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The Pastor's Pen....

Mark's Gospel is short, so for this and the following two weekends of Lent we'll be hearing from St. John's Gospel. As a reminder, my focus with you during Lent this year is on prayer, praying and living prayerfully. So, a reflection on the dramatic and powerful Gospel text for this weekend follows.

In this Gospel text we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we have to know about the activities that were going on in the temple area in Jesus' time. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifices, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins which bore the image of the Roman emperor and which were banned from the Jerusalem Temple precinct, for the temple coins (no Emperor's image on these) that were needed to pay the temple tax. These merchants also greatly overcharged the worshippers who were a 'captive market' in the Temple forecourts.

Jesus' action at the Temple is recorded in all four Gospels and is understood to be among the key events that would lead to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. John's Gospel places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's story it happens at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We need read John's Gospel carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. St. John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than do the Synoptic Gospels. John's was the last of the four Gospels to be written and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community with greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism. Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple, using that story to interpret this later event. John explained to his early Christian community and audience that temple worship was no longer necessary because it had been surpassed in the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John tells us that the leaders of the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection, a new, lasting Temple in himself. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection.

During the Lenten Season we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world, a sign given that we will soon commemorate in Holy Week. Let's take this opportunity to deeply consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our personal and group prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship as a Parish community we gather to experience anew the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer. May we never forget his promise!

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

LENT AND EASTER 2024

Stations of the Cross ~ every Friday evening of Lent at 7pm - St Joseph's

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins ~ 7pm Wednesday 13th March - St Joseph's

PALM SUNDAY ~ 23rd & 24th March - normal weekend Mass times

HOLY THURSDAY ~ Mass - 7pm - 28th March - Christ the King

GOOD FRIDAY ~ Stations of the Cross - 10am - 29th March - Christ the King

~ Prayer Vigil for those on Death Row -12 noon- Christ the King

~ Good Friday Passion - 3pm - 29th March - St Joseph's

HOLY SATURDAY ~ Easter Vigil - 6pm - 30th March - St Joseph's

EASTER SUNDAY ~ Mass - 8am - 31st March - St Joseph's

~ Mass - 9.30am - 31st March - Christ the King

~ NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday



*Sacraments of Initiation Info Night
for Confirmation,
Holy Communion and Penance*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



The **2024-26 Sacraments of Initiation program** run by the Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville – is for all children who are baptised and will have turned 8 years of age by July 1, 2024, (usually Grade 3 children and above), regardless of which school they attend.

The premise under which this policy is implemented within our Parish, is about inviting children to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith as part of a parish based, school supported, family centred preparation program. *We will be working together as a team to continue your child's faith journey.*

An information night will be held at **6:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024**, at **Christ the King Church**, Churchill Street, Graceville, **for parents and children who would like to find out more about the program - Confirmation, Holy Communion and Penance** - and the process for enrolling their child/children in the same. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this night, so at least one parent or guardian should attend so that you may be in the best possible position to make an informed decision on whether your family wish to commit to the program at this time. Children are encouraged to also attend so that they can check out the Catechesis Atrium that they will be attending.

We look forward to journeying alongside you all during this special season of preparation.

Melissa Lonergan, Sacramental Program Coordinator Corinda Graceville Parish



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion through the donation boxes and envelopes available at the doors of the churches, by calling 1800 024 413, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

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, Mary Egan, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, 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, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Lorraine Neville, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, 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: John Flynn, Fr Kevin Bates SM

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: George Maltet, Judith Massey, Joan Crowley, Hugh Ward, May Markey, Joseph Pace, Cathy Rogers, Douglas Wode, Ronald Parker, Julie McHugh

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.

Thank you: to the Fijian Choir who lead our music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass at St Joseph's.

