Christ the King Graceville). Pope Francis has requested October be **Month of our Lady**, where parish communities are being asked to pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia and other war-torn countries.

Parish Community Program continues to thrive through the work of Malia Mar. Prayer Services are held in local nursing homes and Mass celebrated by Fr Mark at St Vincent's. Visitations to the sick in hospital, nursing and private homes continues. Formation of prayer groups progressing post Parish Assembly – further information will be published in newsletter. Feast of Nations Program planning progressed towards 17 September event. A small support group was formed to coordinate the event. A Reflection Morning is being planned with Evangelisation Brisbane Staff and also a Children's Fun Day is being planned.

Parish Youth Program continues to grow under Clare O'Donoghue's leadership. The youth to participate in the ministries of the Mass at the end of term 16 September at 5.30pm Mass. We pray for the continued sustainability of this group.

Safeguarding Audit has been completed – achieving 87% compliance. Veronica Maladina will be contacting parish members regarding outstanding compliance training. Parishioners asked to give this priority.

Parish Sacramental Program – Confirmation ceremonies Friday 8 September.

Parish Finance - Fr Mark provided an update on the financial position of the Parish, noting the current work occurring around insurance of Parish assets. Planned giving program remains stable.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, 5 October 2023 at 7.00pm at Parish Office.