



The Catholic Parish  
of Corinda Graceville

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th / 21st JANUARY 2024

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### *The Pastor's Pen....*

Let us look at this weekend's Scripture readings, beginning with the Gospel. St. Mark is the main Gospel that we'll be reading and hearing this year with a 'top up' from St. John's Chapter 6. The brevity of Mark's sixteen chapter work makes this a necessity if we are going to get through the thirty three Ordinary Time weeks of our Church year.

We might think that what we hear this weekend from St. Mark is the same as what we heard last weekend from St. John. True enough, both stories do tell of the first disciples of Jesus coming to join him as their Teacher and learning his way. Apart from this theme though, the two Gospels couldn't be more different. John's focus is on the Baptist by the River Jordan pointing out to his disciples who the Lamb of God is, then letting go of his followers and position (mission mostly accomplished) so that Jesus would grow in prominence and he, John the Baptist, decrease. Last weekend's story was all about Jesus' identity as the sacrificial Lamb, prepared for by John and now overtaking his place.

This weekend St. Mark puts us with Jesus by the Sea of Galilee somewhere near the town of Capernaum, after the arrest and imprisonment of John the Baptist by King Herod. We have middle class small business men who were in the important fishing industry of their time. Jesus is already preaching that God's Kingdom is at hand and so, coming to the Galilee seaside, he sees the two pairs of brothers, Simon (Peter) and Andrew and the sons of Zebedee, James and John. They're casting and repairing their nets near to their boats.

Listening carefully, we find that there is no 'Lamb of God' announcement by the Baptist nor any sending of his disciples to go with Jesus and leave him behind. Instead, the focus is firmly fixed on Jesus' direct call and the immediacy of the responses of these four men. At once they left everything behind; families, friends, community, plans, businesses and work, and followed Jesus. The 'where do you live' and the 'come and see' responses of John's story are nowhere to be heard. They are replaced by a directness and urgency of call and response and by strong emotional reactions that are very much part of St. Mark's writing style. Whereas St. John tells us at the outset who Jesus really is, St. Mark leaves his identity mostly a mystery to be discovered and unearthed over the time spent together in joy, success, fear and sorrow. Calling stories, yes; the same; certainly not!

In the Old Testament First Reading from the book of the Prophet Jonah, we meet a man who did everything he possibly could to avoid God's calling. God had asked him to go preach repentance to the great City of Nineveh in Iraq. Instead, Jonah caught a boat headed for Spain, got himself thrown overboard in a storm because the crew thought he was bad luck, was then swallowed by the whale (big sea creature) and finally, three days later, he was spat out on the beach just South of Tel Aviv, right back where he'd started from.

He then, resentfully, went to Nineveh, preached the shortest, most uninspired homily he could.....and it worked. The entire City repented and God saved them from destruction. This is exactly what Jonah had thought would happen because he knew how kind and merciful God was, even to foreigners and pagans such as the people of Nineveh. Jonah then went into the desert, sat under a tree and wished he could die. Yet, even this didn't work out because God had other plans for him, for all people and for all of creation.

Jonah is a short, easy read, a story of God's patience and mercy, our human weaknesses and God's ability to bring the best out of the mess we make. Jesus loved the Book of Jonah, quoting it when comparing his own life and destiny to that of this prophet.

I strongly recommend that you read Jonah, having a good laugh at ourselves as we better realise God's wisdom, plan and power. Perhaps reading the Book of Jonah will help us to be more like Andrew, Peter, James and John in our response to God's Word and Jesus' call, today and every day. Have a happy, worthwhile week ahead.

*Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.*



**Bishop Tim Norton svd has a message for you:** This week I have been working with the staff of Catholic schools. These days before school begins are used for information-sharing and formation as well as welcome and orientation for staff members. In the past two years, I have been mightily impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm of teachers across the Archdiocese. Mission certainly had its challenges in my years in Mexico. But the challenges of faith formation for young people in a secular environment like Australia are more testing still. Let's pray for teachers right across the Archdiocese as they prepare to welcome thousands of young people back to school next week.

