



Spread the Word

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'



The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm
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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
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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 5 April

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 6 April

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 7 April

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 8 April

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Sunday 11 April

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

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 Beatrice Hancox, Donato Gagliarde, Hazel De Voss, Nora Pease, Marie Denise Hughes, Greg Campbell, Ron Barnes, Julia Florence Larsen, Mary Fregona.

Easter Monday

Masses on Easter Monday, 5 April, will be celebrated at 8am only. The contact tracing list will be a combined 6.30am & 9.00am weekday list.

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday due to it being a public holiday.

Sacraments of Initiation

Through the waters of baptism, anointing of chrism, and reception of Eucharist, Sarah Ewing and Rebecca Lee have been fully initiated into the life of Christ and the Catholic Church.



Liesl Prokfe and Marie Koranias, received into the Catholic Church, are anointed with chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation and come to the table of Lord with the reception of Eucharist.

Thank you to all who have journeyed with them and prayed for them, including their sponsors and the RCIA Team members.

COVID Reminders

With the Greater Brisbane lockdown that ended last Thursday, 1 April, please keep in mind that the outbreak is not over and some restrictions remain in place across all of Queensland. These include the following.

- Until Thursday 15 April, at this stage, all Queenslanders must carry a mask when they leave their homes. Masks are to be worn in indoor spaces and worn outdoors when social distancing is not possible.
- Please remain socially distanced as much as possible when queuing at the entry, when receiving Communion, and when leaving.

Happy Easter from the Dominican Community

All the community and staff of Our Lady of Graces Parish and Dominican Community pray that your families have a happy and holy Easter, and remain safe during these times.

Holy Week & Easter Thank You

There is a very busy time in every parish which starts before Palm Sunday and extends right through to Easter Sunday. It's a time of planning, seeking assistance, people stepping up, communicating and helping out. It's about ordering things, and getting things in order so that, as a community centered in Christ, we may remember and celebrate well His Passion and Resurrection. The visible and invisible, planned and in some cases unplanned actions of **many people** make this busy time very manageable for those tasked to organise liturgies. The work of those who pruned and hung their palms so we could bear them, those who rehearsed music and readings so we could hear and enter into the story, those who climbed ladders to decorate, and turned lights on and off, those who ministered Communion, coordinated Masses, projected images and words, carried and venerated crosses, and took up collections. The list could go on. The parish thanks all who stepped up over Holy Week and Easter for being our arms and legs of ministry. Thanks also to every person who attended the Masses and Liturgies, and made up the community of Easter people who share and celebrate the hope of the Resurrection.



Encounter Catholic Kids Easter Program

Evangelisation Brisbane has created an Easter Sunday kids video program in collaboration with Shalom TV. The Encounter Catholic Kids Easter Program is available for viewing on the Evangelisation Brisbane YouTube page www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfhCJE6L1Is

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.

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

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*)

