



The Catholic Parish  
of Corinda Graceville

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd / 4th FEBRUARY 2024

Word of God Sunday

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*The Pastor's Pen....*

A few years ago Pope Francis instituted early in the Church Liturgical Year a Sunday dedicated to raising our awareness of and respect for the Word of God, particularly as it speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed in the liturgy. Here in Australia we have this focus this weekend. Of special note, the Pope has also called the entire Church to a Year of Prayer, from now until next year, which will be a Jubilee Year. One of the most cherished ways of praying is to take in a reading or two from the Bible, ponder these words alone or with others and let them speak, inspiring, challenging, comforting and guiding us.

Prayer, learning how to pray and sharing prayer in our liturgy and at home, is something we were asked to help you with at the Parish Assembly last year. Already we have taken action on this matter and will continue to do so week after week in the Pastor's Pen, through the content of homilies and via special prayer gatherings and teaching opportunities we provide. Lent, soon coming, is a great opportunity to gather in our Churches and at home with others to read the Scriptures and pray in unity with Christ the Living Word of God, helped by the Holy Spirit in response to Pope Francis' call to prayer throughout the world.

The Book of Job is an allegorical story of one man's struggle with suffering and the search for meaning. He had it all and then for no good reason it was all taken from him. Job represents each and all of us who have to deal with loss, grief, fear and pain and who wonder 'Why me?' The short section we get to hear this weekend is bleak at best. Job voices his loss of hope and meaning and restlessness and toil of life and daily living. Job is at the dark bottom of living and he finds it empty. Still, he keeps talking with and listening to his friends who futilely try to comfort him and he patiently waits for God to respond and help him in his distress. If you ever feel knocked down and out of the game, the Book of Job will likely help you to find words to express your heart to yourself and to God.

St. Paul continues speaking God's Word to us through his First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul was as complex as any human being is and can be, but he was also more fervently committed to God and to his call than most. His sole desire and aim was to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ and to help make the implications of God's message understood and applicable to the people and early Christian communities of his time.

He tells us that he offered the gift of the Good News for free just as he had freely received it himself. He says that he tried to be all things to all people no matter the cost to himself so as to help and to save as many people as he could. Sometimes we may struggle with some of what Paul wrote, forgetting that his words are 2000 years old, affected by that far away time and place and culture, but there can be no doubting his sincerity and sacrifice.

Still in Chapter 1 of St. Marks action packed Gospel we arrive at the Saturday evening and end of the Jewish Sabbath Day. After freeing the disturbed man in the Synagogue assembly of his troubling spirit, Jesus went to the home of Simon Peter and Andrew in Capernaum. He immediately healed Simon's mother in law of a fever. Then, at the end of the Sabbath, crowds of locals gathered at the front door seeking healing for their sick, and freedom and peace for those possessed by devilish, distressing spirits. Again, Mark points out that these evil and disturbing spirits saw into who Jesus really was, and that Jesus didn't allow them to speak, wanting his true identity kept quiet at that time.

After all of this work and so many demands Jesus rose early on the Sunday and went to an isolated spot in order to pray. Mark doesn't tell us anything about what Jesus said or what happened in his prayer (it was private after all) but only that Simon and Jesus' first followers tracked him down. They let Jesus know that 'everyone is looking for you' which I understand to mean that more people in this village wanted Jesus' help. However, something had changed through Jesus' prayer. He announced that he was sent to preach, teach and heal more widely in all of the neighbouring county towns, for that is why he came. The Good News and whatever good Jesus could do had to go out and further than to just one town, and so the mission to the wider community and world was launched.

As always, my hope is that some of what I've written here will help you when you read, pray over and listen to the Good News of the Word of God this weekend.

*Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.*

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

The Sacramental Program your Parish offers is family centred, school supported and Parish based. The program is a partnership in which families and Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation. We believe faith formation thrives best in this context.

## PARTNERSHIP

Parents and immediate family are the first teachers of children in the ways of life and faith. The Sacramental Team is here to assist you with this journey and provide resources such as workbooks, preparation sessions, retreats and community activities.



## CONFIRMATION

Any Baptised child 8 years of age or older is eligible to enrol in the Sacrament of Confirmation program. Typically celebrated in the month of September.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Any Baptised child 9 years of age or older and who has made their Confirmation. Typically celebrated in June as part of regular Mass.



## RECONCILIATION

Any Baptised child 10 years of age or older who has made their First Holy Communion.

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*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 Finnimore, 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, June Mitchell, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, 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 Willemssen.

*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:* Val O'Brien, Brian Devitt, Rose Heugh, Michael Struckett

*We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Thomas Bennell, Ann Sellars, John Staunton, Rita Mortiss, David McKeon, Bernadette Burton, Darryl Brittain, James Carmody, Robyn Nielson, Stan Winter, Joan Lynch, Tony Condon, Kathleen Condon, Charlotte Hagan, Des Campbell, Gerry McMahon, Brian Claffey, Mary, Tha Cao, Khiet Dao, Duyen Cao

*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.*





### 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.***

**Word of God Sunday:** 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 this weekend 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."

**Thank you to the Fijian Choir:** who lead the music ministry at the Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's this weekend.

