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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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2nd Sunday of Easter

11 April 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

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.



The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

Congratulations to our Neophytes and Newly Received Marie, Liesl, Rebecca & Sarah



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 11 April

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 12 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 13 April

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 14 April

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 15 April

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Friday 16 April

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 18 April

- 10.30am Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Barry O'Connor, Sonja Robinson and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Helen Willis and the recently deceased Br Francis Regis Hickey, Beatrice Hancox, Donato Gagliarde, Hazel De Voss

Project Compassion Envelopes & Money Boxes

Caritas Australia would like to *Thank You* for supporting Project Compassion 2021.

For those parishioners who still have a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return these to the parish by Sunday 25 April. We will advise of the total collected by the Parish in May.

Alternatively, go to www.caritas.org.au and make your donation online.

Holy Thursday & Good Friday Collections

Thank you to those who supported the collections at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. \$907 was collected on Holy Thursday for our local St Vincent de Paul conference and \$1,484 was collected on Good Friday for the Holy Land.

The Catholic Leader

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



OLOG Diners will meet for dinner at Pacific Golf Club (Pine Mountain Road, Carindale) on Wednesday 14 April at 6.00pm. Wednesday night is Pizza and Pasta night with a selection of dishes for \$14.90. All parishioners are welcome.

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 require further info., please contact the parish office.

Parish 500 Card Group will meet on Friday 16 April, in the Aquinas Room. New members are very welcome to attend.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Spread the Word via Email

Would you like to receive Spread the Word each week via email?

Email us at carina@bne.catholic.net.au to be added to the email distribution list.

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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JOHN 20:19-31

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Vocation View

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the father sent me, so I am sending you..."

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.



COVID Reminders

With the Greater Brisbane lockdown that ended on 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.

Mystagogia, Neophytes and Other Mysteries

In many parishes new members were initiated into the Church at the Easter ceremonies.

This period following the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil is the time when the newly initiated reflect on their experience of the rituals, explore the meaning of initiation and come to a fuller understanding of the mysteries of the faith.

With the help of their godparents, they should experience a joyful welcome into the community. It is the role of every member of the parish, not just the RCIA committee, to encourage these new members and to help incorporate them more fully into the community. Support for these new Catholics is vital as they settle into the pattern of living their newly professed faith and learn to recognise the mystery of Christ which is so alive within them.

This post-Easter period of the RCIA journey is known as the "Period of Post-baptismal Catechesis" or "Mystagogia". It is a time for the community and the "neophytes" (the title used to refer to the newly initiated during the Easter Season) together to deepen their grasp of the paschal mystery and in make it part of their lives through mediation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing works of charity.

To make new members feel welcome and included, every effort should be made to have the neophytes and newly received present at Sunday Mass each week during Easter Time.

The newly initiated should be included in the General Intercessions on each of the seven Sundays following, up to and including Pentecost. They can begin to take on some roles in the liturgy.

In a sense, Christians spend their entire lives in mystagogia as they reflect on what it means to live in Christ. Let us pray for the neophytes, and for ourselves, that we may come to see Christ more clearly, to follow him more nearly and love him more dearly day by day during this season of Easter.

Adapted from Liturgy Lines © Elizabeth Harrington, 18 May 2015.

Date Claimer: Liturgical Musicians Training Day

Saturday 15 May 2021, 9:00am – 3:30pm
St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

A series of workshops will be offered in the following streams with a focus on formation in practical musical skills for liturgical musicians: Vocals, Organ, Keyboard, Guitar, Composition, Orchestral, and Leading Congregational Singing.

The registration information including the specifics of each workshop, presenters, and the timetable for the day will be made available soon.

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 18 April (*Bookings now open & close Friday 16 April, 12 noon*)
- Sunday 25 April (*Bookings open Sunday 11 April, 6.00pm*)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathedral of St Stephen Guides & Welcomers

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RCIA Formation Day

The Archdiocesan Catechumenate Committee invites all those working in, or interested in being a part of an RCIA team to an RCIA Formation Day. It will be an opportunity to grow in formation and receive support in your RCIA role. Fr Tom Elich and Sr Ursula O'Rourke SGS will share their wisdom and experience to break open the Catechumenate journey.

Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Date: Sunday 18th April 2021

Location: Xavier Centre, Holy Spirit Seminary
(487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)

Cost: Free

RSVP: 14th April 2021

Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/RCIAday>

Verse for Vinnies Concert

The next Verse for Vinnies Poetry Concert is 18 April, 1.30pm at St William's, 67 Dawson Pde Grovely. Cost \$15, which beneficiaries the local St Vincent de Paul Society. The Feature Performer is the Australian Performance Champion Carol Heuchan.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday. Contact Mobile: Julie and Zyg Staszyc - 0437 388 513 Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au

Live-in weekend Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston (on Brisbane's bayside).

Contact Maria and David Murphy (07) 3342 1456, email: dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au



Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter (11 April)

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 *The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 *Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Gospel: John 20:19-31 *After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

3rd Sunday of Easter (18 April)

First Reading: 3:13-15. 17-19 *You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 *Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 *It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

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