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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  
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# Spread the Word

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter



This passage can be seen as the gospel writer's version of the Pentecost that was previously recorded by the writer of Luke-Acts. As the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts was already in existence, the gospel writer felt no concern about alluding to it in his version of the gospel story. The inclusion of this event in the gospel of John adds a 'completeness' to the gospel text – from the Word with

God in chapter 1 through the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus to this moment of charging his disciples with the task of carrying on his work and breathing on them the Holy Spirit. It seems that the gospel writer wanted to bring the story to its conclusion. The idea of Jesus 'breathing' the Holy Spirit onto the disciples is an interesting one. The Greek word *pneuma* carried two meanings: breath and spirit. So to deliberately breathe on someone was to share one's spirit with them. Jesus gives this act a greater meaning by declaring the spirit to be the Holy Spirit that will empower the disciples for the mission he is entrusting to them.

The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, doubting Thomas, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognise the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 29 April

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 30 April

- 7.15am Hours of Graces – San Sisto Chapel
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 11.00am Funeral (Frances Long) – Church

#### Wednesday 1 May

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 2 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

#### Saturday 4 May

- 7.15pm AA – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Carmel Olive and those whose anniversaries occur around this time James Steele, Angelo Marrinucci and the recently deceased Kathleen Stone, Kay Whitby, Carmelo Di Bartolo, Frances Long, Rosa Noce, Lyn Swan and Melanio Gana**

### From the Office



There is no doubt that the period between Lent and Easter is the busiest time of year for any church, and this year was no exception with many challenges ahead that no one saw coming. So with that being said, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped us out during this Easter period. There is no denying that we in the office could not possibly get through without the help and support of those who give up their free time (or not so free time) to come and lend us a hand. Without mentioning names, we had volunteers who helped clean, set up, pull down, stack and unstack and all of those who helped out in various ministries (even though you may have found out on the day). We cannot express our thanks enough to you, and we are always grateful and appreciative to those around us for being a part of something much bigger. All the liturgies were beautiful and were made that extra special with our RCIA candidates becoming Catholics.



On Easter, we are reminded of Jesus' death and his resurrection. With that being said, we would like to ask for your prayers for the souls of Kathleen Stone and Kay Whitby, mother and mother-in-law to Shelly, our Pastoral Associate. Kay, Shelly's mother-in-law passed away on Holy Thursday evening and Shelly's mother, Kath, passed away in the early hours of Easter Sunday.

Subsequently, the Parish office will be closed on Monday 29 April and will re-open on Tuesday 30 April. Masses will go ahead as per usual.

### Deanery Trivia Night

This year the Deanery Trivia Night will be held at St Peter's and Paul's, Bulimba on Saturday 8 June. The theme is year is QUEENSLAND! We are in need of some people to sell tickets for tables as well as raffle tickets after the masses over the next couple of months. Parishioners of Our Lady of Graces, we need to WIN the trophy back from Bulimba, so if you are up for a great night and some fierce competition, The BED Trivia night is for you! If you are able to help out, please contact Ashleigh in the Parish Office.

### 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.

### Scripture Group News – IMPORTANT

For those who were planning to attend Jeff Cavins Australian Bible Tour, this has been postponed due to the passing of Jeff's mother-in-law (Alice). Prayers are requested. The organisers of this event have decided to proceed with an alternative day by the way of prayers and a showing of Jeff's DVD's. This will be held at St. James Church (Coorparoo) from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. Enquiries phone Sonny – 0421437752



### 500 Card Group

The 500 cards meets next Friday 3 May at 7.30pm in the Aquinas Room. Any new players from the Parish are very welcome.

### OLOG Diners

The OLOG Diners are now meeting each month at Carina Leagues Club. Their next dinner there is on Wednesday 8 May at 6pm and they will be seated to the right of the food ordering area in tables by the windows.

### Sacramental Program

As the Easter School holidays have ended, we are straight back into the Sacramental Program for the Confirmations, the first session back being last Tuesday and this Sunday. There is one more session to go on Sunday 5 May and Tuesday 7 May. Practices will be held on Sunday 19 May 2pm for those in the 5pm Confirmation group and 4pm for the 7pm Confirmation group. This is non-negotiable, attendance is compulsory. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



*The Month of May.* Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of Lord's return...

*In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemptions and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and wholly to be.*

*SC 102, 103*

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