**Children's Liturgy:** will be held at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King today Sunday 4th February, and then next week at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Corinda on Sunday 11th February. All primary school aged children are invited to attend Children's Liturgy which alternates between the two churches throughout the school term.

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

**Choir Practice:** will be held on Thursday 8th 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.

**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. All are welcome.

**Brian Devitt RIP:** former parishioner and former Principal of St Joseph's Primary School Corinda, Brian Devitt, passed away on Tuesday 30th January. Brian made a huge contribution to both the school and parish communities over many decades. His friendly, energetic and caring manner will be missed by his many friends, colleagues and former students. Brian's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on Friday 9 February 2024 at Sacred Heart Church, 369 Given Terrace, Rosalie. The sympathy and prayers of the parish and school communities are offered to Brian's wife Becky, their four daughters and their families at this time. *Lord, look kindly on Your servant Brian, whom you have embraced in eternal life. He has been a guide to us in our lives. As he served You faithfully throughout his life, give him the fullness of peace and joy. May he rest in peace.*

**Youth Group 2024:** for grades 6 to 12 is held each Friday night of the school term from 6:30pm to 8.30pm (including dinner) in St Joseph's Hall Corinda. All young parishioners are invited to attend on Friday 9th February. Please contact Claire on 0490 202 194 if you wish to know more.

**Morning Tea:** will be held after the 8am Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 11th February. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality and a chat.

**Open Music Group:** Our next Open Music Group will lead the singing at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 11 February. 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.

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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.

**First Holy Communion Information Night:** Thursday 22nd February at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church Corinda. This meeting is for parents/guardians of children who have already made the Sacrament of Confirmation and who are choosing to continue their child's sacramental journey to celebrate First Holy Communion.



**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 now from early February. Please contact Darcy on 0472 687 071 or at Darcy.Rogers@netministries.com.au



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### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass  
Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's - School Opening Liturgy  
Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - School Opening Liturgy

### 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)

#### FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

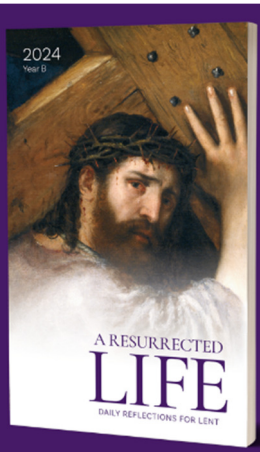
SUN, 4 FEB 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39  
(Word of God Sunday)  
MON, 5 FEB St Agatha, virgin, martyr, patron saint of nurses and healing from diseases of the breast - *Memorial*  
1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
(Alt. 1 Cor 1:26-31; Lk 9:23-26)  
TUE, 6 FEB St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs - *Memorial*  
1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
(Alt. Gal 2:19-20; Mt 28:16-20)  
WED, 7 FEB 1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
THU, 8 FEB St Jerome Emiliani, patron saint of orphans and abandoned children - *Optional Memorial*  
St Josephine Bakhita, virgin, patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking - *Optional Memorial*  
FRI, 9 FEB 1 Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
SAT, 10 FEB St Scholastica, virgin, martyr, twin sister of St Benedict - *Memorial*  
1 Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10  
(Alt. Song 8:6-7; Lk 10:38-42)

#### SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 11 FEB 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1;  
Mk 1:40-45

### 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' 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" Archbishop Mark Coleridge. "A Resurrected Life" is available at the doors of both churches. Cost is \$5 per book. Please pop your donation into the parish collection, use the 'tap and pay' terminals or pop into the parish office. You may wish to form a group or use the book as a family or individually.

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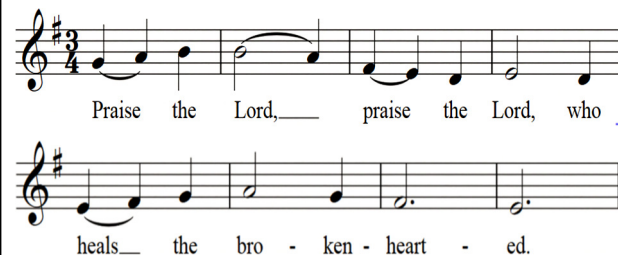


### HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

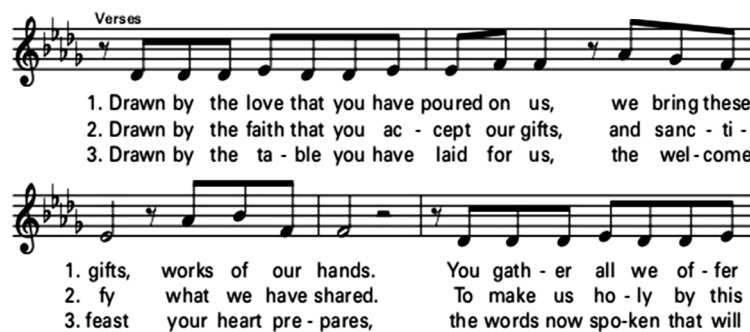
#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (9.30 am MASS): "DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN"

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 147: PRAISE THE LORD, WHO HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED"



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



#### COMMUNION: "BREAD FOR THE WORLD"

Refrain: Bread for the world: a world of hunger.  
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.  
May we who eat be bread for others.  
May we who drink pour out our love.

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