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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
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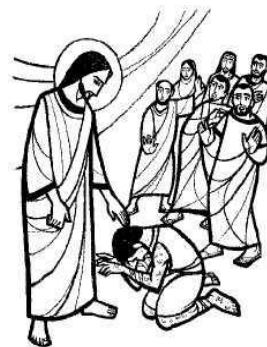
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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 February 2021

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.



Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

Welcome Br. Dominic and Br. Bede

On Wednesday evening, 10 February, the Dominican Friars welcomed two new novices, Br. Dominic (on the left of centre) and Br. Bede (on the right of centre). The novices received the habit as the beginning of the novitiate was proclaimed by the Prior Provincial, Fr Anthony Walsh O.P. Pictured here are the novices with the community of St. Martin de Porres.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 15 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 16 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 17 February (Ash Wednesday)

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 18 February

- 9.30am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA Group – Library

Friday 19 February

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Sunday 21 February

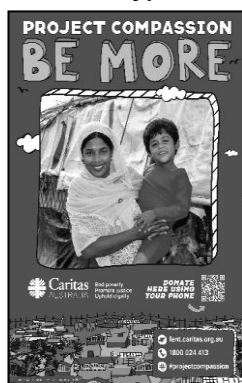
- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

- 2.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Norme Duchetta, Jude Jeyarajah and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Bernard Coley, Natividad Umali, Valerie Andersen and the recently deceased Fr Pat Dowd, Joan Smith, Gil Malanyaon.

Project Compassion Sunday (14 February)

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



You can donate through Parish boxes & envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

World Marriage Day is an outgrowth of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, an apostolate aimed at helping couples make good marriages even better. World Marriage Day began in 1983 and is celebrated every second Sunday of February in dioceses across the country. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. This year it falls on February 14, coinciding with Valentine's Day. The purpose of World Marriage Day is to highlight the beauty of marriage and to honour husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices.

IMPORTANT ALERT:

SMS Text, WhatsApp & Email Scam Activity

We are aware of a few parishioners that have received a text message (phishing), WhatsApp message, and/or emails from Fr Alex this week asking for donations of gift cards or asking for other assistance.

This is a phishing scam which is targeting church-goers at a number of Parishes in the Archdiocese, including Our Lady of Graces.

Unfortunately, we are unable to stop these messages at the source. Please ignore and delete such SMS text/WhatsApp messages and/or emails. Fr Alex would never request gifts/contributions in such a way.

The Catholic Leader

The February Edition of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop on weekends and the Parish Office on weekdays.



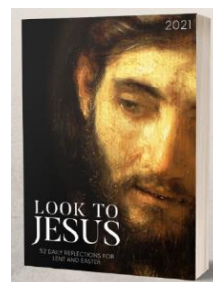
All readers are to consider taking up a subscription. Subscriptions start from \$50/year for paper delivery. You can take up a new print subscription by visiting catholicleader.com.au/subscribe or call 3324 3555.

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.



There are a few books still available for purchase for \$5. The books are available from the Parish Shop this weekend.

Parish Shop News

We are looking for a couple of parishioners who would be interested in looking after the Parish Shop at either the Sunday 7.00am Mass or Sunday 5.30pm Mass. If interested, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Sunday Mass Bookings

Go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and click on the "Mass Bookings" image. If you do not have internet access, call the parish during office hours on 3398 2977.

- Sunday 21 February (Bookings now open & close Friday 19 February, 12 noon)
- Sunday 28 February (Bookings open online on Sunday 14 February, 6.30pm)



It would assist the Parish Office staff if bookings for Sunday 28 February were made this week. This is due to the Rite of Enrolment for our Sacrament of Confirmation families occurring across all the Sunday Masses on 27-28 February. It is also due to the Parish Office being on skeleton staff, with limited opening hours, for the week of 22-26 February.

VOCARE: Heeding the Divine Call – Season 3

This Tuesday evening, 16 February, at 7.00pm, Shalom World will be releasing Season 3 of VOCARE: Heeding the Divine Call. The program features Fr Alex Vickers O.P. To view the program, go online to www.shalomworld.org

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, 17 February, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Due to COVID-19, the Congregation of Divine Worship has advised that we will sprinkle ashes on the heads of the faithful instead of the traditional marking on the forehead this year. The parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will follow this recommendation in keeping everyone COVID-safe.

Mass times are 6.30am, 9am & 7pm.

We ask that you book for Ash Wednesday Mass. Please go online to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and click on the "Ash Wednesday Mass Bookings" image. If you do not have internet access, call the parish during office hours on 3398 2977 to make a booking.



Mass Bookings will close at the following times:

- 6.30am Mass – Tuesday, 3.30pm
- 9.00am Mass – Wednesday, 8.00am
- 7.00pm Mass – Wednesday, 3.30pm

Those already on the weekday contact tracing list at 6.30am or 9am Mass will not need to book in if they are attending their regular Mass (example: if you are on the 6.30am Mass list and will be attending 6.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday, you will not need to book).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52)

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm on each Friday evening of Lent, commencing on 19 February.

To make it as easy as possible, contact tracing details will be collected at the door for those who attend Stations of the Cross.

Sacramental Program 2021

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

Penance Session 1

- Sunday 21 February 2pm-4pm (Option 1)
- Tuesday 23 February, 4pm-6pm (Option 2)

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office and can be returned in person to the parish office or via email to sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Enrolments close Thursday 25 February.

The children, with their families, will attend the various Sunday Masses on the 27-28 February for the Rite of Enrolment.

Rite of Election

Next Sunday our catechumens and candidates, who are preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion, will be attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for receiving the Sacraments at Easter.



Reduced Parish Office Hours and Submitting Items for Spread the Word

The parish office hours for the week of *Monday 22 February - Friday 26 February* will be the following due to Parish Staff on leave.

- Monday 22 February: 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Tuesday 23 February: **1.00pm - 3.30pm**
- Wednesday 24 February: **Office Closed**
- Thursday 25 February: 8.30am - 3.30pm
- Friday 26 February: **Office Closed**

If you have items for the 28 February edition of Spread the Word, it would be appreciated if they were submitted by Friday 19 February, 8.30am.

Date Claimer: World Day of Prayer

Friday 5 March, 11am, Our Lady of Graces Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Parish Finance Council Update

Over the last 12 months your Parish Finance Council has arranged the sizable roof repairs to the Church that many of you would have noticed. This then included some upgrades to the main entry. During this work we had a safety incident that, when investigated, lead to the emergency replacement of the power switchboard and a full electrical audit of the Church and Office building as well as the Dominican residence. Needless to say, we are happy to confirm that both the roof repairs and the electrical system has been corrected albeit expensive.

During the pandemic and the real limitations of Mass attendance, events and general fellowship, we have seen a major reduction in revenue and to this end certain expenses have been reduced or activities placed on hold. The Planned Giving has also seen sizable reductions. However, I wish to thank everyone that have continued to support the Parish over a difficult year.

In recent months you may have used the votive candles. These have been well received and continue to do well. In the near future we will be adding an EFTPOS machine within the office to ease the payment process for our parishioners and the staff.

We would welcome new ideas and new faces on our team. You are more than welcome to have a chat with Fr Alex and you're very welcome to attend our next meeting in April.

Vern Brown, Parish Finance Council

Sunday Readings

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (14 February)

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 *As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 *The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

1st Sunday of Lent (21 February)

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 *I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 *The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 *He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

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