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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
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Spread the Word

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14 March 2021

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.



Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

Project Compassion: Week 4

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area.

His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes.



With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets.

Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 14 March

- 2.00pm Penance Session 2 – Church

Monday 15 March

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 16 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 17 March

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 18 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA Group – Library

Friday 19 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Saturday 20 March

- 9.00am Italian Penance Retreat – Church

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 21 March

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

- 2.00pm Confirmation Family Session 2 – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Barry O'Connor, Sonja Robinson **and those**
whose anniversaries occur around this time
Fr Joe Wilson O.P., Mary (Molly) Karl, Archbishop John
Bathersby, Jorge M. Asido, **and the recently deceased**
Cletus Emeka Obi, Des Power, Harold Christensen,
Maureen Mary Ferguson, Christine Sunga Corpuz,
Fr Peter Gillam.

The Catholic Leader

The March Edition of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop this weekend.

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.

Parish Shop News

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.

Sacramental Program 2021

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Family Session 2

- Sunday 21 March, 2pm-3.30pm (Option 1)
- Tuesday 23 March, 3.30pm-5pm (Option 2)

Thomas Cantley Singers – a community choir for adult singers of all abilities – has commenced rehearsals for Season 1, 2021. We gather every Thursday evening during school term at Our Lady of Graces Church.

New members welcome. For more information email tcsingers@gmail.com, or call Kellie Corbett (evenings/weekends) on 0409 580 428.

Stations of the Cross

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

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

Please note that this Friday, 19 March, parking may be limited due to St Martin's School holding their disco. We will block off some parking for those attending Stations of the Cross.

Chrism Mass

The Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on *Thursday 25 March, commencing at 7.00pm*. Booking information will be advised once this is published by the Archdiocese. The Mass will also be available via the live-stream link below <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Working Bee

A parish working bee is schedule for *Saturday 27 March, 7.00am onwards*. This is to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week and Easter. If you are able to come along and assist, we ask you to bring any equipment that may be able to be used.



Palm Fronds & Cyprus Pine Branches & Decorating the Church for Palm Sunday

Do you have palm trees or cypress pine trees at home? If you do, we would appreciate any palm fronds or small cypress pine cuttings for Palm Sunday (27-28 March). If you are able to assist with donating palms and/or branches, please contact the parish office. We require the palm fronds and pine branches to be dropped off on Friday 26 March.

The church will be decorated for Palm Sunday on *Saturday 27 March, 9am*. If you are able to assist with decorating the church, please let the parish office know.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacramental of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season Lent. The instruction says, *"It is best the Sacrament of Reconciliation be celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery."*

With the above in mind, we encourage those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation to do so before the Triduum. You can do this by contacting the parish office to make an appointment.



Please note that there will not be a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation offered this Lent.

For those unable to celebrate the Sacrament prior to the Triduum, we are planning to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross with some of the priests available. This will be the only opportunity during the Triduum for the Sacrament.

Sacred Paschal Triduum Timetable 2021

Given the current restrictions we still have to abide by under the COVID Industry Safe Plan for Places of Worship, the Sacred Paschal Triduum Timetable for 2021 will be different from the times of before COVID. Similar to our Christmas Masses last year, some parts of the Sacred Paschal Triduum liturgy will need to be held in the Dominic Centre. This is because the Dominic Centre can accommodate more people than in Our Lady of Graces Church.

Due to the restricted numbers, we ask parishioners to be considerate of others when making their selections on the parts of the Triduum liturgy they wish to attend.

Below is the timetable as it currently stands.

Holy Thursday [1 April]:	7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Our Lady of Graces Church <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm</i>
Good Friday [2 April]:	10am Stations of the Cross - Our Lady of Graces Church 10am Stations of the Cross - St Martin's School Oval 'The Valley' 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - Dominic Centre 7pm Italian Stations of the Cross - Our Lady of Graces Church
Holy Saturday [3 April]:	7pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - Our Lady of Graces Church
Easter Sunday [4 April]:	7am Easter Sunday Mass - Dominic Centre 9am Easter Sunday Mass - Dominic Centre 10.30am Italian Easter Sunday Mass - Our Lady of Graces Church

Note: NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

The booking system for the Sacred Paschal Triduum is now open. Please go to the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au, click on the "Easter Bookings" icon and select the parts of the Triduum you wish to attend.

If you cannot access a computer, please phone the parish office to make your booking.

To book for the Italian celebrations, please contact Vito Di Stasi (3398 5738).

For the whole Triduum to proceed as planned, **we will need lots of helpers!** We will need many marshals and ushers to ensure it is a COVID Safe event. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help in any way.

For the parts of the Triduum held in the Dominic Centre, there will be a drop-off / pick-up zone at the front entrance to the Dominic Centre for those who are elderly or have limited mobility.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen at 10.00am on Wednesday 17 March 2021. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will be the principal celebrant with Fr Gerard McMorroo concelebrating.

All are welcome to attend but, due to COVID restrictions, it is essential you register your attendance. Numbers are limited. To register on-line, go to www.cathedralofststephen.org.au

Brisbane Catholic Archdiocese Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan

The Reconciliation Action Plan is a guide for all agencies and parishes to build respective relationships with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gain an understanding and appreciation of the effects of racism (systemic and casual), to acknowledge historical impacts of colonisation on contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and identify opportunities to build new pathways to address this through a series of activities and learning opportunities. Find Reconciliation Action Plan document, information at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/inclusion/reconciliation-action-plan/>

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.

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

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

Sunday Readings

4th Sunday of Lent (14 March)

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 *The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 *When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

Gospel: John 3:14-21 *God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

5th Sunday of Lent (21 March)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 *The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 *He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

Gospel: John 12:20-33 *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

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