



The Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th / 5th NOVEMBER 2023

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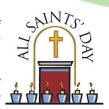
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The Pastor's Ten....

With the arrival of November we've entered into our month of remembrance. This past week we've had the opportunity to honour and celebrate the witness of All of the Saints, those women and men, young and old, who've lived such exemplary Christian lives that we are confident they dwell forever in God's light and joy. Of these Saintly people, a great 'cloud of witnesses' for us we enjoy 💆 their friendship, prayers, help and daily inspiration.



Then, at the following day's Commemoration of All Souls, we called to mind many millions more, our families, friends, parishioners and others who have died. We prayed for all of them and their ongoing journey to holiness and the full light and vision of God's face. As a community of faith, the Church here on Earth, we will continue throughout this month to remember these people, thanking God for their lives and praying them all the way home to the crown of righteousness and glory given in Christ, our Lord and Saviour.



In these two celebrations we are consciously joining the Church here with the Church in Heaven, the Church in glory with the Church still on its way to the home and heart of God. Every Mass and each Eucharistic Prayer deliberately recalls the Saints and prays for the souls of the deceased. This should remind us that we are never alone on our journey of faith through life, always going in the company of those still with us here and those who have forged ahead of us through the doorway of death into the life to come. In November we remember them all, recalling our unity together as Earth and Heaven meet in Christ at his table and within our minds and hearts by virtue of our faith in His Resurrection.

Last weekend's Gospel told us of the Great Commandment wherein Jesus joined two of the key commands of God's Law, marrying them together as one. Our love for God and our love and service of others, especially persons in crisis and great need, are now joined forever. Living and practicing this Great Commandment, as Jesus taught, fulfils all of God's Law and the words and teaching of all of the Prophets also.

This weekend we hear that putting the Great Commandment into action, as we must do, means discerning what is true from what is false and sometimes means speaking hard truths to those who don't practice what they preach. What is at issue in this is our integrity of life, the very thing that we owe to God and to each other if we are to live and love as God loves and lives totally for us.

Our way to holiness and wholeness of living is found via the path of humility, honesty and genuine humanity which is at its very best when it's all about guiding, helping and holding each other up in stresses of our daily lives. All shows of power, status, position and importance are secondary to believing, teaching and practicing the way of Christ. Moreover such displays are very deceptive unless they are backed up by what we say and do to help others along the way of life. In this month of remembrance, which began with All the Saints and when we recall All of the Souls, holy living, the Good-News way of service and humility, lays out the road for us in this Earthly Church towards the Heavenly Church and feast of the Saints in joy on God's holy mountain.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

The Book of Life is displayed in both churches beside the Baptismal Font and Paschal Candle, connecting the Baptism of our loved ones into the eternal Light of Christ in new life. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones, family and friends, into the Book of Life and all will be remembered and prayed for throughout November.

Envelopes for Mass Offerings can be collected from the entrances of the churches. You may place the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope (or on a list inside) along with your offering. This envelope is to be placed in the normal collection basket at Mass, or given directly to Father or handed into the Parish Office. Father Mark will record these names for the offering of Masses. Once the names on the envelopes have been recorded they will all be placed before the Altar at our churches throughout November.



Please DO NOT place your envelope directly into the basket in front of the Altar.

Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish Pastoral Council Report from 5 October 2023

Your Parish Council Members met on Thursday, 5 October 2023. In attendance at the meeting were: Fr Mark Percival, Mary O'Dea, Col Ahern, Bill Jeffs, Mick McManus, Malia Mar, Veronica Maladina, Damian Sullivan (representing the two schools for this meeting), and Clare O'Donoghue. Melissa Lonergan was not present. Currently, the two school parent representative positions remain vacant.

