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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

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.



Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

Project Compassion: Week 6

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.



Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion. As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 29 March

- 10.30am Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 30 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 31 March

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 1 April

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Barry O'Connor, Sonja Robinson **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Vittorina Giavedoni, Derek Callow, Pat Boyle, Maria Dall'alba, Patrick Coyne **and the recently deceased** Nora Pease, Marie Denise Hughes, Greg Campbell, Ron Barnes, Julia Florence Larsen, Mary Fregona.

Thank You: Working Bee & Palm Fronds

Thank you to all the volunteers who came along yesterday, Saturday 27 March, to either the working bee or to help set up the church for Palm Sunday.

Also, thank you to those who donated palm fronds and cyprus pine branches.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, at the usual times that are listed on the front page of Spread the Word.

The Parish Office will then be closed from Holy Thursday (1 April) through to Easter Monday (5 April).

The Parish Office hours will return to normal on Easter Tuesday (6 April).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament 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 of Reconciliation prior to the Triduum, there will be an opportunity on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross.

Morning Masses - Triduum & Easter Monday

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

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

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is ONE liturgical celebration that begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, celebrates the Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening. The celebration of the Triduum is the culmination and core of the entire liturgical year.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper:

One of the primary elements of the Mass of the Lord's Supper is the ritual of the Washing of the Feet. This liturgical gesture ritualises the Christian ideal of a leadership of service. The ritual is not a re-enactment of the Gospel. Having one's feet washed is not a reward or honour.

As part of this service to others, it is an opportunity for gifts to be presented to the poor. We do this through taking up a collection to support our local St Vincent de Paul conference. It is also a good opportunity, if you are attending this Mass, for you to return your Project Compassion envelopes & boxes.

Due to physical distancing with COVID restrictions this year, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Mass will be held in the Church instead of processing to the Hospitality Area.

Good Friday 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)

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: A reminder to those attending the Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday to bring a hat and wear appropriate footwear. In the event of wet weather, the Outdoor Stations of the Cross will move into the Dominic Centre.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross. The priests will be available both outside and inside the church. The priests located outside the church will be under their own marquee. This will be the only opportunity during the Triduum for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Good Friday - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord is the second part of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Jesus' life-giving death is the focus in the proclamation of the Passion and the Adoration of the Holy Cross. The cross is an instrument of life. **Due to the COVID restrictions this year, we will have 3 minutes of silent Adoration of the Holy Cross. There won't be any kissing or touching of the Cross.** From the end of the celebration through Holy Saturday the church is a "shrine" for the Holy Cross.

The collection taken up is for the support of the church in the Holy Land. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages & medical centres also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Sacred Paschal Triduum Timetable 2021

- Holy Thursday [1 April]:** 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Our Lady of Graces Church (**Fully Booked**)
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
- 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'
Reconciliation will be available after Stations of the Cross outside the Church
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 - Our Lady of Graces Church (**Fully Booked**)
- 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**

You will need to book to attend the Sacred Paschal Triduum, if you have not done so already, via 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.



Please note that the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday have already reached full capacity.

Bookings for all the Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrations will close at 8am on Holy Thursday (1 April). This allows for the COVID lists to be finalised and printed on Holy Thursday.

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

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.

The main door to the Church and Dominic Centre will open 30 minutes prior to the advertised start time. Please arrive with enough time to queue up, have your name marked off, and be seated.

Please remain socially distanced as much as possible when queuing at the entry, when receiving Communion, and when leaving.

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.

Vocation View

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

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.



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

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MARK 11:1-11

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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 11 April (*Bookings now open & close Friday 9 April, 12 noon*)



Sunday Readings

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..*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (5 April)

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43 *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 *Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*
or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 *Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

Gospel: John 20:1-9 *The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*
or Mark 16:1-7 *Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

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