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The Pastor's Pen....

Last weekend I mentioned that a fig tree was often used as a symbol for God's people, Israel. Jesus cursed the fruitless fig tree and then went on to challenge and condemn the 'fruitless' Temple Chief Priests and elders of the people who had the words but not the deeds, not the fruit to back up what they preached.

In Matthew's Gospel this week we hear of another frequently used symbol for Israel, that of the vineyard and vine. The challenge in this parable is no less and just as pointed. Recalling the words of Isaiah in the First Reading, Jesus speaks of God's vineyard given as a gift with attendant responsibilities to God's people who are to look after the gift and help produce the 'fruit' as the landowner requires.

Despite sending many servants, the prophets and holy people to guide the tenants in their work, all proved to be in vain. These servants were rejected and treated deplorably. In the end the landowner/God sends his Son and heir to help get the tenants/God's people back on track. This gift and saving assistance, too, is rejected and killed. Here Jesus foresees his own end. The story ends with the tenants being evicted and punished for their selfishness, the vineyard of God then being leased out to others. Yet, the stone rejected, Jesus, will prove to be the keystone, essential for what God is creating and renewing.

History tells us that in 70AD in response to an anti-Roman revolt by the Jewish people, Rome sent an army, laid siege to Jerusalem and utterly destroyed the city and country. The Temple was gone and along with it disappeared the Temple priesthood and the council of elders. The great Jewish diaspora began with many of the remaining people being scattered across the world and only a remnant group of Pharisees surviving to plan and guide their survival. The rise of small Synagogues and worship within them across the world began in earnest with this practice persisting still to our times. No new Jewish Temple has ever since been built on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem.

The early Christians worshipped at the Jerusalem Temple and in town and village Synagogues but they also met in their homes for the telling of the Jesus story, for the breaking of the bread and for community support. St. Paul's letters and St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles recount this happening, as do other early documents we have from the 1st and 2nd century of our era. Then, as Christianity spread across the known world and numbers grew this led to the establishment of Christian buildings/churches. This activity blossomed further after Emperor Constantine's conversion in 312AD and the end of active persecution of Christians. A number of these ancient churches are still around today.

All of this is well known verifiable history. What matters now is that we heed the warning and don't end up repeating the mistakes of the past. The 'fruit' of the vineyard belongs to God and is seen in selfless loving, kind and honest service by the tenants/by us for the betterment of others. This happens best and only when we stick closely to the keystone, Jesus Christ, in thought, word and deed. In this long game it's not just numbers that count (though some still think that it's only numbers that matter) but rather what matters is our integrity of living and the in tune symphony of our intentions, will, words and actions.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

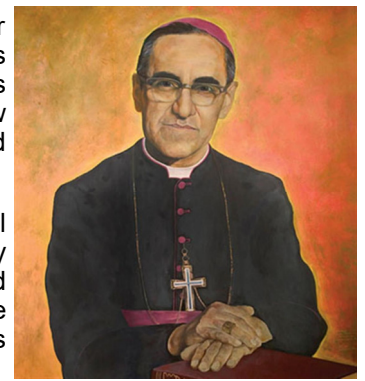
"In God We Live and Move and Have Our Being"
Reflection Morning on Prayer with Sr Gerardine Doherty
Saturday 14th October

The parish is hosting a special morning reflection on Saturday 14th October from 9.30am to 12pm at St Joseph's Church Corinda

Our original presenter is now unable to attend however we have been extremely lucky that **Sr Gerardine Doherty** is visiting Brisbane from **Townsville Diocese** and will be able to conduct the reflection morning for us.

Please join us for this special time of reflection. 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.

Thoughts on the Referendum: On 14 October 2018 Pope Francis canonised former Archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero - born 15 August, 1917. Oscar Romero was outspoken against military oppression and the support the US was giving to the military in his country. He became a symbol and leader for Latin America's poor. His leadership drew controversy within and outside the Church. Despite the critics, his support for the poor continued through radio broadcasts and regular visits to the marginalised until his assassination.



On 24 March, 1980, Archbishop Romero was shot dead as he celebrated Mass in a hospital chapel in El Salvador. In a homily the day before he died, Oscar Romero challenged the military to stop violating the basic human rights of their own people. His murder shocked the world and came at the height of the country's civil war. No one has ever been brought to justice for the crime. In his homily during the canonisation, Pope Francis praised Romero for disregarding his own life "to be close to the poor and to his people".

