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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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 January 2021

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.



The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

Sunday Mass Bookings

Please continue to book to attend Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish.

To book, go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and clicking on the "Mass Bookings" image. If you do not have internet access, call the parish during office hours on 3398 2977 to make a booking.



- Sunday 7 February
(Bookings now open & close Friday 5 February, 12 noon)
- Sunday 14 February
(Bookings open online on Sunday 31 January, 6.30pm)

Tips for Booking Online for Sunday Mass

1. Include the name of each person attending.
2. The "Address 1" field requires the house number and name of the street.
3. The "Address 2" is to be left blank.
4. The "City" field should have the suburb you live in (i.e. Carina).
5. Ensure all fields with the * (asterisk) are filled in.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 31 January

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

Monday 1 February

- 9.30am St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group Mass – Church

Tuesday 2 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am World Day of Prayer Prep. – Library

Wednesday 3 February

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 4 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA Group – Library

Sunday 7 February

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time

John Moss, Noel Boyle, Bob Marino, Maria Teresita Villar and the recently deceased Shirley McErlain, Alfio Fiasco, Janice Kelly, Humberto Cesar Villalta, Pat Carter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Private Prayer in the Church

The church is open during parish office hours for private prayer. Entry into the church is via the office. Please be wary, due to COVID restrictions, that the church is not available for private prayer while a funeral is being celebrated.

St Vincent de Paul will be holding their first meeting for 2021 on *Monday 1 February, 9.30am* in the Aquinas Room. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of SVdP or finding out further information, is most welcome to attend the meeting.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, 17 February, marks the beginning of Lent. Mass times will be 6.30am, 9am & 7pm.

Sacramental Program 2021

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The session dates handout for Penance, in February and March 2021, is available from the parish office.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office.

The parent information meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday 23 February, 7pm, in the Church.

Enrolments close on Thursday 25 February.

Handmade Face Masks

Handmade material face masks are available for sale from the parish office for \$10 each.



From the Social Justice Committee

Signs of human trafficking and how we can make a positive difference

Who are victims of human trafficking?

Modern slavery affects people of all races, genders and ages but some are disproportionately impacted. [71% of victims are women](#) and 25% of total victims are children.

Where does this occur?

Human trafficking exists on every corner of the planet. Unfortunately, this is not a “somewhere else” problem. It exists in all of our neighbourhoods.

Victims have been saved in this country by bystanders that cared enough to notice the signs of enslavement and reported to authorities. You could save a life.

Signs of human trafficking:

- Living with employer
- Poor living conditions
- Signs of physical abuse
- No identity documents
- Tattoos of ownership
- Submissive or fearful
- Scripted answers
- Few personal belongings



But, how are we all involved?

Globally, human trafficking is a [\\$150 billion dollar industry](#); products like electronics, [apparel](#), fish and [cocoa](#) are at risk of being produced using modern slavery. This means that every time we step into a clothing store or order a new set of headphones, we risk supporting an industry that exploits its workers. [98% of garment workers](#) do not make a liveable wage and are often subjected to long hours and inhumane working conditions. It's time for a radical change in which we look at our possessions and ask, “who made this?”

Is there some way I can positively impact human trafficking?

- Is your chocolate and coffee/tea slavery-free? Before purchasing these products, look for the symbols that reflect fair-trade and purchase from companies that are addressing human rights and environmental concerns.
- Does the clothing shop you buy from pay a fair wage to the workers that make the clothes? You can investigate this. A list of various companies and their ratings can be found on various apps in the App Store or by searching *The Ethical Fashion Guide* on Google.

Report any signs of human trafficking to authorities at airports, train stations, bus stations or anywhere in the community – you could save a life.

Information sourced from

ACRATH - which stands for the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans

<https://acrath.org.au/resources/human-trafficking/forms/>



In February and March 2021, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission through an advertising campaign, the **Call to All Catholics**. The advertising will particularly be reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith.

The campaign will be featured in:

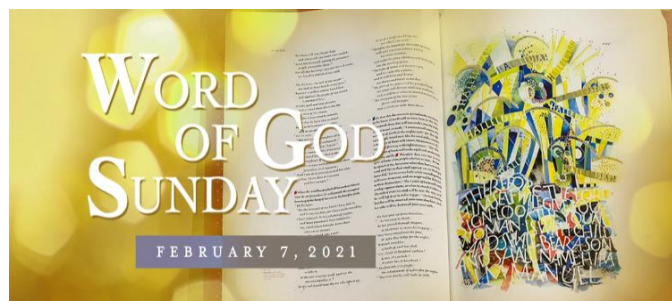
- Westfield shopping centres
- Street advertising in the Brisbane CBD
- The Brisbane Times online newspaper
- Radio stations including Triple M and 96Five

All parishes and communities are invited to get involved by:

- Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews
- Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
- Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey

You can go to the below link to sign up to the prayer campaign or to volunteer to accompany someone who responds to the call to go on the journey www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic

The campaign will be officially launched on Sunday 7 February.



In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God when issuing [the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*](#). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The Church in Australia will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on the 1st Sunday in February (7 February, 2021).

Vocation View

Jesus speaks as one having authority. As we follow God's call we remember the same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ and help us discern our vocation.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544, vocation@bne.catholic.net.au or visit their website www.vocationbrisbane.com.

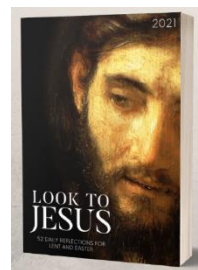


Lent & Easter 2021 Resource

Walk as a 'missionary disciple' on the path to Easter and beyond with the new-look Lent program from Evangelisation Brisbane.

Look to Jesus: 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter is accessible to both individuals and groups. Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer. The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life.

Books will be available for purchase next weekend from the Piety Stall for \$5 each.



Message from The Catholic Leader

The Catholic Leader will return as a print newspaper on the first Sunday of February.



To coincide with the revival of The Catholic Leader print newspaper, there will be several changes.

- The Catholic Leader newspaper will be a **monthly publication**.
- The Catholic Leader will be a paid publication with **an increased cover price of \$4** to cover all associated expenses.
- All readers are to consider taking up a subscription.

Subscriptions will start from \$50/year for paper delivery, and until 27 June, you will get complimentary access to the monthly digital replica newspaper, and unlimited digital access to www.catholicleader.com.au.

You can take up a new print subscription by

- visiting catholicleader.com.au/subscribe,
- call the friendly team on (07) 3324 3555.

COMMUNITY NEWS

"Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 3 February, 10.45am - 12.15pm, following the regular 10am Mass. (You will need to ring the Cathedral on 3324 3030 to book for Mass). The guest speaker will be Kathleen Cosgrove. To book, contact Maureen on 0403 002 199 or maureenallison43@gmail.com.

AFAS (Australian Filipino Augustinian Solidarity) Elders presents La Forza at Villanova College

Enjoy a night of good food, fine wine and modern classical entertainment by La Forza on the lawns of Villanova College, *Saturday 13 February, 5.30pm - 9.00pm*. Proceeds from this event go towards supporting the work of AFAS Elders on Kinatarcann Island in the Philippines. The AFAS Elders are presently raising money to purchase much needed steriliser for the small maternity clinic on the island.

Book tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/674629>

Sunday Readings

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (31 January)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 *The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 *This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (7 February)

First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7 *I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23 *Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 *He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

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