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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

**Vol. 35 No. 19****6th Sunday of Easter****17 May 2020****Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we hear how Philip, one of the seven men appointed to attend to the needs of the widows of the Hellenists, travels north to Samaria. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans can be traced back to the period after the death of Solomon when the northern Israelite tribes withdrew their allegiance from the southern Judean monarchy. This breach was re-enforced when those who returned from exile in Babylon rejected the Samaritans' offer to help in the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. Still, the Samaritans shared Jewish messianic hopes. This explains their openness to Philip's preaching. The wonders that he performed convinced them of the trustworthiness of his words.



Today's psalm response begins with a summons to praise God. It is universal in scope, all the earth is called to praise the God of Israel. Second, the name of God is the object of the praise. Third, the praise given to God is glorious, not to be dismissed casually. The works of God to which the psalmist refers are the wonders that God has accomplished in the history of Israel. Since subduing chaotic waters was at the basis of all activity in the ancient Near Eastern creation tradition, historical water crossings always contained a dimension of creation in them. In the creation story, after the forces of evil are vanquished, the victorious warrior is acclaimed king over all creation.

Christian suffering is the subject of the teaching from 1 Peter. Believers are told to use their suffering to enhance the spread of the gospel. The sufferings of Christ are offered as an example to follow and in which they can place their trust. The sufferings of Christians is then placed within the context of the holiness of Christ, a holiness that gives Christians both strength to endure patiently and courage to give witness to their faith. The Christians are also told to keep their consciences clear, to give no one justification for finding fault with them that they might then be regarded as innocent sufferers. Christ is the example of one who suffers innocently.

This gospel emphasises the link between love and obedience. Jesus calls for a love that is as self-sacrificing as his own. Obedience is not a requirement for love, it is the consequence of it. Jesus knows that his departure will leave the disciples feeling abandoned and so he assures them of his return. This passage also argues that this world seems open only to what is tangible. It cannot see the Spirit. The disciples, on the other hand, are motivated by love and so they respond to Jesus in obedience. 'On that day' refers to the time of eschatological fulfilment. Used here it implies that the day of Jesus' return will in fact be the dawning of the eschatological age.

**Mass from Our Lady of Graces Parish via Live Stream**

Mass is live streamed from Our Lady of Graces Parish every day at 7am. To view, go to [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au) and find the Facebook news feed on the home page. You do not need Facebook to view the Mass.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**  
Teresa Nu Luong, Maria Hang, Geoffrey Frugtniet, Una Kenny **and the recently deceased**  
Nerina Guglielmino, Nigel Westthorp.

### An Update on Restrictions & Protocols in the Archdiocese of Brisbane

This week we have received a letter from Bishop Ken Howell in regards to protocols for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in light of the Premier's announcement to ease restrictions from 16 May.

These protocols will be in effect from 11:59pm on 15 May through to 12 June 2020 and are subject to change with any ongoing amendments to Queensland Health guidelines.

If you are feeling ill, please do not enter a church, parish building or Archdiocesan workplace.

#### Private Prayer in the Church

Starting on Monday 18 May 2020, we will be in a position to open our church for private prayer with the following restrictions in place.

- Opening Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm (*this is subject to funerals*).
- Entry and exit to the church will be via the parish office only.
- You will need to sign in & out at the parish office.
- There will be a requirement to sanitise, at the parish office, upon entry and exit.
- A maximum of 10 people will be allowed in the church at any one time.
- The rules of one person per 4 square metres and 1.5 metres between people apply.

#### Mass

- Mass will continue to be celebrated at 7am each day without a congregation, with people able to follow Mass via live stream.

#### Funerals, Weddings & Baptisms

- Funerals may be conducted with a maximum capacity of up to 20 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.
- Weddings may be conducted with a maximum capacity up to 10 people.
- Baptisms have a maximum capacity of up to 10 people.

### The Great Realisation

A four minute video called 'The Great Realisation' has appeared on YouTube in the last couple of weeks. The video is presented by Kiwi-born Welsh poet Tomos Roberts (aka Probably Tomfoolery) who lives in the UK. The poetry, which is presented as a father telling a bedtime story to his children, talks about the year 2020 and the coronavirus. You are encouraged to click on the following link to view the video for yourself [www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3BJrOHrrTE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3BJrOHrrTE)



## NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020 VOLUNTEER WEEK

CHANGING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES.

It's hard to know what the church and society are going to look like when we emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions.

The one constant throughout our pre and post-pandemic worlds, however, will be the volunteers who remain at the heart and soul of what we do.

As we prepare to celebrate a National Week in your honour, my thanks goes out to all the volunteers, wherever you may be offering witness – in parishes or prisons, hospitals, courts or respite and drop-in centres.

In spite of the many challenges posed by this medical crisis, you still stood ready, in ways both creative and courageous, to continue outreach on our behalf and for that the Archdiocese is indebted to you.

Without you we couldn't do or be what Jesus Christ calls us to do and be.

*Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane*

### Family and Domestic Violence

May is the month designated by the Queensland Government for us to recognise the impact of family and domestic violence in our community. COVID-19 has impacted on the Parish Social Justice Group's original intention to raise the issue of family and domestic violence with our parish community at Masses on 16-17 May 2020. We will raise this issue with the parish community again in November 2020. In the meantime, during this period of lockdown, we would ask our parish community to reflect and pray about family and domestic violence brought home to us so vividly by the awful act of violence that took place in the neighbouring suburb of Camp Hill. Please say a prayer for all victims of family and domestic violence.

If you or someone you know is impacted by family and domestic violence phone DV Connect on:

- 1800 811 811 (Womensline)
- 1800 600 636 (Mensline)

Otherwise in an emergency dial 000.

*Parish Social Justice Group*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Dominican Fathers are happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. The Sacrament is being held under the big tree outside the church or in the parish library. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977.

### Stay Connected

Our parish website has a page called 'Stay Connected' [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/stay-connected.html](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/stay-connected.html)

Each week this page is updated with resources to help all parishioners nurture their faith. Please check it out.



### Church Roof Update – Week 4

This week the builders have continued to work on recovering the concrete pillars at the entrance to the church. They are also working on the exterior wall, next to the glass sliding doors.

The roofers are also slowly continuing their work to repair the roof area at the four corners of the church.



## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading - Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm

- Psalm 66 (65):1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)



### Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

### Gospel Acclamation - John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

### Gospel - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and  
keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my  
Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



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