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**Monday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm  
**Tuesday - Thursday:** 8.30am - 3.30pm  
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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

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# Spread the Word

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.



## Project Compassion: Week 1

Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.

Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 21 February

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library
- 2.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church

#### Monday 22 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 23 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 4.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church
- 7.00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting – Church
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Library & Hospitality Area

#### Wednesday 24 February

- 9.00am St Martin's Year 4 at Mass – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

#### Thursday 25 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA Group – Library
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

#### Friday 26 February

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

#### Sunday 28 February

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 10.30am Feast of St Gabriel Mass – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** *Norme Duchetta, Jude Jeyarajah and those whose anniversaries occur around this time* **Robert James Fry, Angelo Marinucci, Marie Callow, Colin Anderson, Simeona Olave, Bernard Coley and the recently deceased** *Brian Ballinger, Marie Kellett, Fr Pat Dowd.*

### Rite of Election

Today 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.



### 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.



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### Parish Shop News

Following last weekend's notice, we have had a couple of parishioners come forward to open the Parish Shop at the Sunday 7.00am Mass. However, we are looking for a couple of parishioners to open the Parish Shop at either the Saturday 6.00pm Mass or Sunday 5.30pm Mass. If interested, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

### Less in Lent

Lent is a season for stripping away excess in order to make space for God. Unlike the Gathering / Entrance hymn, the Sending Forth / Recessional hymn has never actually been part of the Mass. Mass ends with the priest's blessing wherein we are sent forth to live and spread the Gospel. Therefore, during the season of Lent, we have lessened the music by not having a Sending Forth / Recessional hymn and instead depart in silence.

### Reduced Parish Office Hours This Week

The parish office hours this week, 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**

The parish office hours will return to normal on Monday 1 March.

### 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](mailto: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, 3.30pm.**

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

### St Martin's Attending Weekday 9am Mass

Beginning this week we will start to see a couple classes from St Martin's attending the weekday 9am Masses, as was the situation pre-COVID.

This week we will have Year 4 joining us for 9am Mass on Wednesday, 24 February.

### Brisbane East Deanery Meeting

The first Brisbane East Deanery (BED) Meeting for 2021 will be held on *Thursday 25 February, 7pm* at Sts Peter and Paul, 25 Main Ave, Bulimba. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

### St Martin's School Open Morning

This Friday, 26 February, St Martin's School will be having an Open Morning between 9am - 10.30am for perspective families to explore St Martin's School.

With this in mind, parking may be difficult for the Friday 9.00am. It is suggested you arrive a few minutes earlier than usual, so you can find a car park.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held at 7pm on each Friday evening of Lent.

Contact tracing details will be collected at the door for those who attend Stations of the Cross.

### From the Social Justice Committee



The United Nations' (UN) **World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed on 20 February to encourage people to look at how **social justice** affects poverty eradication. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and support for social integration.

#### Why is Social Justice Important?

**Social justice** promotes fairness and equity across many aspects of society. For example, it promotes equal economic, educational and workplace opportunities. It's also **important** to the safety and security of individuals and communities.

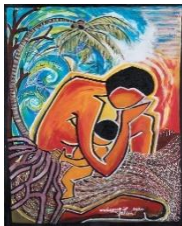


**Do you want to make a difference in the world but don't know how to go about it?**

Come to the next meeting of the Social Justice Committee in the **Parish Library** on **Tuesday 2 March, 7.30pm**. The Social Justice Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month in the parish library at this time. Alternatively, contact Roseanne Macintyre on 0414 484 929 or email [r.macintyre@bigpond.com](mailto:r.macintyre@bigpond.com) if you would like to know more.

### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, in our local area, will be held on Friday 5 March, 11am, here at Our Lady of Graces Church. All are welcome to gather together to pray for the country and people of Vanuatu.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Call to All Catholics Campaign

In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic. This is following on from Archbishop Mark's homily on 6-7 February.



We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more about the campaign, go to: [www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic](http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic)

### menALIVE Parish Based Weekend

menALIVE are holding their first parish based weekend for 2021 at Our Lady of The Angels Parish Chermside West / Wavell Heights.

The weekend will run from 8am Saturday 13th March through till 1:15pm Sunday 14th March at St Paschal Baylon Hall, Wavell Heights.

Now is a great time to register.

This weekend is open to all men who would like to explore what makes them fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.

MEN of all ages and faiths are invited. If you are seeking inspiration, support or encouragement, or want to make a change in your life, or the life of someone you love, invest time in this weekend.

For further information, Tim Jones (0420 799 876), Chris Scharf (0411 127 576) or email [menaliveolachermside@gmail.com](mailto:menaliveolachermside@gmail.com)

### Lenten Explainers

David Nightingale and Gerard Lai, two seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary, are appearing in a series of 1 – 2 minute "explainers" about certain terminology and practices throughout Lent. The first pair of these videos are found on the Archdiocesan You Tube Channel:

- *What is Shrove Tuesday?*  
[https://youtu.be/cV\\_L0AY6JqI](https://youtu.be/cV_L0AY6JqI)
- *Why do we use Ashes during Lent?*  
<https://youtu.be/a8sl2VwUZis>

### Clairvaux MacKillop College "Windows" Tour

Friday 5 March, 9am to 10.30am. To book go to the Enrolments tab on the college website [www.cvxmck.edu.au](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au) or contact the college on 3347 9275 or [windowstours@cvxmck.edu.au](mailto:windowstours@cvxmck.edu.au).

### Sunday Mass Bookings

Go to [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://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 28 February (*Bookings now open & close Friday 26 February, 12 noon*)
- Sunday 7 March (*Bookings open online on Sunday 21 February, 6.30pm*)





## Sunday Readings

### 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.*

### 2nd Sunday of Lent (28 February)

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:31-34 *God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10 *This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

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