



#### OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm  
**Tuesday - Thursday:** 8.30am - 3.30pm  
**Friday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm

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#### MASS TIMES:

**Weekend:**  
**Saturday:** 6pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 7am, 9am and 5.30pm  
**Italian Mass:** 10.30am

**Weekday:** 6.30am & 9am  
 Monday to Friday  
 8am Saturday  
 & Public Holidays

#### Reconciliation:

**Saturday:** 8.30am - 9.00am  
 5.30pm - 6.00pm  
 or by appointment

#### PARISH TEAM:

**Parish Priest:** Fr Alex Vickers O.P.  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Maurice Keating O.P.  
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# Spread the Word

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter



This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'set-up' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realises that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be 'caught committing adultery'. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,' he's letting them know that he's aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they'll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus' words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more.' As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognises that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you've made mistakes, but you can do better and I'm challenging you to try.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday 8 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

### Tuesday 9 April

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm II Rite of Reconciliation – Church

### Wednesday 10 April

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pancho's

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Church

### Saturday 13 April

- 8.00am First Aid and CPR - Library

- 7.15pm AA – Library

### Sunday 14 April – Palm Sunday

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Greg Perkins, Gary Lehn, Patrick Coyne and those*  
**whose anniversaries occur around this time**  
*Domenico Pizzica, Anna Maria Pizzica and the*  
**recently deceased Robert Jones**



### R.I.P Kathleen Vickers

We ask for your prayers for the soul of Kathleen Vickers, Fr Alex's mother, who passed away on Tuesday morning and for her family.

### New Grass?!

You might have noticed that the grass at the church entrance and the statue of Our Lady is looking rather... plush. Thanks to Barefoot Grass, we now have a brand new astroturf (fake grass) that will stay green all year round, even during a drought!



### Plumbing issues



You may have seen a slow leak from our grass and out onto the carpark. This was a burst water pipe and as you can see, we have had to have some of the ground dug up to repair it. Please avoid walking over it.

### From the Office

Here at Our Lady of Graces, we are a generous and loving community, who with the wonderful volunteers at St Vincent de Paul, help to aid those in need within our community. Usually, if we have visitors who find themselves in need of assistance, the office or priest will provide a food hamper and refer them onto SVDP who are better equipped to help further. Recently, a lovely parishioner was approached by a person who was in need and the parishioner gave them a sum of money. While this is a very kind and generous thing to do, we ask that if you are faced with this situation, refer them to a priest so that they can give them a hamper or refer them to SVDP, under no circumstances give them money. If you have any queries or concerns please contact the office.

## II Rite of Reconciliation

Join us on Tuesday 9 April at 7pm for the II Rite of Reconciliation before Easter.

### Palm Fronds and Cyprus Pine branches – Palm Sunday



We are currently putting a call out for anyone who have either palm fronds (that we can tie to the pews) or small Cyprus pine cuttings. We would need them on the Saturday morning the 14<sup>th</sup> of April but not earlier as we need them to be as lively as possible.

We also have a lovely gentleman who is able to donate palms however cannot transport them here. If you have a 4WD or perhaps even a trailer, could you please get in contact with Ashleigh at the Parish Office on 3398 2977.

### Easter Roster 2019

Don't forget to sign up for the Easter Roster, there are plenty of ministries to be involved in! It is located at the back of the church.

### Easter Eggs for the Great Easter Egg Hunt!

For the past couple of years, Our Lady of Graces have been holding the Great Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9am Mass and we are coming back again! We are seeking donations of bags of small Easter eggs, if you have any that you would like to donate, could you please bring them to the Parish Office. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist on the day please contact Ashleigh in the office. Thank you in advance.



### Easter Timetable 2019

#### Individual Reconciliation:

Wednesday 10 April at 9.30am

Good Friday 19 April at 11am & 4pm

Holy Saturday 20 April at 11am & 3pm

#### Easter Ceremonies:

**Holy Thursday: 18 April 7pm**

*Followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10pm*

**Good Friday: 19 April**

Stations of the Cross at 10am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

Italian Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm

**Holy Saturday: 20 April**

Vigil Mass 7pm

Italian Vigil Mass 9.30pm

**Easter Sunday: 21 April**

Mass 7am, 9am

Italian Mass 10.30am

**There will be NO 5.30pm Mass**





## Sunday Funday 26 May 2019



Over the years, our Parish Community has been very supportive of our *Craft and Jam Stall* at the Sunday Funday. We are still seeking donations of home-made jams, chutneys, pickles and craft items which will go on sale in May. If you are making produce or items which you would like to donate, would you please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who have already provided craft items and sugar. All contributions are much appreciated.

### Parking reminder

Further to our notice about parking at the front entrance of the church, we also request that parishioners do not park in front of the railings in the top car park. This is labeled no parking as it makes it difficult for those in the car spaces to reverse safely without hitting your car, it also a footpath. We know parking spaces are difficult but we do not wish for anyone to have damage done to their cars. Thankyou.

### Scripture Group News

Jeff Cavins, who is well known by EWTN audiences worldwide for his regular program *Life on the Rock*, will be in Brisbane to talk about Catholic Faith and Scriptures.

**Date:** 05 May 2019 (Sunday)

**Venue:** St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd., Coorparoo

**Time:** 12 noon to 5:00 pm

**Fee:** Free but we request donations to defray all expenses

Bring-a-plate to share. Drinks provided

Enquiries, call: Sonny – 0421437752;

Pat – 0413162591

## PROJECT COMPASSION



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.**

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Position Vacant – Administration Assistant

Applications are open for a position at the Beaudesert Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a Part Time fixed term contract for 12 months starting on the 1 July 2019 for 10 hours per week Monday and Tuesday. There is a possibility this position could become permanent. Applications close 3 May 2019. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.**

## SOMETHING FUNNY



## CATHOLIC LEADER

**Catholic leaders are available at the back of the church for \$2.**

- Gatton Laidley parishioners celebrates *Our Lady of the Valley's* centennial – a spiritual home to generations of Catholic families
- New figures from the National Centre for Pastoral Research shows a drop in regular Mass attendance amongst the Australian Catholic population
- Brisbane archdiocese partners with Youngcare and Moreton Bay Regional Council in housing project for young Queenslanders with high care needs
- Parties pledge to get more electric cars on roads by 2030
- Technology and social media hindering children's intellectual development and psychological happiness
- Enthusiastic young Catholics step up to the altar to serve in the sacred liturgy at Regents Park parish
- \*PLUS a regional focus on Cairns diocese

**Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.**

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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