**Prayer for Students at the Start of a New School Year:** The first priority in Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, documented in *With Lamps Ablaze*, is Teaching Prayer. As we step into the new school year, we invite you to pray for all those children and students who are either starting school or returning to school. We ask the Lord to keep our students in his loving care.

*Let us Pray*

*Jesus, look after our students and keep them in your care as they head back to school. Give them insight beyond their years and in any situation they face, may they be blessed with sound judgment. Keep our students in your loving care Lord.*

*Jesus, inspire a spirit of learning in our students and prepare them for the school year ahead. Guide them in their learning and lead them to wisdom not only in academic knowledge but also in the ways of life and love. Keep our students in your loving care Lord.*

*Jesus, thank you that you created us to be in relationship with you and with each other. We pray that all school students will build kind friendships this school year, friendships where they support each other and share joy together. Keep our students in your loving care Lord.*

*Jesus, we pray that all students will experience the peace of God this year that exceeds all understanding. We pray they will not worry about things they cannot control, but that You will guard their hearts and minds and keep them trusting in You. Keep our students in your loving care Lord.*

*Jesus, give all students a thirst for knowledge, wisdom and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year. Open their ears, hands and hearts to receive your gifts and help them to use these gifts for the good of all. Keep our students in your loving care Lord.*

*We place these prayers for our students in your hands Jesus. Amen.*

**Prayer Cards for Peace in the Holy Land:** 'Aid to the Church in Need' is the Pope's foundation dedicated to support the suffering Church. They have produced prayer cards to pray for peace in the Holy Land, as this most extraordinary situation that threatens stability in the Middle East also threatens the diminishing Christian presence in the Holy Land. *"Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war"* - Pope Francis. Please collect a prayer card from the doors of the churches.

**Word of God Sunday 3rd / 4th February 2024:** In 2019 Pope Francis asked the Church to dedicate a weekend early in the new year to focus on the Word of God as a way to promote the study of Sacred Scripture, and give new life to the responsibility of all believers to deepen their knowledge of Scripture. We celebrate Word of God Sunday on the weekend of 3rd /4th February. This year, Word of God Sunday's theme is "'Remain in my Word" (John 8,31)." Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis explains the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."



### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

**Vigil Mass - 7.00pm TUESDAY 13th February - St Joseph's Church**

**Mass - 8.30am ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February - Christ the King Church**

**Combined Schools Liturgy - 10.00am ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February - Christ the King School**

***Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.***

*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Carolyn Brooks, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, John Flynn, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Patrice Gillepsie, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Nino Malissa, Monique Maltet, Neil McCormack, Phil Middleton, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Tri Nguyen, 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, Mary Spandler, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Rebecca Wallace, 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:* Sr Mary Conlon olsh, Kathleen Ponting

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* John Ahearn, Val Ryan, George Fitz-Walter, Bill Boucher, Shirley Chalmers, Kath Hennessy, Thelma Hilton, Claire Foster, Patricia Powell, Stephen Kimmins, Giuseppe Danieli, Bradley Warbrooke, Mary Martin, May French, James Mahon, May Byrne, Lindsay Powell, Patricia Clarke, Edwin Webb, Peg Bourke

***We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.***

**Youth in the Parish:** Claire, our parish Youth Worker, will speak at all Masses this weekend to update you on the Parish Youth Group and to seek help from parishioners to volunteer and assist on Friday evenings. The Youth Group is generally held every Friday night of the school term from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at St Joseph's Hall Corinda, and is designed for all young parishioners aged from Year 6 to Year 12. Whilst Claire will lead the group, helpers are always required to provide a simple meal or be a second adult presence for the group, for the safety and security of everyone. Please speak to Claire after Mass or phone her on 0490 202 194.

**Parish Calendars:** Please pick up a copy of the 2024 Parish Calendar for all your parish information, including liturgy, events and meeting dates and times. The last copies of the calendar are available at the doors of the churches or from the parish office.

**Thank you to the Open Music Group:** for providing the music ministry at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday night at Christ the King. If any parishioner wishes to be involved in the music ministry at either church please contact Ian Larter 0414 811 782.