In a very short time, we will be asked to participate in the Referendum on the Voice. This is a challenge for us to recognise the disadvantage and marginalisation experienced by First Nations people in our country of Australia and to look to the future. I encourage you to read the many considered comments regarding the Referendum, including the Pastoral Statement from Archbishop Coleridge found at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/a-pastoral-statement-on-the-referendum/>

I remember studying the life of Oscar Romero during secondary school and was struck by his commitment to justice and the poor. His life continues to be a contemporary example of a person in an influential position standing up for those who are most marginalised. A life taken too soon but filled with lessons for all, especially at a time when we are being called to consider justice and reconciliation for Australia.

With every good wish,

Kim Davis, Principal, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Corinda

Laudate Deum: Warning that "the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point", Pope Francis this week released a new document urging dramatic action to combat climate change. The document's release comes ahead of the United Nations COP28 summit scheduled for November 30 to December 12 in Dubai.

The new document, titled *Laudate Deum*, or "Praise God," amounts to a strong rejection of scepticism about global warming and the consequences of human intervention in the environment. "Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativise the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident," the Pope writes in the text, released on 4th October on the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Pope Francis acknowledged that at times, those sceptical voices are heard even within his own flock. "I feel obliged to make these clarifications, which may appear obvious, because of certain dismissive and scarcely reasonable opinions that I encounter, even within the Catholic Church," he writes.

In terms of assigning blame for the climate crisis, the pontiff is critical of wealthy nations, especially the United States, for disproportionately causing the emissions that scientists believe drive global warming.

Pope Francis calls for "drastic" and "intense" results from the Dubai summit, including "a decisive acceleration of energy transition, with effective commitments subject to ongoing monitoring," as well as new commitments for the "necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels." Those commitments, the Pope says, must be "efficient, obligatory and readily monitored."

The 7000-word document, technically an "apostolic exhortation," is styled as a follow-up to the pontiff's 2015 encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, the first papal encyclical ever dedicated entirely to ecological themes.

Sourced from Cath News.

Rosary: October is a month in which our Church promotes the prayer of the Rosary. This could be a great time to find your rosary beads and to ponder parts of the Gospel story. 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 Sorrowful Mysteries: Tuesdays and Fridays: The Sorrowful Mysteries recall Jesus' passion and death:

- The Agony in the Garden - Jesus sweats water and blood while praying the night before his passion (Matthew 26:36-56);
- The Scourging at the Pillar - Pilate has Jesus whipped (Matthew 27:26);
- The Crowning with Thorns - Roman soldiers crown Jesus' head with thorns (Matthew 27:27-31);
- The Carrying of the Cross - Jesus meets His mother and falls three times on the way up Calvary (Matthew 27:32);
- The Crucifixion - Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies before His mother and His apostle John (Matthew 27:33-56).



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.

The Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Penance: will be held at our Masses on this weekend. Please pray for the children of our parish preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

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

No Wednesday Morning Mass: We are sorry but there will be no Wednesday morning Mass celebrated this week 11th October. The Thursday and Friday morning Masses will be celebrated at the usual times.

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

Youth Group: for year six to year twelve students will gather from 6.30pm to 8.30pm Friday 13th October (including a light dinner) at St Joseph's Meeting Room 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.

Reflection Morning: 9.30am to 12pm on Saturday 14th October: The parish is hosting a special morning reflection conducted by Sister Gerardine Doherty olsh. To be held at St Joseph's Church Corinda from 9.30am to 12pm on Saturday 14th October, this special reflection morning entitled "*In God We Live and Move and Have Our Being*" will include morning tea and a light lunch. To help us to plan and prepare 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. Please be mindful that that this will be the Referendum Voting Day and that St Joseph's Hall is a voting booth, so it may be easier to park in Martindale Street rather than in Clewley Street or in the parish carpark.

Children's Liturgy: will resume for Term Four on Sunday 15th October at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church, then will be held on Sunday 22nd October at the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church, alternating weekly between the two churches. All primary school aged children, and all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are welcome.

