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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
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Spread the Word

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Reflection by Greg Sunter



Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 13 May

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm PFC Meeting - Library

Tuesday 14 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 15 May

- 9.00am Wednesday Friendly Group – Hosp.
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 16 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 18 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 Mary Chapman, James Steele, Angelo Marrinucci and the recently deceased Greg Perkins, Kathleen Stone, Kay Whitby, Carmelo Di Bartolo, Frances Long and Rosa Noce

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

On Sunday the 26th of May, St Martin's will be holding their bi-annual Sunday Funday! It will be a great day with rides, games and many stalls to check out (including our very own craft stall). So make sure you come along for a day of fun!

On another note, the parking will be difficult. We will block off the top 2 sections of the car park until all three morning masses are over. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.



Thank you

A special thanks goes out to those who helped out at Greg Perkins funeral on Tuesday. It was a beautiful service and the family were very grateful for all the help on the day.

Social Justice Group YEARLY REPORT – 2018

In 2018 the OLoG Social Justice Group apart from organising various parish events were well represented at numerous other events in the wider Brisbane Christian Community.

1. Two members attended the **Open Community Forum: Fair Go for Refugees and People Seeking Asylum** hosted by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and supported by Lourdes Hill College at Lourdes Hill College, 17th March 2018.
2. One member attended the **Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees** addressed by Fr Pan, King George Square, Brisbane, 25th March 2018.
3. The Social Justice Group assisted the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in organising and running the **Community Action Workshop: Words that Work when talking about people Seeking Asylum** at the Dominic Centre, Carina, 21st April 2018
4. One member attended the **Forum: We Need to Talk about West Papua** hosted by the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission, South Brisbane, 15th May 2018.
5. Two members attended the **Open Community Forum: Accompanying People Seeking Asylum** hosted by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and supported by St Bernard's Parish at St Bernard's Parish, Mt Gravatt, 01st June 2018.
6. Two members attended the screening of the documentary **Constance on the Edge** hosted by the Good Samaritan Refugee Support Network at Sts Peter & Paul's Parish, Bulimba, 23rd June 2018.
7. **NAIDOC Week Sunday** – At masses on 7th & 8th July the issues and problems facing Indigenous Australians were highlighted together with reconciliation and the benefits of a self-inclusive country.
8. **Public Policy Delegation** - Two members joined a Christian delegation of 7 to speak with Senator Claire Moore about issues concerning Asylum Seekers, Refugees, Manus Island and Nauru, Fortitude Valley, 23rd July 2018.
9. Five members attended the launch of the **Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement: A Place to call Home** at St James' Parish, Coorparoo, 12th September 2018
10. The Social Justice Group provided the Parish with the Liturgy Notes provided by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to be used on Social Justice Sunday 30 September 2018.
11. One member attended the **Kids off Nauru multi-denominational Prayer Evening** hosted by St Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann Street, Brisbane, 1st November 2018.
12. **Family and Domestic Violence Sunday** (parish) – At masses on 10th & 11th November the issues and problems facing victims of Family & Domestic Violence were highlighted together with a rejection of this sort of behaviour.

We are looking forward to 2019 and would like to increase the membership of OLoG Social Justice Group by encouraging new members from our parish community to join us at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Library.

Henry Gorniak (President)

Social Justice – Domestic Violence Sunday



The Month of May is designated to be a month in which we highlight the issue of domestic and family violence. Domestic and Family Violence occurs when one person in a relationship uses violence or abuse to control the other person. At Masses on the weekend of 18/19 May 2019 we will ask members of our parish community to pray for the victims of domestic and family violence and also pray that the perpetrators of that violence recognise the harm they do and that they seek genuine forgiveness by resolving to not only change but also to seek professional help to make that change.

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - NOT NOW NOT EVER

Sacramental Catch Up (CONFIRMATION)



Confirmation 2019 is soon approaching with all official sessions completed. However, as you all know, **ALL** sessions are **COMPULSORY**

attendance. Shelly will be emailing out about the catch up session to those parents who have missed sessions 1, 2 or 3. This will be the last opportunity to attend and unfortunately if you do not attend this catch up, your child will not be able to celebrate their Confirmation this year and we invite you to come back next year for Confirmation 2020. Please note the session you missed and see below:

- If you have missed **Sessions 1 or 2**, this catch up will be on **Tuesday 14 May at 4pm**.
- If you have missed **Session 3**, this catch up will be on **Thursday 16 May at 4pm**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977.

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of meditating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, Oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise.

Laudato Si (2015) 235

Project Compassion

We are now in the final stages of Project Compassion 2019. For those of you who still have boxes or envelopes for Project Compassion that you need to hand in, if you could please have these in by Wednesday 15 May. Thank you.

Wednesday Friendly Group

The next WFG will be on 15 May in the hospitality Area after the 9am Mass. All welcome.

From the Parish Secretary



I have had the privilege of being selected to participate in an Immersion Trip with the Canossian Sisters to Papua New Guinea in June this year. This will be the very first immersion trip that the

Canossian Sisters run and it will be guided by Sr Mel and Sr Emma Ruth. While we are there, we will be travelling to various mobile medical clinics as well as working with the Teachers Training College and the local parish. Living in Australia, we are fortunate enough to have access to so many items that those in PNG do not. So, we have an opportunity to take over some much needed supplies for the medical clinics, teachers college and the parish children. So this is a call for donations whether old or new please see the list below of things that we can take over:

Medical Supplies

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| *Band-aids/plasters | *Gauze Pads |
| *Wound Dressings | *Alcohol Pads |
| *Dettol antiseptic soap and creams | |

If you are able to donate any of these goods, please deliver to the Parish Office or leave it in a basket in the Sacristy on the weekend. Anything will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Ashleigh Vasta

SOMETHING FUNNY



CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- *Plenary Council 2020's first phase saw more than 220,000 participants across Australia*
- *Centacare's Men's Behaviour Change Program builds coping skills to end domestic violence*
- *Dutton Park parish launches Rising Youth Ministries to attract young people from around the community*

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