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**Monday:** 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:**

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# Spread the Word

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## Reflection by Greg Sunter



Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 27 May

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 28 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 5.00pm Confirmation Group 1 - Church

- 7.00pm Confirmation Group 2 – Church

#### Wednesday 29 May

- 9.00am Year 3's attending Mass

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 30 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

#### Friday 31 May

- Grandparents day – St Martins

#### Saturday 1 June

- 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*

### 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.

### Marriage Encounter – Amazing Grace

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

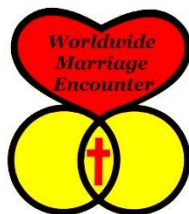
**Date:** Saturday 8 June 2019

**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 books, craft supplies, medical supplies and more. Your generous donations will be taken across to PNG in the hopes that it might benefit those less fortunate. I look forward to sharing our journey with you when I return! Ashleigh Vasta.

*Thank you*

## 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.

The series offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics well spread throughout each episode to better engage youth, helping them think about how these issues relate to their lives as they discuss with their friends and leaders.

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)

### Corpus Christi 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.

### Planned Giving via Credit Card

- Do you contribute to Planned Giving via Credit Card?
- Have you received a new Credit Card this year?

If you have answered YES to both of the questions and have not advised the Parish of your updated credit card details, please contact Chris (Mon, Wed, Thurs) at the Parish Office. We currently have a few out of date credit card details for planned giving.

### Confirmation 2019

This week on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of May, 111 candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell. If you received any prayer cards from the children or even if you didn't, you might like to keep them in your prayers.



## The good news we rarely tell anyone

It is helpful, I think, to remind ourselves of the immense good that the Catholic Church contributes to Australian society. Some facts (courtesy of Father Richard Leonard SJ):

The Catholic Church in Australia employs at least 221,000 of which 165,750 (75%) are women. Third largest employer in Australia: Westfarmers, Woolworths, Catholic Church, BHPO, Rio Tinto, NAB, CBA, Westpac and ANZ.

A total of 770,000 school children in these schools and 1,710 schools:

1,239 Primary schools

350 Secondary schools

95 Primary/Secondary schools combined

17 Special schools

87,000 staff in schools 55,287 lay teachers and specialist staff

365 Religious in schools

70% of all teachers and 45% of all principals are women

There are at least 3,645 volunteer catechists in Australia.

ACU is the fastest growing, truly national university with 25,678 students, producing the largest nursing and teaching graduates in Australia

77 hospitals—10,500 beds (12% of all hospital beds)

23,200 residential aged care beds in 550 facilities (65,000 beds are provided by the Uniting, Catholic and Anglican churches combined)

5,393 retirement and independent living units and serviced apartments

8 dedicated hospices with palliative care services

20% of all medical research is undertaken by St Vincent's or Mercy Healthcare Research Institutes.

Largest welfare provider outside Government

52 member organisations

12,600 employees

500 different services

1.1 million clients were cared for in 2016

*St Vincent de Paul Society* is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers.

*Caritas Australia* raised \$30m for the poor in 2016.

*Catholic Mission* raised \$12m for the poor in 2016.

**Geoff Sullivan, Principal**

**St Martin's Primary School**

## Christian Radio in Brisbane

Vision Christian Media is excited to announce the release of its new high powered Christian Radio service in Brisbane: Vision Christian Radio on 1053 AM. Let your friends know and tune in! Find encouragement and hope throughout the day. For more information see

[www.vision.org.au](http://www.vision.org.au)

## Missing Pyx

Again we have no back-up pyx's in the Sacristy. If you could please return them so that they can be used by others. Thank you.

## SPIRIT – Music to touch the soul

Our Lady of Graces is happy to announce that we are hosting The Thomas Cantley Singers choral afternoon – this will feature music of peace, praise and celebration from around the world.

**When :** Sunday 9 June - 2:00pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Graces Catholic Church  
100 Mayfield Road, Carina

**Cost:** Adults \$15 Concessions \$10

Under 12 free

Includes refreshments

**Tickets available at the door.**

For more information check us out on Facebook, or email us at [tcschoir@gmail.com](mailto:tcschoir@gmail.com)

## SOMETHING FUNNY



## CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- Deacons Josh Whitehead and Brendan Gormley sit down and discuss their spiritual journeys before their ordination to the priesthood this month.
- Re-elected government faces three million Aussies on struggle street, St Vincent de Paul Society says.
- American journalist and New York Times best-selling author Rod Dreher shares why Brisbane Catholics could expect a non-Christian society in the future.
- Church advocates to the Fair Work Commission that minimum wages must be boosted for struggling families.
- The sacking of Wallaby star Israel Folau has raised questions about religious freedom and freedom of expression.

**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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