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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

This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, 'Oh, that's nice!' The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, 'if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.' Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 5 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Social Justice - Library

Wednesday 6 February

- 10.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 7 February

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

Saturday 9 February

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Les O'Brien, Lawrie Rosso, Terry O'Brien, Noel Boyle **and the recently deceased** Umberto Carniel



From the Parish Office

Dear parishioners, a big welcome to all those old and new to the Parish, we hope you are well rested after the holidays. Last week and this week we see the addition of the new preps and parents start school. We ask that for the first couple of weeks we display patience as the new families get used to the parking etc and know that we will follow up on any parking issues we may have thereafter. We wish you all a great 2019 and if you have any queries, please contact the office.

Female Toilets

Over the past few months we have seen increased plumbing issues in the female toilets. This is due to excess toilet paper (used or unused) being put into the toilet and blocking the pipes. If you could all please take care when using and if there are any problems, please notify a priest or the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Graces Sacramental Program 2019 Confirmation

The Confirmation Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 12 February, 7pm in the Church. *This is open to parents whose children are in grade 3 (or above) and wish to make the Sacrament this year.*

Penance: 1st Rite of Reconciliation

For all children who have completed the Confirmation and First Holy Communion the sessions will start on 24 February. All parents of eligible children should have received information via Shelly in the Parish Office. If you have not received any notification, please contact OLOG (07) 3398 2977.

Plenary Council 2020

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?". There is still time to write down your thoughts, and the box at the entrance of the church will remain there until March 2019. We are doing this in light of the Plenary Council 2020 which invites everyone to have a say.

For more information

about the Plenary Council head to

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



Little Kings Collection

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provides an opportunity for persons with a disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance in a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.



A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as the disabled with their personal, spiritual and social lives.

Although based on Catholic beliefs, it is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

The members of the "The Little King's Movement" commit themselves to bringing to people with disabilities a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved.

There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

The Church Appeal is one of the major fundraisers for the year. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian Community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.

GIRM 42

Volunteers 2019

Several positions in a number of ministries have become available for new volunteers to join. Each ministry requires a once-a-month commitment for whichever ministry you join.

We also have multiple committees/councils who are looking for new members. These groups also require a once-a-month commitment however, when there are some events we ask those members to also get involved.

If you are interested, please fill out the following and return it to the office.

My Details	
Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Please tick the following options that apply	
I would like to join/interested in:	
Minister of Communion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reader	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altar Server	<input type="checkbox"/>
Musician	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data Projector Operator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Liturgy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cuppa n Chat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communion to the sick	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prescare	<input type="checkbox"/>
I normally go to the following Mass:	
6pm <input type="checkbox"/> 7am <input type="checkbox"/> 9am <input type="checkbox"/> 5.30pm <input type="checkbox"/>	
I would like to join/interested in a committee:	
Parish Pastoral Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Finance Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liturgy Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Justice Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>

Prescare Volunteers Needed

Every Friday a dedicated group of volunteers help out Fr Alex with a morning Mass. We are now seeking more volunteers to assist with Prescare. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office in the New Year.

Communion to the Sick Volunteers Needed

We have many parishioners who can no longer attend church due to lack in mobility or are just too unwell to sit through a whole mass. We have dedicated volunteers who take some time out of their week in order to deliver communion to those who cannot attend mass anymore. This is a lovely gesture as it means that they are still able to receive the body of Christ. However, the ratio of volunteers to parishioners is too low.

If you have any time available to help with this special community service, please contact the office. We implore you to remember how important it is for you to receive communion and therefore how important it is for the sick to receive communion as well.

St Vinnies Update – 2019

This year the Conference of St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces is again focussing on assisting those in need within our local community. Our focus is assisting families to a greater extent with budgeting and how to manage unexpected expenses whilst on a very low fixed income (*Yes – miracles may be required!!!*). One strategy requires your ongoing support....this year whilst undertaking the BREAD RUN which is providing bread to larger families in particular once a week kindly donated by the Flour Monkey Bakeries we would also like to incorporate fresh PRODUCE. This "food" strategy is to help relieve some of the costs of living and to ensure funds are available for "other" household costs.

Our theme is-

- "An apple a day – helps keep hunger away"

How you can help –

- Providing fresh produce (eg. Potatoes, apples, carrots, seasonal fruit/Vege).

Where to provide Produce-

- You can leave the items in the baskets at the Church entrance.

Won't this food "go off" –

- Our hope is that if parishioners bring items over the weekend masses, items will be held in cold storage and taken to families during the following Bread Run.

Can I still donate non-perishable items? –

- All donations are greatly appreciated and help our families, the fresh produce strategy is just an option and non-perishable items are also welcome.

Further information –

If you would like any further information in volunteering our supporting St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces please contact Barbara Dougherty 0438982140. As always thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC LEADER

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

- Pope Francis makes his mark on Panama – meeting with young locals and pilgrims around Panama
- Seminarian reflects on how the Panama Canal shows the ingenuity of nations coming together for a common cause
- Australia Day honours showcase the work prominent and quiet-achieving Catholics undertake around the country

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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