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The Pastor's Pen

Some might remember the old Lenten hymn, the first verse of which went as follows; 'Sin has sundered us from God; selfish we have grown, and cold; foolish were the ways we trod; evil habits keep their hold.'

Though we're not in the Lenten Season there is a certain penitential aspect to Advent, represented by the preaching of John the Baptist. We heard of him last weekend from St. Mark's Gospel and we do so again this weekend, from the Gospel of St. John. Though the setting and the precise words differ slightly between these two accounts the message is essentially the same. John came as a pre-cursor to the Lord preparing His way in the minds and hearts of the people. He called for the people to repent from their sins, converting their minds, hearts and way of living to the ways and will of God. John celebrated this turn around with a water baptism in the River Jordan which flows along the great rift in the Earth's surface that I spoke about last Sunday.

The 'sins' of which we are called to repent and convert are our moral evils, our choices deliberate and freely made, that go against the will of God and are in opposition to our true selves as God's sons and daughters, redeemed and formed in the image of Christ. These sins sunder, that is they divide us from God, each other and our true selves. They are the rift, the crack and fissure that runs deeply and right across the surface of our lives and through the centre of our souls. They are selfish in all of their variety, short-sighted and foolish in choice, making us cold and hard of heart.

In our Church and community of faith we have many ways to patch up this rift, many recourses to heal the fissure that sunders and divides us. If our sins are simple and not too serious or grave, we have prayer, acts of reparation, mercy and charity towards others, the Sacraments of Anointing, Penance, and the Eucharist itself, which restore us to communion with God and others. If, however, our sins freely and deliberately made are grave and serious cutting deep into our integrity and scaring savagely across the lives of others, we need to turn to God in prayer as soon as we become conscious of what we've done or failed to do. It's then beholden upon us to make sure that we go to see the Priest of our choice as soon as possible so that we can privately celebrate the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation/Penance. This great healing sacramental gift is all about each of these words. It involves us in making, to the best of our ability and memory, a full and frank **confession** of our wrong-doings. It aims to **reconcile** us again to God and to those we have offended by what we've said and done or failed to say and do. It also involves some form of **penance** so as to make up for the damage we've brought about.

Here in our Parish this Sacrament is celebrated each Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph's Church from 5-5.30pm, or at any other time by making a private appointment with me. Other Parishes and the Cathedral have different times. A web search of the Archdiocese of Brisbane or a phone call to the various Parish Offices will give you these times. For those with smart phones, computers and iPads there is an app for the Archdiocese of Brisbane which can be used to search parish/cathedral information.

This coming Wednesday night, **20th December, at 7.00pm at Christ the King Church, Graceville**, we have our **Parish Advent Penance Prayer Service**. This is **not** the Sacrament of Penance as described above. **It is** an important communal prayer and repentance time, an essential event and celebration for the last days of Advent before we celebrate the Christmas Feast. I hope as many as are able will attend. It should take about 30 minutes.

Next weekend's Mass times are different simply because Christmas begins on Sunday evening, a situation that comes up every 7 years or so. With this in mind the **Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent (23/24 December)** are; Saturday night, 23/12, at 6.00pm, St. Joseph's, Corinda; Sunday morning, 24/12, 9.30am, at Christ the King, Graceville.

Christmas begins with the Sunday evening Mass, 24/12, at 6.00pm, then next at 8.00pm, both at St. Joseph's. Then 11.00pm Mass is celebrated at Christ the King. On Monday morning/Christmas Day, 25/12, Mass is at 8.00am at St. Joseph's.

What this means is that we have to plan ahead to get to one of the two Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and at least one of the 4 Masses for Christmas. Please start thinking and planning now for these important Parish celebrations. The Lord is drawing very near. Let's make sure to do all we're able so as to prepare a straight highway for His coming.

Fr. Mark Percival, MA, PP.

ILLEGAL PARKING CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM AT CHRIST THE KING

When parking your vehicle at Christ the King please obey the law and respect our neighbours.

Do Not park over driveways.

Do Not have any part of your vehicle protruding over a driveway.

Do Not park against yellow lines.

Do Not park against the flow of traffic.

Brisbane City Council Parking Inspectors patrol the streets around Christ the King and They WILL hand out parking infringement notices to offenders.

Rejoice in the Lord Always! This Sunday's readings are full of joy and hope, for we have a glimpse of the joy of our approaching redemption. Isaiah, in the First Reading, announces the redemption of Jerusalem, clothed in the bridal robes of justice and integrity. Jesus quoted this text to describe his mission, and it also prefigured Mary's role in our salvation. The Responsorial Psalm is the song of Mary's Magnificat. It is a joyful hymn of praise to God for his holiness, his mercy and his faithfulness in bringing the salvation promised to his people.

St Paul's sentiments in the Second Reading echo this. He encourages the Thessalonians – and us – to be happy, to pray constantly, to give thanks to God and to be open to the Spirit as we wait for the coming of the Lord. God has called us, and he will not fail us.

