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The Pastor's Pen....

Today's Gospel reading is taken from much further into John's Gospel than we've been hearing for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus had just raised Lazarus from the dead, an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in him. This event also marked the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. St. John tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this and began maddeningly determined plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of the Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. Again, we see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus as John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial to all. He taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, which we'll hear on Holy Thursday night, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how his followers must serve and sacrifice for one another.

The final part of today's Gospel might be understood as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels St. John doesn't record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus goes on to give a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration (events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel) affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. Jesus explains that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him; in other words they were spoken for us.

We also hear Jesus speaking about the cosmic/broader framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his self-giving death and Resurrection, Jesus conquers Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not one of condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought into the world. Jesus' vision of what this means is thus; The world and we are found to be damaged and in darkness, but God does not condemn this or us. Instead, God chooses to lovingly sacrifice God's only Son in order to heal, enlighten and save us and the world. This is joyful good-news for all and the Paschal pattern of living in which we followers of Christ partake.

In just two weeks time we will have arrived at the Easter Vigil and Resurrection Sunday. May our minds, hearts and souls be ready in hope and expectation for this most important Christian celebration of all. Make your plans now to be present at all that the coming Holy Week offers, starting with our Parish Palm/Passion Sunday next weekend.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

PALM SUNDAY ~ Mass 5.30pm Saturday 23rd March - St Joseph's
 ~ Mass 8.00am Sunday 24th March - St Joseph's
 ~ Mass 9.30am Sunday 24th March - Christ the King
 ~ Mass 6.00pm Sunday 24th March - Christ the King

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



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

We continue to pray 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.

Earlier in Lent our Catechumens and Candidates, along with their sponsors and Catechists attended the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the "Rite of Election". Jonathan, Eva and Jack are pictured here with Archbishop Mark Coleridge, along with family and parish supporters.

We pray for God's special blessings upon our Catechumens and Candidates in these final weeks of Lent as they journey towards the joys of Easter.



Deep within our hearts, O God, you have written your law, and in Jesus, your Son you establish the new and everlasting covenant. Raise up these our friends with Christ, the grain fallen to the earth that yields a harvest of everlasting life. Bring them to glorify your name by following you faithfully where Christ has led. We ask this through Christ, our light and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.



Partnership in action: The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

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, Anne Ciesiolka, Kath Connole, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Mary Egan, Wilma Evans, 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, Natalie McCauley, Neil McCormack, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Lorraine Neville, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, June O'Callaghan, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, 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: Bill Scantlebury, Sr Berndadetta Robinson olsh, Bishop Austen Crapp ofm, Br Charles Barry FSP, Archbishop Francis Carroll, George Allen, John Flynn, Fr Tony Kelly CSSR

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Burt Peterson, Beryl Bright, Peter Scott, Carmelina Pietrobon, Win Mendoza, Jo Parsons, Ray Stewart, Philip Lynch, Colin Little, Celine Doherty, Edna Cook, Kathryn Salmon, Carolyn Fogarty, Jack McLaughlin, Colin Cuthbert, Mark Plunkett, Patricia Winnett, Desmond Gerard McCormack, Myrtle May McCormack

We, the community of Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish, acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our parish stands, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples.

Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion: we welcome all of the children who will be preparing for their First Holy Communion this year, and their families, as they celebrate the Rite of Enrolment at all Masses this weekend. Please remember the children in your prayers during their Sacramental preparation.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: welcome to all of the students, staff and families from St Joseph's School who help our ministries and music at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass at St Joseph's Church this weekend. A very special blessing to you all for the Feast of St Joseph which is celebrated on Tuesday 19th March.



Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: we welcome all of the students, families and teachers from Christ the King School to the 9.30am Sunday morning Mass at Christ the King Church this weekend. You are always most welcome.

Thank you: to the Open Music Group who lead the music ministry at the 6.00pm Sunday Mass this weekend.



Happy Saint Patrick's Day: which this year is celebrated on Monday 18th March, as the Sunday Mass in Lent takes precedence over the 17th March. *May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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.

Choir Practice: will be held on Thursday 21st March at 7pm at Christ the King Church Graceville. The final choir practice for Easter will be held at 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 24th March at St Joseph's Church.

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.

Youth Group: will travel to Padua College on Friday 22nd March for a special night "**Reco Rally - Leading young people through the Sacrament of Reconciliation**" with other youth from all across the Archdiocese. The night will run from 6pm-8:30pm and will include live music, games, inspirational speakers, powerful prayer and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you wish to attend as part of the Corinda Graceville Youth Group you must have a signed Consent Form and must notify our youth worker Claire. For more information please speak to Claire on 0490 202 194 .

Stations of the Cross: will be held at 7pm on Friday 22nd March at St Joseph's Church. You are warmly invited to attend this prayerful devotion throughout the Season of Lent.

Resurrection Supper: will be served after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. All are invited to stay after Mass to rejoice together and share some hospitality. It would be appreciated if you would kindly bring a plate to share.

Prep Enrolments 2025 - Christ the King School Graceville: We are currently accepting Prep 2025 enrolments. Families wishing to enrol their children in Prep at Christ the King School in 2025 can contact the Enrolments Officer on 3379 7872 or email CTKENrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au for further information.

Working Bee: thank you to everyone who attended the working bee at St Joseph's last week. It has been decided that we will have a two hour working bee at 9am on the second Saturday of each month. So pop the 13th April in your diary and come along to help out in the gardens for a couple of hours!

Children's Liturgy: is now on a break and will resume after the school holidays on 21st April at St Joseph's.

"Praying with the Liturgy" A Liturgical Retreat: You are invited to take time out for a morning retreat of liturgy-focused input, experience and reflection, for all involved in preparing and celebrating liturgy: Clergy, Readers, Communion Ministers, Liturgy Team, APRE's, Teachers and all who gather for worship! Facilitated by Rev Dr Tom Elich (former Director of Liturgy Brisbane for 35 years) and Sr Jill O'Brien SGS (Chaplain at Yarra Theological Union Melbourne). Saturday 20th April, from 9am to 12.30pm, Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Corner of Earnshaw and Approach Roads, Banyo. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to register.

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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's - Mass
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
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	St Joseph's
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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 OF LENT

SUN, 17 MAR	FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
MON, 18 MAR	ST PATRICK, bishop, patron saint of Ireland and engineers - <i>Solemnity</i> Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
TUE, 19 MAR	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, patron saint of fathers and the universal church - <i>Solemnity</i> 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51
WED, 20 MAR	Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42
THU, 21 MAR	Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
FRI, 22 MAR	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
SAT, 23 MAR	St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

HOLY WEEK

SUN, 24 MAR	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD Entrance: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47
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HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING at Masses on Sunday and PREPARATION OF GIFTS at Saturday evening Mass : "BEYOND THE DAYS"

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

- Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.
- On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 51: BE MERCIFUL, O LORD"

Create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

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

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: Saturday 5.30pm

"A SCHOOL PRAYER"

Lord, be with us through the day, help us understand the way.
To follow right and never wrong and make our love grow ever strong.

St Joseph protect us at work and play and guide our teachers every day
To lead us along the right paths. This, dear Lord, is what we ask.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Saturday 5.30pm

"LIVE JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY, WALK HUMBLLY"

Refrain: Live Justly... we are called
Love tenderly... with a gentle heart
Walk Humbly... with our God
One in our faith, we are x x one in God's love!

- Like St Mary MacKillop we must answer a need
In Simple acts of justice in simple deeds
To serve one another, reach out in love
Follow Jesus footsteps, so we are called.... to
- Like St Joseph we must love tenderly
Be people of courage in our holy family
To listen to God's word, be the heart of God
Give our love to Jesus, so we are called.... To
- Like Mother Mary we must walk humbly
Walking with Jesus on this faith journey
With Jesus in our heart, always with God
In this Spirit of love, so we are called.... To

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: Sunday 9.30am

"OUT OF ASHES"

- Fire in the forest leaves us ashes.
Ashes lie smoking on the ground.
All the old and dead wood lies in ashes.
But don't be sad, don't let it bring you down.

Refrain: For in the ashes new seeds are sown.
From the ashes new life will grow.
Leave the past in ashes, let the old things give way,
Start afresh new life right here today,
In the ashes, from the ashes, out of ashes.

- Now we leave our failings far behind us,
Leave them in the forest fire to burn.
All that's left behind is cold grey ashes,
And in the ashes now to God we turn.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Sunday 9.30am

"GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Refrain: Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world (*Repeat*)

- We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen
Go make a difference in the world.
- We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world.
- So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ, will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world.