The following are summary points from the Council Meeting:

- Future of Parish Council and role / structure of Parish Committees will be a focused discussion lead by Fr Mark at the November meeting. Fr Mark will be utilising the Australian Catholic Bishops Report on the future role of parishes to guide this discussion.
- **Parish Communication Strategy** and how we as a Parish utilise digital technology, to be part of a wider think tank discussion. Mick McManus will formulate a draft discussion paper, to commence thinking on this work.
- 2023 Parish Assembly (16 July 2023) | Parish Five-Year Strategic Plan and Report: will be published prior to the end of November. Much of the planned focus and outcomes will occur in 2024.
- **School Reports**: School enrolment numbers for 2024 remain strong. Additional construction works have continued at St Joseph's School, including Prep playground and upgrade to school classrooms. Christ the King has reported success with their digital advertising signboard strategy within Graceville. This is directing enrolment enquiry. Schools continue to participate in the weekly School Class Masses.
- **St Vincent de Paul Society**: Parish Council recognised the death of long-term SVdP member Brian Mealey and his dedication to the society over many years. SVdP has experienced a requirement for additional support in the last quarter. SVdP continues to be able to support these requests through the ongoing generosity of the Parish Community via various appeals.
- Parish Community | Events and Visitation Program: Noted the celebration of Feast of Nations in September. Pleasant day was held by the 80 people who attended. Parish Council currently considering for 2024 how to bring a new multicultural celebration into the Parish community. Watch this space for further details. At the time of the meeting planning was in place for the Parish Reflection Day (14/10/2023) and Parish Children's Fun Day (29/10/2023). Visitation Program continues to connect to those Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.
- **Parish Youth Program for Term 4:** Focus for term is around Sainthood and living like a Saint. Program continues to be promoted through engagement of schools, Parish Sacramental Program and Parish newsletter.
- **Parish Finances:** Remain strong and the Endowment Fund has been reinvested. **Tap and Go** terminals to be promoted. Strategy on this to be discussed with Finance Council and Parish Office Team.
- Parish Safeguarding and Workplace Health and Safety: Parish continues to work towards ensuring its 100% compliancy. This was demonstrated through recent Archdiocese audits, which highlighted a couple of small gaps. These have now been addressed.

Next Parish Council Meeting (Thursday, 9 November): This will be the last meeting for 2023 of the Council.



Children's Fun Day: a huge thankyou to everyone who helped out, participated and attended the Children's Fun Day last Sunday morning at St Joseph's Church. A lovely morning was enjoyed by all who attended. We thank everyone who participated in making the day such a success and hope that all of the children had a really fun morning together.









Break Open the Word: Copies are now available for the new liturgical year which commences on the First Sunday of Advent. Please collect your copy located near the picture of Mary MacKillop in each church or at the Parish office during the week. This book is essential for the preparation of Ministers of the Word. Please purchase a copy, at the subsidised price of \$10.00 (Retail price is \$26). Previous editions of Break Open the Word can be donated to Prison Ministry

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.

Thank you to the Fijian Choir: who lead our music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass this weekend.

Children's Liturgy: today Sunday 5th November at the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church, then next weekend on Sunday 12th November at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King Church, alternating weekly between the two churches. All primary school aged children, and all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are welcome.

Sausage Sizzle: will be held after the 6pm Mass at Christ the King this Sunday night 5th November. All are most welcome to stay for some hospitality and a chat.

Parish Pastoral Council: will be held at 7pm on Thursday 9th November at the Parish Office (please note the change of date for this meeting).

Parish Choir: practice will resume on Thursday 9th November at 7pm at St Joseph's Church. New singers are always welcome.



Youth Group: Corinda Graceville Youth Group continues to meet every Friday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St Joseph's School Hall. This term, we have focused on the Saints and how we can be the 'saints of tomorrow'. On Friday 10th November 'Vocations Brisbane' will be visiting the youth group and will share and reflect about life vocation choices with our young folk. Please join us on Saturday 18th of November at 5:30pm for our Youth Mass. Our youth group concludes for the year on the 24th of November. For any info please contact Claire on 0490 202

2023 Remembrance Day Service: On Saturday 11 November 2023, join the Remembrance Day service at Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL Sub Branch to honour all who have served and sacrificed for their nation. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting in World War I. It's a time for us to remember all who have given their lives in service, including in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The Corinda Remembrance Day ceremony will be held at 10:15am for a 10:30am service at the Croll Memorial, 2 Clewley St, Corinda, and will include the laying of wreaths, the playing of the Last Post, and the observance of a minute's silence at 11am. Light refreshments will be served after the service. Please RSVP admin@sirsl.org.au

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Annual Appeal: will be held at all Masses on the weekend of 11th / 12th November. Please support this very special ministry for our children.