This Sunday, we again meet John the Baptist in the Gospel. John the Evangelist insists on the Baptist's role as witness to the light. He is a witness, a voice, but not the Messiah. The Messiah is here, amongst us, but we do not know him. In this year's very short Advent season, let us benefit to the full this week, as we listen to all the voices that witness to Christ unknown among us.

Bishop John Gerry RIP: At 7.00am on Wednesday 13th December Bishop John Gerry, Emeritus Auxiliary of Brisbane, passed from this life to his eternal reward. Bishop John died peacefully in Holy Spirit Hospital after a short illness. We have been richly blessed by his sixty seven years of priesthood and forty two years as a Bishop. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Prayers and sympathy are offered to Bishop John's family and friends and to the many to whom he ministered so well for so long.



Bishop Gerry was born June 6, 1927. He was raised in Brisbane and educated at Mercy Convent and Marist Brothers College, Rosalie. He was ordained as a priest in Rome on December, 1950. He served the Archdiocese with stints as parish priest at Coolangatta/Burleigh Heads, St Stephen's Cathedral, Stafford and Herston. He was Episcopally Ordained on July 29, 1975, becoming the first Queensland-trained priest to be consecrated as a Bishop.

At an Archdiocesan level, Bishop Gerry held office as Vicar General and Vicar for Social Welfare. At a national level he held office as the Chairman of Australian Catholic Relief (now called Caritas Australia). He also distinguished himself with service as a member of the Social Welfare and Health Care committees of the Australian Bishops' Conference and the Christian World Service Commission of the National Council of Churches. Internationally he acted as the Executive of the Federation of Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Oceania.

Bishop Gerry was a driving force for Centacare – the Brisbane Archdiocese's social services arm. In 1974, he was appointed Vicar for Social Welfare with a commission from Archbishop Francis Rush "to be in contact with and available to all institutions and agencies in the Archdiocese associated with welfare".

A Funeral Vigil Liturgy will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 20th December** at St Brigid's Church, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill.
A Solemn Funeral Mass will be held at **11am on Thursday 21st December** at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth St, Brisbane City.

Newsletter folders: Unsung heroes who every week fold newsletters so they are ready for your perusal. Each week this faithful group come to the office to fold, and often insert the extra reading for your information. It all takes place without fuss and unheralded. Thank you from all the parish for your wonderful work. It is appreciated!!

Counters: Each week a committed crew come to make sense out of the coin collected each weekend. Faithful with figures, and fastidious on the tally, the parish does owe these people a debt of gratitude. Their diligent determining of the dollar each week is greatly appreciated. To these counters the parish is most thankful.

Parish choir: continues to have rehearsals on Thursday night at St Joseph's Corinda at 7pm in preparation for the 8pm Christmas Vigil. All are welcome. Thanks to all members of the choir for the wonderful ministry they offer our two communities in our one Parish.

Lenten Program: Yes Lent! It is time for the parish to order the Lenten Program for the 2018, which is entitled "Blessed and Broken". As always it will be a wonderful opportunity to nurture the true heart of Gospel living through reflection on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. There will be many opportunities across the parish to join a group in order to share, pray, and reflect together during Lent. If you wish to host a group, be a group leader, or be part of a group, please speak to Malia or contact the office.

Pews News: The restoration of all pews at St Joseph's Church is complete and they are looking magnificent. The honeyed glow of the pews adds a warm, homely ambience to our worship space. The pews at Christ the King Church were resorted in 2014, so there has been a significant parish investment made in restoring our furnishings at both churches. Please keep an eye on the continued good care of these pews. Do politely mention to anyone who may be unknowingly marking them. It has been a significant cost in having them restored. This is your planned giving money at work, so thank you for your commitment.

Important Advent and Christmas Liturgies

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8pm St Joseph's
11pm Christ the King
Monday 25th December: 8am St Joseph's

Wednesday Morning Mass Time Change

During Advent we will trial a later Mass time of

9am on Wednesday mornings at St Joseph's Church.

Please be aware that this is a change from the earlier time of 8.30am

Parish Office early closures this week

Please note the Parish Office will close at
12 noon on Tuesday and Friday this week.

Normal office hours on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Christmas Gift tags are available for sale at the Church Piety Stalls and Parish Office for \$1 for 25 tags. Proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards
\$3 for a pack of 8 cards



Available at the church piety stalls or the parish office.

Break Open the Word

Ministers of the Word and Children's Liturgy Leaders please collect your copy from Fr Mark, Sr Cyrian or Malia at Mass; or from the Parish office during the week. This book is an essential tool in your ministry preparation. Please purchase at the subsidised price of \$10.00 (RRP \$24). Previous editions of can be donated to Prison Ministry via the Parish office.

A Message from Archbishop Coleridge on Marriage

is available to read on the church notice boards.

The message can also be viewed online at
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/a-letter-on-marriage/>

2018 Rosters

Each year it is part of my role as Local Safeguarding Representative to complete an audit of current ministry volunteers. This is to ensure all volunteers have completed the compulsory Safeguarding requirements for the ministry, in which they serve.

