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The Pastor's Pen....

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Rose coloured vestments are sometimes worn as well. Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

John's Gospel reading consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus. It was all done in genuine searching and with good will.

In part of the conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection. The very cause of our downfall becomes by God's work the way of our salvation, or as our faith always has said 'Oh happy fault of Adam that has merited for us so great a redeemer'. There is deep meaning and hope for us all in this paradox.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. John's Gospel is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue (1st Chapter) to John's Gospel. In this reflection, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In this theological and spiritual reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden in the dark, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins in his light so that they may be forgiven. This is Good News for us; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Lastly, we must note that Nicodemus reappears later in John's text, this time in the full light of day. He joined with Joseph of Arimathea in going to Pilate to retrieve Jesus' body from the Good Friday Cross and to see that it was properly prepared and entombed before the Jewish Passover of that year began. Jesus' sacrificial death ended his secret following of Jesus, making him a public witness to the Lord. This is our way too, evermore away from darkness and into the light, witnessing to Christ. When we pray this journey is the one we hope to make and to complete.

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



CORINDA GRACEVILLE PARISH

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



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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

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

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Shirley Baldwin, Br Charles Barry FSP, Carolyn Brooks, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Anne Ciesiolka, Kath Connole, Bishop Austin Crapp ofm, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Mary Egan, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Gwen Fosdick, 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, Steve Mahoney, 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: George Allen, John Flynn, Fr Tony Kelly CSsR, Fr Kevin Bates SM

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Colin Little, Celine Doherty, Edna Cook, Kathryn Salmon, Carolyn Fogarty, Jack McLaughlin, Colin Cuthbert, Mark Plunkett, Patricia Winnett, Desmond Gerard McCormack, Myrtle May McCormack, George Maltet, Judith Massey, Joan Crowley, Hugh Ward, May Markey, Joseph Pace,

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.

Thank you: to all of the hard workers who contributed to the Working Bee on Saturday morning. The gardens are looking lovely. We appreciate the support of so many people who make our churches look beautiful in so many ways.

Children's Liturgy: the final Children's Liturgy for Term One will be held this morning Sunday 10th March at 8.00am at St Joseph's Church. All primary school children, and those enrolling in the Sacramental Program are invited to attend. There will be no further Children's Liturgies held for this term due to the Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion next weekend and the Palm Sunday Celebrations on the following weekend. Children's Liturgy will return after the school holidays.

RCIA Scrutiny: This weekend at the 8.00am Sunday Mass, the second Scrutiny 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.

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

God's blessings: to Harrison, Jude, Hamish, Carson, Julian and Mavis who will be baptised at St Joseph's Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

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. A special time of preparation and repentance in the Season of Lent. Please note there will be no morning Mass on Wednesday.

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.

Choir Practice: will be held on Thursday 14th 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.

Youth Group: All young parishioners are invited to attend Youth Group on Friday 15th March. Youth Group is held for those in grades 6 to 12 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 15th 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.

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

Open Music Group: Our next Open Music Group will lead the singing at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 17 March. We warmly 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.

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.

St Vincent de Paul: will meet at 8.30am on Friday 22nd March at the Parish Office. New Vinnies members are always welcome to assist in our good works.

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 6pm-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 7.00 pm St Joseph's Mass for Forgiveness of Sins

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

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)

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

MON, 11 MAR Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

TUE, 12 MAR Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

WED, 13 MAR Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
(Anniversary of election of Pope Francis, 2013)

THU, 14 MAR Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

FRI, 15 MAR Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAT, 16 MAR Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 10 MAR FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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 137: LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED"



Let my tongue be si - lenced, if I ev - er for - get you!

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

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

Clergy & Leaders' Forum: Last week, along with Father Mark and Suzannah Halpin from CTK, I attended the Clergy & Leaders' Forum titled, 'Many Callings, One Mission'. It was a day filled with input, discussion, and possibilities for the future. The day began with the Prayer of the Church (or Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office) which is the official daily prayer of the Catholic Church. This prayer consists of psalms, canticles, prayers of intercession, hymns and readings from scripture and Church writings.

The prayer, prayed by all those gathered at the forum was quite beautiful. Joining together in collective prayer, singing and thinking of our communities was very moving. It has always been a comfort to me knowing that priests all over the world were praying the Divine Office each morning and night. Selfishly, I often thought if I hadn't prayed, I know our priests have! Last week it was made clear that the Prayer of the Church is not, "the preserve of the priests" (Elizabeth Harrington) but rather accessible to everyone. It can be accessed by using the Universalis App or website – <https://universalis.com/>

A key focus of the day was looking at best practice and ways of being brave and taking action. Archbishop Mark Coleridge challenged us to navigate new ways of being "on the road together". He spoke about our ways of being the Church are evolving through time and emphasised that we are a "work in progress". He challenged us to change our wandering into journeying. Archbishop Coleridge explored the notion of leadership as "call", "listening", "collaboration", "service", "self-awareness" and "risk-taking". As we move forward in times of change, we are called to be adaptive to the changing relationship of parish and school. We are called to Communion through collaboration.

With every good wish,

Kim Davis, Principal St Joseph's School Corinda

Appointments: Archbishop Mark Coleridge has announced the following: Fathers Frank Brennan SJ, Gregory Jacobs SJ and Paul Fyfe SJ as Pastors *in solidum* for the parishes of St Ignatius Toowong, St Thomas the Apostle St Lucia, and Holy Family Indooroopilly. Fr Joshy Parappully Antony OFMCap - Parish Priest Guardian Angels Wynnum; Fr Robert Doohan - Parish Priest St Kevin's Geebung; Fr Jerzy Prucnal SChr - Parish Priest Our Lady of Victories Bowen Hills and Chaplain to the Polish Community; Fr Edward Odhiambo Khaemba CSSp Parish Priest Holy Spirit Pine Rivers; Fr Thevasantharasa Anthinipillai OMI - Administrator St Oliver Plunkett Cannon Hill; Fr Fadi Salame - Chaplain Princess Alexandra Hospital; Fr Stephen Camiolo - Chaplain St Vincent's Aged Care Carseldine and Boondall; Deacon Peter Devenish-Mearns - Pastoral Director St Michael's Dorrington; Fr Hong (John) Phuc Nguyen OFM - Associate Pastor St Therese Kedron; Fr Paul Macharia Kamau CSSp - Associate Pastor St Francis Xavier Goodna; Fr Akesh Xalxo MSSCC - Associate Pastor Infant Saviour Burleigh Heads; Fr Steve Michel CS - Chaplain to St Bakhita Sudanese Community.

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