RCIA Scrutiny: This weekend at the Saturday evening Mass, the first of three scrutinies will be prayed for those who have been journeying with the RCIA towards full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. We pray for and support our Catechumens Jonathan, Eva and Jack and our candidates Draeton, Elton, Alexander and Semhar. If you are interested in the Catholic faith and feel a desire for the Sacraments of the Church please speak to Father Mark, Malia or contact the parish office for a chat.

Children's Liturgy: will be held at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King today Sunday 3rd March. Then the final Children's Liturgy for term 1 will be held at 8am on Sunday 10th March at St Joseph's Church. All primary school aged children, and those enrolling in the Sacramental Program are invited to attend.

Sausage Sizzle: All are invited to stay for some warm hospitality and friendship after the 6pm Sunday evening Mass at Christ the King this weekend Sunday 3rd March. Thank you to Peter and Vivienne who provide this ministry of hospitality each month.

Choir Practice: will be held on Thursday 7th March at 7pm at St Joseph's Church Corinda. If you would like to sing at the Easter ceremonies please come along. New members are always welcome - please come to practice or contact Michael at the parish office.

St Vincent de Paul: will meet at 8.30am on Friday 8th March at the Parish Office. New Vinnies members are always welcome to assist in our good works.

Youth Group: All young parishioners are invited to attend Youth Group on Friday 8th March. Youth Group is held for those in grades 6 to 12 and is held each Friday night of the school term from 6:30pm to 8.30pm (including dinner) in St Joseph's Hall Corinda. Please contact Claire on 0490 202 194 if you wish to know more.

Stations of the Cross: will be held at 7pm on Friday 8th March at St Joseph's Church, and on every Friday evening during Lent. You are warmly invited to attend this prayerful devotion throughout the Season of Lent.

Working Bee: will be held next Saturday morning 9th March to tidy up the gardens around St Joseph's Church in time for Easter! If you are willing to help weed a garden bed or do some pruning please come to St Joseph's next Saturday from 9am to 11am. Please ensure that you bring your own hat, sunscreen, garden gloves, water and wear sensible shoes. If you are able to bring a few of your own garden tools that would be helpful too. If you need to know more please speak to Malia at the parish office.

Morning Tea: will be held after the 8am Mass at St Joseph's next Sunday 10th March. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality and a chat.

Prep Enrolments 2025 - St Joseph's School Corinda: if you wish to enrol your child into Prep at St Joseph's School for 2025 please contact the school directly on 3379 6937 or at pcorinda@bne.catholic.edu.au Enrolments will close on 12th March 2024.

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: 7pm Wednesday 13th March at St Joseph's Church.

Sacraments of Initiation Information Night: will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024, at Christ the King Church, Churchill Street, Graceville, for parents and children who would like to find out more about the program for Confirmation, Holy Communion and Penance - for children who are baptised and will have turned 8 years of age by July 1, 2024. Please see full advertisement on page two.

Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion: will be held at all Masses on the weekend of 16th / 17th March.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: 5.30pm Saturday 16th March at St Joseph's Church.

Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: 9.30am Sunday 17th March at Christ the King Church

How to help your child understand the Mass: a workshop for Parents and Grandparents to help you to help your children and grandchildren to understand the beauty of the Mass. A wonderful opportunity to open up the meaning of the different elements of the Mass. Open to anyone to attend at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st March at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Graceville. Please contact Melissa via sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to register your attendance.

Annual Chrism Mass: all are invited to attend the Annual Chrism Mass at which the Archbishop will consecrate the Holy Oils used across the parishes throughout 2024. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 7pm on Thursday 21st March. All welcome.

Leading young people through the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Youth and Young Adults from across the Archdiocese are invited to "RecoRally" on Friday 22nd March from 6-8:30pm at Padua College, Kedron. This will be a night of live music, games, inspirational speakers, powerful prayer and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Registration is free and more information is available at tinyurl.com/reco rally24 Please contact our youth worker Claire on 0490 202 194 if you are interested in attending.