To assist me in this audit, would all those, who create the rosters for the different ministries, please email a copy of their 2018 rosters to me, Rachel Carr, at lsr.corindagraveville@bne.catholic.net.au

Thanking you in anticipation. *Rachel Carr*

Do you enjoy meeting people?

Do you love your Cathedral?

Do you revel in good art and juicy history?

Do we have an opportunity for you!

You are invited to talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen.

Join us for an information session to be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre on 1 February 2018 from 10.30am-12.30pm. For more information, contact Carmel Devery at the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au by 25 January 2018

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE APRIL 2018

The 14-day pilgrimage to Holy Land is led by Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI departing on 8th of April, 2018, featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,190. For further details or any queries call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246.

Webcast of Mass from the Cathedral of St Stephen

The 10am Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral is available on Webcast each Sunday. An upgrade of the Cathedral Audio visual equipment makes people feel they are participating as best possible in the Mass. Anyone can tune in by —

(i) accessing the Archdiocesan Website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

or the shortlink URL archbne.org/bzw

(ii) accessing the Archdiocesan Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicBrisbane>

The option of watching the event "on demand" after it has concluded is also available at the Youtube site within 30 minutes of the Mass finishing.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ryan Armstrong, Imogen Atkins, Joanne Baines, Glenn Barry, Michael Bathersby, Fleur Bennell, June Burton, Marcia-Grace Byriel, Trevor Butler, Alan Carr, Cathy Cleary, Austen Cole, Gabrielle Crowley, Joan Crowley, Jane Dalgarno, Jack Dennis, June Duncan, Bonnie Edwards, Thomas Emmett, Betty Ferguson, Joy Follent, Nash Giles, Ida Handy, Margaret Hanley, Irene Hannon, Shirley Harris, Sylvia Hartigan, Judy Hawkins, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Carolyn Hughes, Donna Jones, Monica Lampe, Marie Loughland, Coralie McCormack, Alana McDonald, John McGuire, Julene Montgomery, Aline Montocchio, Maureen Orr, Luke O'Reilly, Taavi Orupold, Margaret Owen, Emma Parer, Mary-Pat Parer, Naomi Parer, Helen Penchinko, Br Luke Quinn cfc, Julian Rokolla, Ann Sellars, Anne Seymour, Keith Shand, Brian Sheehan, Louise Thornton, Bev Trenear, Rebecca Wallace, Genevieve Waters, Nikki Widdowson, Colleen Williams-Kee, Stan Winter, Frank Zubeldia, OLSH Sisters Valerian, Bernadetta & Damian. We remember especially all of our parishioners living in aged care nursing facilities.

May those who have died recently rest in peace: Bishop John Gerry, Bernadette Mary Brown, Sr Assumpta pbvm, Sr Perpetua pbvm

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mabel McLaughlin, Gerald O'Hanlon, Len Daniels, Dan Augustine, John Brereton, George Brereton, Des Kerwick, Joan Geeling, James Patrick Hanley, Shirley Dobson, Annie Cridland, Vilma Howe, Colin Doherty

We remember in prayer: The Wheatland and McClean families, Frank Doherty, John and Mary King, Colin King



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday	8.30 am	St Joseph's – Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
	7.00 pm	Christ the King – Advent Penitential Prayer Service
Thursday	9.00 am	St Joseph's – Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Christ the King – Mass
Saturday	8.00 am	St Joseph's – Prayer of the Church

SUNDAY MASS NEXT WEEK

Saturday	6.00 pm	St Joseph's
Sunday	9.30 am	Christ the King

Note: NO 8.00 am (SJ) & 6.00 pm (CTK) on 24 December

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	St Joseph's
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sunday's 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

PRAYER GROUPS

Wednesday	9.00 am	Gospel Reflection Group (ph. 3878 2414)
Friday	7.30 pm	Community of the Risen Lord Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Christ the King Church, Graceville Praise, Worship, Adoration & Message

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS

Tuesday	5.30 pm	34 Mortlake Rd, Graceville (ph. 3379 2581)
Thursday	9.00 am	34 Mortlake Rd, Graceville (ph. 3379 2581)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may live daily in the spirit of the Prayer of the Church)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 17 DEC	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
MON, 18 DEC	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
TUE, 19 DEC	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
WED, 20 DEC	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
THU, 21 DEC	St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the church - <i>Optional Memorial</i> Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45
FRI, 22 DEC	1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
SAT, 23 DEC	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 24 DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
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CHRISTMAS TIME

MON, 25 DEC	The NATIVITY of the LORD - <i>Solemnity with octave</i> (Holy Day of Obligation) <i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
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HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

CANTICLE: "LUKE 1: MY SOUL REJOICES"

My soul re - joic - es in the Lord and
mag - ni - fies his name._____

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "ADVENT ALLELUIA"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Julia Cumming Community Child Care Centre

A work of the Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish
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12 Addison Road, Graceville Ph: 3379 3069

We have limited spaces in our Kindergarten Program for 2018, which is run by an Early Childhood Teacher. Come and see what we have on offer for your child. Service hours are from 7am - 6pm, 50 weeks a year, excluding public holidays. Please call us on **3379 3069**.

If you would also like to be placed on our waiting list please call.



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