First Penance: a group of parish children are currently preparing for the celebration of their First Penance (Reconciliation), which be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th November at St Joseph's Church. Please continue to pray for the children as they prepare to celebrate this Sacrament.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: The next meeting will be at 8.30am on Friday 17th November at the Parish Office.

Parish Calendar 2024: All Parish groups are invited to submit meeting / event / activity dates for the 2024 Parish Calendar to Michael at the parish office as soon as possible.

Flower helpers: We are very blessed to always have such beautiful flower arrangements in both of our churches. But this takes a small team of dedicated and talented people to make this happen each week. We require more helpers to arrange flowers in our churches. Generally silk flowers are used, which are much easier to arrange and they don't wilt in 2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's our Brisbane heat, so removing arrangements is easier and 4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King cleaner too. If you would like to be involved in either church

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's - 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

All enquiries to the Parish Office

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, 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, Phil Middleton, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, 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, Beryl Ross, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Jim Vievers, 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: Jose da Silva, Sr Margaret Bird olsh, Sylvia Fleming, Johannes Vandermatt, Sr Eileen Kennedy olsh

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Grehan, Norma Cameron, Nicholas Smith, Bernard Denham, Clare Hammond, Joan Enright, Barry Weedon, May Mooney, Maria Beattie, Vittorio & Erminia Pietrobon, Rosa Maria Pietrobon, Francesco & Rosa Maugeri, Andrea Maugeri, Carmelina Pietrobon, Peter Hunt, Dominic Can, Anna Tam, Anna Doan, Leo McMahon, Stan Dobinson, Harold Gould, Michael Hogan, Rita Wilson, Andrew Purcell, Logan Sligo Julian Neuendorf





LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 5 NOV 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9; Mt 23:1-12

MON, 6 NOV Rom 11:19-36; Lk 14:12-14 TUE, 7 NOV Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24 WED, 8 NOV Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

THU, 9 NOV The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, the Pope's Church - Feast

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17;

Jn 2:13-22

FRI, 10 NOV St Leo the Great, pope, doctor of the church

Memorial Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-18 (Alt. Sirach 39:6-10; Mt 16:13-19)

St Martin of Tours, bishop, patron saint of soldiers SAT, 11 NOV

and South Africa - Memorial Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15 (Alt. Is 61:1-3; Mt 25:31-40)

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 12 NOV 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

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 131: IN YOU, O LORD, I HAVE FOUND MY PEACE"



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To our Catholic Communities in Australia

Dear friends,



Holy Land Commissariat

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I'm sure October 7 is etched in our memories now as a day when once again the Middle East, and particularly the Holy Land, was devastated with a new wave of violence. The Franciscans have, for eight centuries, been responsible for the care of the many sacred places, as well as schools and parishes in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank.

It is difficult to not take sides in this conflict, but so far both sides have used extreme methods where many innocent people have been killed.

With Hamas' initial attack on innocent Israeli citizens - infants, children, youth and the elderly - killing more than 1,000, wounding many others and taking 200 hostages, and Israel's response of blocking food, water, fuel, medical supplies and demanding that more than a million people leave their homes; are both acts of extremism and difficult for us in Australia to comprehend.

Pope Francis has called for peace: "Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity... Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"

Besides looking after the pilgrims and pilgrimage sites, the Franciscans look after 15 schools in the Israel/Palestine area and offer wide-ranging housing and social support programmes. The Latin Patriarch looks after another 10 schools. There are two Catholic schools in the Gaza parish – they are part of the Holy Family Parish and part of the Latin Patriarchate. Both communities are currently sheltering families and will need help when the current violence stops. The Holy Child School in Bethlehem provides an intense therapeutic day treatment programme and alternative education for children in the Bethlehem region who suffer from untreated complex mental health issues and exposure to intergenerational trauma.

At this time, I ask you on behalf of all those affected by this conflict to pray for peace. In the near future, I hope to have more information on how you can help but for now, prayer is the best answer.

Let us pray with Psalm 122, 6-9:

Ask for peace for Jerusalem: may those who love you live in safety; let there be peace in your walls, safety in your palaces.

For my brothers and my friends, I will say:

Upon you be peace! By the house of the Lord our God, I will ask good for you.

Sincerely,

Fr Bernie Thomas OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land Australia