**Welcome back:** to the students, families and staff at our two parish schools of St Joseph and Christ the King, who commence the new school year on Tuesday 23rd January. May your year be richly blessed.

**Feast of the Conversion of the Apostle St Paul:** will be celebrated at 9am on Thursday 25th January at St Joseph's Church. *"Go out to the whole world and make known the Good News!"*

**St Vincent de Paul:** will not meet next week due to the Australia Day Public Holiday. The next meeting will be held at 8.30am on Friday 9th February at the Parish Office.

**Australia Day Mass: will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 26th January at Christ the King Church Graceville.**



**Children's Liturgy: commences next weekend:** All primary school aged children are invited to attend Children's Liturgy which is held weekly at the Sunday morning Masses, alternating between the two churches, throughout the school term. Children gather at Mass and then process out of the church to gather together to listen to, and break open, the Gospel story in a way that is suitable to their age. The children then return to their families at Mass at the Preparation of Gifts. **Children's Liturgy will be held at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Corinda next Sunday 28th January and then the following week at the 9.30am at Christ the King on Sunday 4th February.**

**Morning Tea:** will be held after the 8am Mass at St Joseph's next Sunday 28th January. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality and a chat.

**Choir Practice:** commences on Thursday 1st February at 7pm at St Joseph's Church. New members are always welcome. Please just come along to practice or contact Michael at the parish office. The choir will be practicing for Mass on the Second Sunday of Lent and also for the Easter Triduum liturgies, as Easter is early this year.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:** will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 2nd February at Christ the King Church. *"My eyes have seen your saving power!"*

**Youth Group 2024:** We are in need of young adult volunteer leaders for our parish youth group. If you want to join a great team, and tend to be free on Friday evenings and want to step into a fun and engaging ministry role this year, forming the future of the Church, we would love to have you! Please contact Claire on 0490 202 194 to enquire about becoming a youth leader today. Must be willing to complete appropriate safeguarding requirements.

**Corinda Graceville Youth Group for grades 6 to 12 will start back up on Friday 2nd of February at 6:30pm in St Joseph's Hall Corinda.**

**Liturgy Planning Group:** will hold its first meeting for 2024 at 10am on Saturday 3rd February at the Parish Office. If you are interested in Liturgy and would like to help our Parish Liturgy Team please come to the meeting or contact the parish office for further information.

**The Fijian Choir:** returns to lead the music ministry at the Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's on 3rd February.

**Word of God Sunday:** will be celebrated on the weekend of 3rd / 4th February.

**St Joseph's School Opening Liturgy:** 9am Thursday 8th February at St Joseph's Church.

**Christ the King School Opening Liturgy:** 9.30am Friday 9th February at Christ the King Church.

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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)

### THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 21 JAN 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20  
MON, 22 JAN St Vincent of Zaragossa, deacon, martyr - *Optional Memorial*  
2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30  
TUE, 23 JAN 2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35  
WED, 24 JAN St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the church, patron saint of authors and journalists - *Memorial*  
2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20  
(Alt. Eph 3:8-12; Jn 15:9-17)  
THU, 25 JAN The Conversation of St Paul, apostle - *Feast*  
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18  
FRI, 26 JAN Australia Day  
Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11 or Rom 12:9-13;  
Mt 5:1-12 or Lk 12:22-32  
SAT, 27 JAN St Angela Merici, virgin, patron saint of educators, founder of the Ursuline Sisters - *Optional Memorial*  
Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops, close companions of St Paul - *Optional Memorial*  
2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41  
SUN, 28 JAN 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

### FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

## HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

### GATHERING: "SING A NEW SONG"

*Refrain:* Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
Singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for Him on glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound.

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
Your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song.

3. Glad my soul for I have seen  
The glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Saviour lives.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 25: TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD"



Teach me your ways, O Lord.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: "DRAWN TO YOU"



- Verses
1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these
  2. Drawn by the faith that you ac - cept our gifts, and sanc - ti -
  3. Drawn by the ta - ble you have laid for us, the wel - come



### 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.



### COMMUNION (Sunday 6.00 pm):

"COME TO THE FEAST / VEN AL BANQUETE"