Open Music Group: Our next Open Music Group will lead the singing at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 15 October. We welcome anyone who would like to be part of the music and singing group. Just come to a practice at Christ the King Church at 5.00pm on the day. Contact Ian Larter 0414 811 782 for further details.

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

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: The next meeting will be at 8.30am on Friday 20th October at the Parish Office.

The Catholic Mission Appeal: will be conducted at all Masses on the weekend of 21st / 22nd October.

School Sponsored Mass: we will welcome the students, families and staff of St Joseph's School to the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 21st October.

Rosary Bead Making Workshop: a special activity in the month of the Rosary for 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. Held at 6.30pm on Thursday 26th October at the Parish Centre Graceville we will explain the meaning of the Rosary and teach the children to make their own Rosary beads. Costs for participation in this activity is \$10 per child. Expressions of interest / RSVP must be sent via email to sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Children's Fun Day: 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 up to 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.

St Don Bosco's Relic Visit to Brisbane: The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Friday 13th - Cathedral of St Stephen, City - 8am to 6pm. Sunday 15th - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm. Monday 16th - Mary Immaculate, Annerley - 8.30am to 11am and 3pm to 8.30pm. Friday 20th - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm. Saturday 21st - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am and 1pm to 3pm. Brochures with full information are available at the main doors of the churches.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Cecilia Blanco, 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: Fr Pat Tynan, Alan Illtyd Lovelock, Sr Robyn Reynolds olsh, Marilyn Mulkerin, Noel Platzler, Brian Mealey, Luke O'Reilly

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Patrick Ahearn, Ted Dunne, Sr Margaret Fahey olsh, Larry Burgin, Betty Cannon, Carmel Maxwell, Sr Valerian O'Brien olsh, Eric Attwood, Bernard Wilson, Shirley Scott, 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



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday **NO MASS TODAY**

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-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

MON, 9 OCT St Denis, bishop, martyr, patron saint of France and companions, martyrs - *Optional Memorial*
St John Leonardi, priest, patron saint of pharmacists - *Optional Memorial*
Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37

TUE, 10 OCT Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

WED, 11 OCT St John XXIII, pope - *Optional Memorial*
Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

THU, 12 OCT Malachi 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13

FRI, 13 OCT Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

SAT, 14 OCT St Callistus I, pope, martyr - *Optional Memorial*
Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 15 OCT 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

“LET YOUR MINDS BE REMADE” during the Rosary month of October. “Let Your Minds Be Remade” is a spiritual journey of living the Mysteries of the Rosary and imitating what they contain. Written by Paul Hodgkinson, 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. Books are \$15 per copy - available from the Parish Office or from the Author on 0402 494 401 or cmhodg44@gmail.com

Synod of Bishops: Pope Francis has opened a long-anticipated Vatican summit on the Church's future, encouraging its participants to reject the temptations of doctrinal rigidity and to embrace a vision of the Church that is open and welcoming to all. “The blessing and welcoming gaze of Jesus prevents us from falling into some dangerous temptations: of being a rigid Church, which arms itself against the world and looks backward; of being a lukewarm Church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world; of being a tired Church, turned in on itself,” Francis said in a homily in St Peter's Square that marked the start of the month-long Synod on Synodality.

Some 450 delegates from all over the world have descended onto Rome for the occasion, representing a wide array of views and often sharp divisions on some of the hot-button issues facing the Church, such as clergy abuse, the role of women's ministry, inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics and other questions surrounding the structure of Church authority.

While the Synod will allow widespread debate on these issues, the Pope used his opening homily to caution against relying on “human strategies, political calculations or ideological battles” and instead urged “unity and friendship” in the weeks ahead. “This is the primary task of the Synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a Church that looks mercifully at humanity,” he said. “A Church that is united and fraternal, that listens and dialogues; a Church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith. A Church that has God at its centre and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally,” he continued.

Following the Mass, the Synod delegates gathered for their first working session, where they heard again from Pope Francis and then from the two primary cardinals leading the Synod assembly.

Sourced from *Cath News*.

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

“PSALM 80: THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD”



The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.

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The Oscar Romero Prayer

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.*

*Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying*

that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,

and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,

a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

*but that is the difference between the master builder
and the worker.*

We are workers, not master builders;

ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen