



The Catholic Parish  
of Corinda Graceville

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th / 28th JANUARY 2024

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

Our Parish school children were back at school for three days last week, with Friday being the Australia Day holiday. This coming week they and the teachers and School staff of St. Joseph's and Christ the King are returning in earnest for Term 1 of this year. This Term is just a day or two shy of being ten weeks long, ending on the afternoon of Holy Thursday, 28th March. I wish all children, teachers and families of our two Parish Schools a successful and trouble free beginning to this year and pray God's blessing in teaching, learning, growing and in deepening both knowledge and experience of the Christian faith in our Catholic tradition here in local Parish community.

The First Reading from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy tells us of God's desire to keep raising up prophets and spokespersons. When Moses died the people were not abandoned. After Moses came Joshua and Aaron and after them other men and women who spoke and acted in God's power and Spirit. The key point was that the people pledged to listen to them, but they too often didn't. This led to breaches of the covenant between them and God. There are prophets speaking and acting for God still today. We have to prayerfully discern together those who are really from God from those who aren't and then listen to the message the true prophets bring from God to us.

Paul, in the Second Reading, continues to worry about the readiness of the Corinthian Christians to welcome, what he thought at that time, was to be the imminent return of Christ and the final and absolute establishment and implementation of God's reign. As I said last weekend, Paul's timing was out, but knowing his thinking helps us to give context to the words he wrote. Paul makes it clear that he wasn't trying to impose his views on anyone and that his deep and real concern was that nothing and no one should distract us from knowing and doing God's work and will in our lives and in the time allotted to us.

All is action with Jesus, as is the norm in Mark's Gospel. Having called his first four followers, as we heard last weekend, Jesus and his new companions headed for Capernaum, a village on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. This village is thought of as the home of Simon Peter and Andrew and their family, and possibly of James and John, too. On the Jewish Sabbath day, Saturday, Jesus went to the local synagogue and was given the chair of teaching, impressing many with his wise and learned words.

A man in the congregation, possessed of some evil, disrupting spirit, begins shouting out that the teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, is really the Holy One of God. With suddenness and sharpness Jesus speaks to the spirit in the man saying; Be quiet! Come out of this man! The spirit of disquiet and distress leaves the man with a shout and after some kind of convulsion.

One point is that Jesus can control and order such spirits, a feat beyond everyone else. The other point is that these spirits know who Jesus really is; God's Holy Chosen One. Meanwhile, everyone else (like those listening to this story back then and now) are still working out the real identity of Jesus. Just who is this person who has come amongst us? Who is this man who has claimed our attention, imagination and allegiance? What does he and his clear authority mean for the way that we think, live and act today? As Mark's story unfolds we'll have more chances to ask these questions for ourselves, finding the answers that God gives, which bring meaning and purpose to our lives as his followers.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

*Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.*

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

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



**Combined Schools Liturgy - 10.00am ASH WEDNESDAY  
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## AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma.

We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.



God of all peoples, Lord of the journey  
who always walk with us,  
in this land you have blessed us  
with the first inhabitants of the land  
who have loved it through the ages:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the settlers  
who made this land their home,  
and forged a nation with their toil:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the many peoples  
of different languages and cultures  
who have found a new home here:  
for them we give you thanks.  
We ask that you make a home among us,  
so that justice and truth may flourish here  
and all Australians may walk together  
into the future you are preparing:  
for that we give you thanks.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

+ Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane



*We pray for the good health, strength and healing of:* Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Shirley Baldwin, Carolyn Brooks, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Kath Connole, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finimore, John Flynn, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Patrice Gillespie, 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, Carmel Percival, 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:* Kathleen Ponting

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Stan Winter, Joan Lynch, Tony Condon, Kathleen Condon, Charlotte Hagan, Des Campbell, Gerry McMahon, Brian Claffey, Tha Cao, Khiet Dao, Duyen Cao, Mary, John Ahearn, Val Ryan, George Fitz-Walter, Bill Boucher, Shirley Chalmers, Kath Hennessy, Thelma Hilton, Claire Foster, Patricia Powell, Stephen Kimmins

*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.*

**Children's Liturgy: commences this 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 come 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 today Sunday 28th January and then next week at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King on Sunday 4th February.**

**Morning Tea:** will be held after the 8am Mass at St Joseph's today 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 to 8.30pm (including dinner) 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 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."

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

**St Vincent de Paul:** will meet at 8.30am on Friday 9th February at the Parish Office.

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

**Ash Wednesday:** Vigil Mass - 7.00pm TUESDAY 13th February - St Joseph's Church  
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**Finance Council:** will hold its first meeting for 2024 at 7pm on Thursday 15th February at the Parish Office.

**Stations of the Cross:** commence on Friday 16th February at 7pm at St Joseph's Church and will be held each Friday evening of Lent.

**Rental Accommodation required urgently:** A family of four (Mum, Dad, daughter {2} and son {4months}) are struggling to find a rental property to live in the parish, having already missed out on 10 houses that have been taken. Both parents work for the Catholic Church. They are looking to move into the area from the 2nd of February-9th February or the sooner the better. Please contact Darcy on 0472 687 071 or at [Darcy.Rogers@netministries.com.au](mailto:Darcy.Rogers@netministries.com.au)

**REFLECTION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP USE FOR LENT 2024:** Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter reflection resource called "A Resurrected Life". Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis. Beneficially, "A Resurrected Life" has been written by a single author. This allows for continuity and development within the resource, taking the reader on a meaningful journey. "This Resource 'A Resurrected Life' is subversive. It challenges our conventional way of thinking and invites us to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears. This is a hope ground not on vapid promises, but on the fact of a God who takes flesh, entering even our woundedness and brokenness, so that life may come from death and strength from weakness. This is a God who transfigures our wounds, even the cosmic wound of death, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world" Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. "A Resurrected Life" will be available at both churches next weekend at a cost of \$5 per book. You may wish to form a group or use the book as a family or individually.



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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)

### FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 28 JAN 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28  
MON, 29 JAN 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
TUE, 30 JAN 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 - 19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
WED, 31 JAN St John Bosco, priest, patron saint of youth and Catholic publishers - *Memorial*  
2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
(Alt. Phil 4:4-9; Mt 18:1-5)  
THU, 1 FEB 1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
FRI, 2 FEB The PRESENTATION of the LORD - *Feast*  
Malachi 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
(*World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*)  
SAT, 3 FEB St Blaise, bishop, martyr, patron saint of relief from throat ailments - *Optional Memorial*  
St Ansgar, bishop, patron saint of Denmark, "apostle of the north" (Scandinavia) - *Optional Memorial*  
1 Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

### FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 4 FEB 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39  
(*Word of God Sunday*)

**Welcome to Bishop Yebio Kldane:** who is visiting Australia and will be celebrating Mass according the Ge'ez Rite at St Joseph's Church over the next few weekends for our Eritrean and Ethiopian friends who regularly worship each weekend. You are all most welcome at Corinda Graceville. God's Blessings upon Bishop Kldane for this special visit to Brisbane.

## 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 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE"



If to-day you hear his voice; har-den not your hearts.

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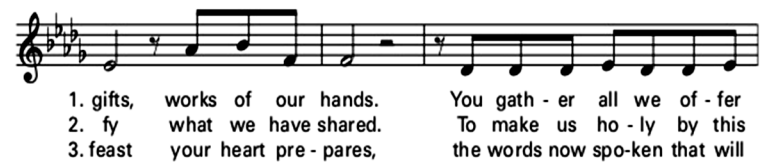
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## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: "DRAWN TO YOU"



### Verses

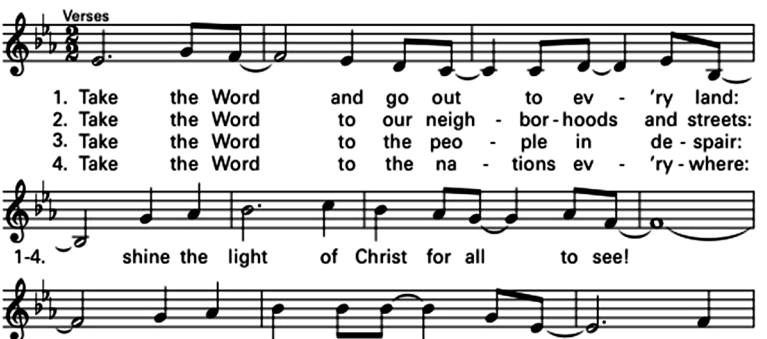
1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these
2. Drawn by the faith that you ac-cept our gifts, and sanc-ti-
3. Drawn by the ta-ble you have laid for us, the wel-come



### to Refrain

1. to your-self, re-ceive our prayer.
2. bread and wine, re-ceive our prayer.
3. make us one, re-ceive our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH: "WITH ONE VOICE"



1. May the lives of those we touch sing
  2. May we all set out to live in
  3. May our ac-tions and our deeds bring trans-
  4. May the wit-ness of our lives
1. praise to God a-bove. Let us sing, we'll sing:
  2. peace and har-mo-ny. They will see and sing:
  3. com-fort to their needs. And they'll know and sing:
  4. form the world a-new. And we'll shine, we'll shine:

