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The Pastor's Pen...

I read and watch and listen to many people, articles, messages, emails, phone calls and various videos most weeks. Sometimes one hits home. The article (below) by Ron Rolheiser OMI is the one that struck me most this past week. In this Season of peace and Resurrection and in the age of the Spirit in which we live we come to grasp more clearly that our human way of being was created for more. I hope that Ron's reflection speaks to you, too, as we walk along our own Emmaus road of life, glimpsing Jesus Risen, walking and sharing his life, wisdom, love and hope with us now.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

GO CRAZY OR TURN HOLY

Ron Rolheiser OMI

April 8, 2024

In a poem *Serenade*, Brazilian poet Adelia Prado speaks of a painful ache we feel inside us as we forever wait for something or someone to come and make us whole. What are we waiting for? Love? A soulmate? God? No matter, the frustration eventually pushes us towards a choice, go crazy or turn holy:

I am beginning to despair

And can see only two choices:

Either go crazy or turn holy.

And when that someone or something finally does come:

How will I open the window, unless I'm crazy?

How will I close it, unless I'm holy?

Either go crazy or turn holy. The older we get the more we realize how true that is, how eventually that's the choice forced on all of us, both by the way we are built and the limitations inherent in life itself. Why? Is there something wrong with life and with us? Why can't we find a peaceful space somewhere between crazy and holy?

Well, the biblical preacher in the Book of Ecclesiastes offers a reason. After penning that beautiful, oft-quoted text about how there is a time for everything – *a time to be born and to a time to die; a time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to break down and a time to heal; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time for love and a time for hate; and a time for war and a time for peace* – he offers us this. God has laid out a beautiful rhythm for life and has made everything beautiful in its own time, but God has put *timelessness* into the human heart so that we are out of sync with the seasons from beginning to end. God has established a beautiful rhythm to nature; but we, unlike the physical elements and the plants and the animals who don't have timelessness in their souls, never quite fit into that rhythm. We are overcharged for life on this planet. (Ecclesiastes 3, 1-11)

You find expressions of this in literature everywhere in both religious and secular circles. For example, the renowned German theologian Karl Rahner used to affirm that *in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony.* In that, he echoes Saint Augustine's famous line that is as true and apropos today as it was seventeen hundred years ago when he wrote it: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* That single line expresses both a non-negotiable understanding of the human person and a non-negotiable path he or she must walk. We don't have a final home here and that's why at the end of the day there is no option other than going crazy or turning holy. It's no surprise that Ruth Burrows, the renowned spiritual writer, begins her autobiography with these words: *I was born into this world with a tortured sensitivity and my path has not been an easy one.*

While this motif is everywhere present in religious literature, it is also present in the thought of many secular poets, novelists, and philosophers. For instance, after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature, Albert Camus, a professed atheist, was asked by a journalist if he believed in God. He answered: No, I don't believe in God, but that doesn't mean I am not obsessed with the question of God. Why that obsession? Because in his thought he could not make sense of the world, nor find a fully sensible place in it for humans, unless there was a God.

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Without a God, human existence cannot make peace with itself. He likened the condition of someone in this world to that of a prisoner in certain medieval prisons, where they would put a prisoner in a cell that was so small that he or she could never stand fully upright or ever fully stretch out. The perpetual feeling of being cramped, it was believed, would eventually break the prisoner's spirit. For Camus, that's our situation in life. We can never really stand up fully or ever stretch out fully. Eventually, this breaks our spirit – and we either go crazy or get holy. That's also the basic view of other atheistic existentialists like Martin Heidegger and Jean-Paul Sartre.

Go crazy or get holy! Richard Rohr offers us a third option, get bitter. He submits that once we get to a certain age, we have only three options left open to us: We can become a *pathetic old fool*; or we can become a *bitter old fool*; or we can become a *holy old fool*. Notice what's non-negotiable. We will all eventually become old fools. We have the choice only as to what kind of old fool we will be – crazy, bitter, or holy.

Ron Rolheiser OMI



Our joyful, prayerful and loving congratulations are once again extended to Jonathan, Eva Jack, Draeton, Elton, and Semhar who were received into full Communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May God's blessing be upon you always.

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.

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women: hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, offers a chance for women discerning their vocation to connect and gain insights into their journey. The event features personal stories from the Archbishop to assist in discernment and the questions they are currently facing. It's set for April 18th at Wynberg in New Farm. Interested attendees should email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au to submit their interest. Places are strictly limited. Thursday 18th April, 6:00pm-8:30pm at Wynberg, New Farm

A Morning's Prayer - April: Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend the next 'A Morning's Prayer Retreat', facilitated by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team. This is a chance to come away together for a few hours and be still in the presence of God. The morning consists of input, prayer, reflection, morning tea and group discussion. This morning's theme is based on John 15:1,4 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower...remain in me as I remain in you". Saturday 27th April, 9:00am-12:00pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Register: www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Shirley Baldwin, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Anne Ciesiolka, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Mary Egan, Wilma Evans, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finimore, Gwen Fosdick, Laurie Gillespie, Gregory Gould, Margaret Hawser, Bob & Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Steve Mahoney, Nino Malissa, Neil McCormack, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Lorraine Neville, Richard Niland, Ian Noon, 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 & 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: Monique Maltet, Fr Marty Larsen, Sr Joan Fisher msc, Fr Paul Jennings msc, Sr Therese Stick osc, Carolyn Brooks

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Cay Taylor, Neil Cheyne, Duyen Cao, Phuong Nguyen, Frank Clarke, Lex Heinemann, Dora & Tony Heaton, Anthony Bohan, Callista Rand, Jadwiga Iwanko, John Henry, John Hansen, Nell Connors, Marie-Lys Warnick, Mary Healy, Henry Thomas, Millicent Vokes, Maureen Allen, Bill Cuddihy, Imelda Lourigan, Arthur Egert

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, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Working Bee: Thank you to all who came along this morning to help out at the working bee at St Joseph's. We appreciate your time and hard work.

God's blessings: to Samuel, Lara and Ella who will be baptised at St Joseph's Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God. If anyone wishes to arrange Baptism for your child please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Sausage Sizzle: the monthly Sausage Sizzle at Christ the King Church will be held this weekend after the 6pm Mass, Sunday 14th April. All are welcome to stay after Mass. Thank you to our committed volunteers for offering this hospitality each month.

Welcome Back: to our students and dedicated staff at St Joseph's and Christ the King Schools, who commence term two on Monday 15th April. Every blessing for a fun, faith filled and educational term.

Parish Finance Council: will be held at 7pm on Thursday 18th April. Please note that this meeting will be held at St Joseph's School, 28 Clewley St Corinda (not at the parish office).

Choir Practice: will be held at St Joseph's Church at 7pm on Thursday 18th April. The choir will be singing at the Saturday 5.30pm Mass on 27th April. We always welcome new singers to join to the choir.

St Vincent de Paul: will meet at 8.30am on Friday 19th April at the Parish Office. New helpers to assist in our works are always welcome.

Closing Date for Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation: is Friday 19th April. If your child is baptised and will have turned 8 years of age by July 1, 2024, (usually Grade 3 children and above) then you may wish to consider enrolling into this year's Sacramental Program. For more information please contact Melissa, our Sacramental Coordinator, at sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth Group for high school students: will resume on Friday 19th April at 6.30pm at St Joseph's Hall Corinda. Light dinner, fun, games, faith and friendship all included. Please contact our Youth Worker Claire on 0490 202 194 for more info.

"Praying with the Liturgy" A Liturgical Retreat: a morning retreat of liturgy focussed 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 and Sr Jill O'Brien SGS. Saturday 20th April, from 9am to 12.30pm, Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Cnr Earnshaw & Approach Rds, Banyo. Please speak to Malia or contact the Parish office to register.

Children's Liturgy: for primary school aged children will resume on Sunday 21st April at 8am at St Joseph's Church, then at Christ the King Church at 9.30am on Sunday 28th April, alternating between the two churches weekly during school term. Children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are encouraged to attend.

Morning Tea: will be held after the 8am Mass on Sunday 21st April. All are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

Open Music Group: Our next Open Music Group will lead the singing at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 21 April. 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.

ANZAC DAY MASS: will be celebrated at 9am at St Joseph's Church Corinda on Thursday 25th April.

Local ANZAC DAY Services:

Corinda Dawn Service: 5.15am at the Croll Memorial, Clewley St Corinda

Sherwood Dawn Service: 6.30am at the War Memorial, Sherwood Cemetery, Sherwood Rd & Egmont St, Sherwood

Graceville March and Service: March leaves Graceville Train Station at 7.00am. Service will commence at 7.30am at Graceville Memorial Park, Oxley Road Graceville.

Cathedral of St Stephen: ANZAC Day Mass: 8.00am. Refreshments served afterwards. Cathedral Car park will remain open until 1pm if you are also attending the ANZAC Parade in the city. **Lest We Forget!**

Parish Liturgy Team Report: The Parish Liturgy Team met on Saturday 6 April. We devoted most of our meeting to reviewing in detail the recent liturgies of the Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and the Sacred Paschal Triduum and noting some areas for improvement. We especially want to express our thanks to all who were involved in the preparation and attended the liturgies.

Holy Spirit Seminary Prayer Calendars: are available at the doors of each church. Please consider praying daily for each of our Seminarians by name. Your prayers will make a difference in their lives as they walk the path to the priesthood. Fathers Isaac, Minje, and Gerard were ordained for Brisbane Archdiocese in June last year, and more recently Fr Peter was ordained for Rockhampton Diocese in February this year. Four new men have joined the Seminary this year. Please take a prayer calendar home with you this weekend.



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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

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

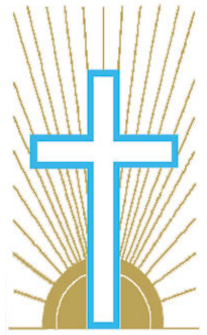


HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "SING A NEW SONG"

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.



Alleluia

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

SUN, 14 APR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

MON, 15 APR Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

TUE, 16 APR Acts 7:51 - 8:1; Jn 6:30-35

WED, 17 APR Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

THU, 18 APR Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

FRI, 19 APR Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

SAT, 20 APR Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

SUN, 21 APR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 4: LORD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US"



Lord, let your face shine on us.

SENDING FORTH: "ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE"



- Verses
1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ☩ rise from your
 2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
 3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, ☩ car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



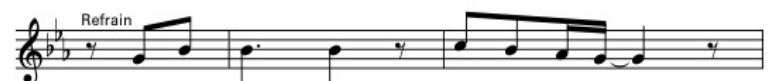
1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp-ty, a
2. hearts! He is a - live! ☩ Here now is mer-cy em-
3. world! He is a - live! ☩ Hear the good news of this



1. prom-ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
2. brac-ing your soul; here the ful - fill-ment that once was fore-
3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!



Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;



con- quered the grave and de- feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia! Love is a - live! The Son has a - ris - en for



all. Your peo- ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

Year of Prayer:

Archbishop Mark has written the following message:

Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to celebrate a Year of Prayer to prepare for next year's Jubilee. We are being called by the Successor of Peter to go deeper into the experience of listening to God, speaking to God, being with God in silence.

Prayer is like breathing: it's as necessary for our spiritual life as breathing is for our physical life. Christian prayer begins with listening to the God who never ceases to communicate with us. If all we do is speak we will "babble like the pagans", as Jesus says (Matt 6:7). But true prayer is like charging an iPhone: without it, the device simply doesn't work. Nor do we.

As a way into a deepening experience of prayer, I offer the Archdiocese a prayer that comes from my own listening to God. Prayer cards (which are available at the doors of both churches) also contain a QR code to a Year of Prayer webpage that you may wish to access to go further on the journey of prayer. The webpage can be found at: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/year-of-prayer/>

Deeper prayer is the womb of more powerful mission, so there is more to this Year of Prayer than growth in piety. This is true for the pastors first of all, but for all the baptised as well, since the whole Church is missionary.

May the God of peace bless you in every way.

+ Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

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