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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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Spread the Word

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21 March 2021

The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Jaggera and Turribul people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.



This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

Project Compassion: Week 5

Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing.



Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 21 March

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 2.00pm Confirmation Family Session 2 – Church

Monday 22 March

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 23 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am Funeral – Church
- 3.30pm Confirmation Family Session 2 – Church

Wednesday 24 March

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

Thursday 25 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA Group – Library

Friday 26 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Saturday 27 March

- 7.00am Working Bee – Church & Grounds
- 9.00am Palm Sunday Decorating – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Barry O'Connor, Sonja Robinson **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Pat Boyle, Maria Dall'alba, Patrick Coyne, Fr Joe Wilson O.P., Mary (Molly) Karl, **and the recently deceased** Mary Fregona, Cletus Emeka Obi, Des Power.

Parish Shop News

We are looking for one more parishioner to assist with opening the Parish Shop at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on *Thursday 25 March, commencing at 7.00pm*. If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass, please contact the parish office to book a seat. The Mass will also be available via live-stream at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Stations of the Cross

The final Friday evening of Stations of the Cross for Lent this year will be held at 7.00pm on 26 March.

PresCare Vela Friday Mass Volunteers

On Friday mornings at PresCare Vela Carina, Fr Alex celebrates Mass for the Catholic residents. We require some volunteers to assist Fr Alex at this Mass and also to take communion to the residents, on a rostered basis. If you are able to volunteer or for further information, please contact the parish office.

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, 9.00am*. If you are able to assist with decorating the church, please let the parish office know.

Morning Masses - Triduum & Easter Monday

A reminder that there is NO morning Masses on Holy Thursday (1 April), Good Friday (2 April) and Holy Saturday (3 April).

On Easter Monday (5 April) there will be Mass at 8.00am only, due to it being a Public Holiday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacramental of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of 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.

World Day of Prayer Thank You

Lenore Sullivan and Yvonne Matta would like to thank parishioners who attended and supported the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 5 March. Special thanks go to Carole Danby who led the singing and was Guest Speaker, to Ros Dallas and Josephine Coyne and their many helpers who provided a light lunch, to the Year 10 students from San Sisto who dramatised the Gospel message, Marie Alizart for the display on the sanctuary and Ray Matta who managed the projection. The service was prepared by the women of Vanuatu and the \$575.00 raised will be used to help fund their trauma service. Domestic violence is a very serious problem and they are still recovering from cyclone damage.



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.

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

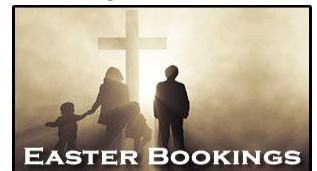
The booking system for the Sacred Paschal Triduum is now open. Please go to the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au, click on the "Easter Bookings" icon and select the parts of the Triduum you wish to attend.

If you cannot access a computer, please phone the parish office (3398 2977) 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.



From the Social Justice Committee

Make a difference this Easter with your choice of Easter chocolate

Which chocolate Easter eggs are ethical?

So as Easter rolls around again, which are the more ethical brands?

Stop the Traffik is a worldwide organisation dedicated to abolishing human trafficking. Its report, *The Good Egg Guide*, has a list of ethical chocolate brands and Easter eggs and products that are free from trafficked labour. These include:

- Aldi's UTZ Certified Dairy Fine, Choceur, Moser Roth and Specially Selected Easter chocolate ranges.
- Chocolatier Australia's Fairtrade milk and dark chocolate 100g eggs, available through Coles, Woolworths, David Jones and other chocolate suppliers.
- Coles also has a range of branded UTZ, Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance-certified Easter chocolates.
- The Haigh's Chocolate-made Easter egg range is UTZ Certified.
- Devine chocolate eggs and bunnies are Fairtrade certified and are available through IGA, other selected stores and online.

Make a difference this Easter and buy products free from forced, child and trafficked labour through buying ethical (fair trade) chocolate.

(Material sourced from: *Ethical Easter Eggs*, choice.com.au)

San Sisto College - Celebrating 60 Years

This year San Sisto College are celebrating their 60th Anniversary and hope that many of their former students can be involved.

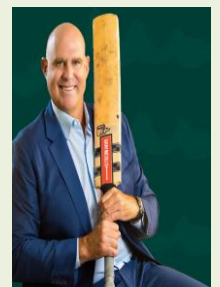
Please put *Sunday 8 August* in your diaries to celebrate the anniversary with San Sisto College.

Do you have photos, memorabilia or stories from your time at San Sisto? We would love to hear from you.

Please email SanSistoAlumni@bne.catholic.edu.au

'Call to All Catholics' Update

To date, over 300 people have responded to the Call to all Catholics advertising initiative – that's 300 people wanting to deepen their understanding of the faith we share! And this is just the beginning – we'll be in touch about further initiatives in due course...



In the meantime, thank you for your prayers and for spreading the word about this outreach - we're so grateful.

The **300 who have responded** by getting in touch directly are just the tip of the iceberg. There are **2472 visitors** that we have on our various campaign websites; there are **312 sign-ups** for our "More with Jesus" book, podcast and daily email.

For more info, go to www.baptisedcatholic.com.au

Sunday Readings

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.*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (28 March)

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 *I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 *He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47 *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

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