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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

DEVOTIONS

Friday 7.00 pm St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

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 OF LENT

SUN, 3 MAR THIRD SUNDAY of LENT
Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

MON, 4 MAR St Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania and Poland
- *Optional Memorial*
2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30

TUE, 5 MAR Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

WED, 6 MAR Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

THU, 7 MAR Sts Perpetua, patron saint of widows and mothers of deceased sons, and Felicity, martyrs
- *Optional Memorial*
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

FRI, 8 MAR St John of God, religious, patron saint of hospitals, nurses and the sick - *Optional Memorial*
Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

SAT, 9 MAR St Frances of Rome, religious, patron saint of motorists and widows - *Optional Memorial*
Hosea 5:15 - 6:6; Lk 18:9-14
(Anniversary of the death of Most Rev. John Bathersby, 2020)

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 10 MAR FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

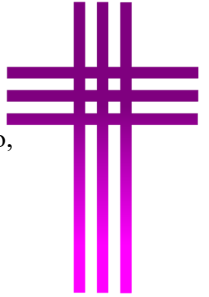
I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[And, striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

[Then they continue:]

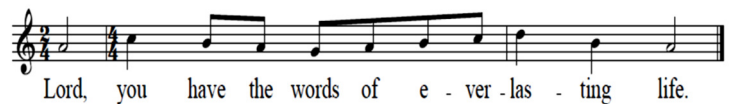
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



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 19: LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE"



LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

Refrain: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

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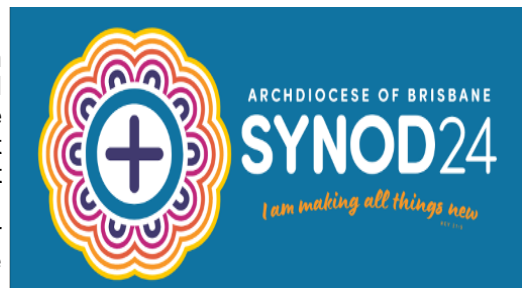
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Archdiocese of Brisbane Synod 24 "I am making all things new" Rev21:5:

This year the Archdiocese will celebrate SYNOD24 to mark the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Together we'll discern the practical and Spirit-led actions that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake to be a more co-responsible church on mission. These actions will take into consideration what is already happening across the Archdiocese that should be affirmed, what learnings can be harnessed and shared, and where the gaps and needs are. SYNOD24 will take place over two sessions, September 6th and 7th and October 11th and 12th, with the Opening and Closing Masses open to the public. More information on the SYNOD24 journey will be released regularly, so head to www.aobsynod2024.com to refresh yourself on the Plenary Journey so far and to learn more about SYNOD24.



Free Lenten Concert Series at St Stephens Cathedral: held on the following Thursdays at 12 noon at the Cathedral: 7th March, 14th March and 21st March. Free Admission.

Liturgy in Focus Lecture and Discussion Series: Fr Richard Leonard SJ: "Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World" *Nourished by word and sacrament at our weekly Eucharist, the gathered community is sent out to live and proclaim our faith, hope and love in Christ. What does the world look like to which we are sent? What liturgy might enable us to reclaim a missionary energy that is hospitable, bold, inclusive and Catholic?* **Wednesday, 13 March, 7.00pm to 8.45pm, Hanly Room beside the Cathedral of St Stephen (parking available via Charlotte Street).** 60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat, 20 minute Q&A. \$10 per individual or \$8 per ticket for bookings of 5 or more. Contact the Parish Office to register.

"Eat whatever you want for Lent, the sacrifice is not in the stomach, but in the heart." People can refrain from eating meat, but don't talk to their siblings or relatives, don't visit their parents or attend to their needs, don't share food with the needy, mothers forbid children to see their fathers, parents may forbid grandparents to see their grandchildren, people may criticize other people's lives, beat their wives. A good barbeque or beef stew won't make you a bad person, just like a fish fillet won't turn you into a saint. This Lent it is better to seek to have a deeper relationship with God through better treatment of others. Let's be less arrogant and more humble of heart.