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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

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# Spread the Word

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter



The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 20 May

- 10.30am Dominican Laity - Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 21 May

- 9.00am SSC joining Mass
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 22 May

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.30pm BED Meeting – St James Coorparoo

#### Thursday 23 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

#### Saturday 25 May

- 7.15pm AA – Library

#### Sunday 26 May

- ALL DAY – Sunday Funday
- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – 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 Doreen Kennedy and Greg Perkins**

### 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!

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. **COME AND BOOK YOUR TABLE!** Tickets will be sold this Sunday and the next at 9am mass there are also raffle tickets to buy with great prizes to be won. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets for a table or raffle tickets from the Parish Office.

### Sunday Funday

On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 try to keep the top 2 sections of the car park and the carparks at San Sisto will be available for parishioners until all three morning masses are over. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.



### Social Justice – Domestic Violence Sunday



This weekend, the Parish Social Justice Group is asking our parish community to again focus on the issue of Family & Domestic Violence. In this month of May, which is dedicated to highlight the issues surrounding family & domestic violence, much still needs to be done. It is good to remind us all of the signs often subtle that can suggest someone is a victim of Family & Domestic Violence? They can be, but are not always physical. There can also be things such as withdrawing access to money, threatening the victim with the loss of their children, stopping victims from seeing family and friends and always checking up on what the victim is doing. The eradication of Family & Domestic Violence is everyone's responsibilities and as Catholics we are called to stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable in our communities. Do not forget that organisations such as Centacare Family and Relationship Service (CFRS) phone number 3251 5000 are able to assist.

**FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - NOT NOW NOT EVER**

### BED Meeting and what does it mean?



BED stands for the Brisbane East Deanery which is a combined group of parishes within a certain catchment. The Parishes in the BED are us, St Thomas, St Peter and Paul, St Benedict's and St Joseph's, Regina Caeli, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St James and St Oliver Plunkett. You may ask, what does the BED do? Well we hold meeting every couple of months in which we all report what is happening in the church and to discuss things such as fundraising and any events happening. Through this group we are able to work together and support each other. So who gets to go to these meetings? **EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO GO!** That means you, yes you. You can help by having a valuable input in these meetings. So, if you have a few ideas that you would like to share come along. The next meeting will be:

**Tuesday 22 May at 7.00pm at St James Parish Coorparoo** See you there!

### Marriage Encounter – Amazing Grace

A workshop to help couples discover the free gifts that God has given us through marriage to help overcome challenges.

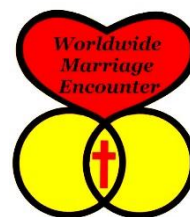
**Date:** Saturday 8 June 2019

**Venue:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School Hall

**Time:** 8am to 1pm (lunch will be provided)

**Cost:** \$20/Couple

For more information, contact Ben and Lolita at [marriageencountersqld@gmail.com](mailto:marriageencountersqld@gmail.com)





## From the Parish Secretary

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Your generous donations will be taken across to PNG in the hopes that it might benefit those less fortunate. A big thank you to San Sisto College for donating much needed textbooks. However, while we have received a great number of books and craft supplies, we still need more medical supplies. Please see the list below:

### Medical Supplies

- \*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

## Our Lady of Graces Youth-Alpha 2019



**If you are 15- 20 years of age and wanting to get answers to some of life's questions, you are Invited...**

The brand new Alpha Youth Series has been totally reimagined for today's youth culture. Through 13 sessions filmed in Vancouver, London, Paris, Rome, Israel, and many other incredible locations, the Alpha Youth Series explores timeless questions about life and faith from a Christian perspective. There are 9 weekly episodes and 4 episodes for the Alpha Weekend/Day.

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Our Lady of Graces Youth Alpha journey starts on 03 July with dinner at 6.30 and session proper from 7pm to 9pm at the Parish Library. For more information contact Vilma Simbag on 0433 514 634 or email [vsimbag@gmail.com](mailto:vsimbag@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office on Phone: 07 3398 2977, Email: [carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:carina@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Dominican Vocations

Last weekend was Good Shepherd Sunday, during this time we pray to the Lord of the harvest for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and in particular to our Dominican family. If you know a young man who may be called to the vocation of a Dominican friar, they can get keep a tab on our events:

<https://www.facebook.com/DominicanFriarsAustralasia/> or email [vocations@op.org.au](mailto:vocations@op.org.au).

## Confirmation Volunteers needed



On Tuesday 28/5, we will be holding our 2019 Confirmation and we are in desperate need of volunteers to help usher. We have a 5pm session and a 7pm session so if anyone is able to help out, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977.

## Confirmation Gifts Available

Do you need a gift for someone who is going through Confirmation? Head on over to the Piety Store where we have many gifts to give to those children participating from books, to medals, to holy cards and more. The Piety Store is open during masses on the weekends or come visit the office during the week.

## Corpus Christie Procession

It is that time of year again where we have the Corpus Christi Procession at 2pm, on Sunday 23 June in the city. A bus has been organised again to leave and return to Our Lady of Graces. The bus will leave 1.15pm sharp for the Cathedral, fares are \$5 return single or \$15 return for a family. If you would like to travel with the Parish please write your name down on the folder at the back of the Church. If you have any queries, please contact Bill on 3157 2452.

## SOMETHING FUNNY



## CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- *Pope Francis puts child safety front and centre with new international standards to address clerical abuse and prevent cover ups*
- *Funding boost allows Aspleycare charity to continue after financial hardship threatens future of the program*
- *Catholic Women's League urges quality palliative care for the dignity and validation of the lives of individuals*

**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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