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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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3rd Sunday of Easter

18 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

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.



The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 2021



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 19 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 20 April

- 9.30am Playgroup – Library

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 21 April

- 10.30am Funeral – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 22 April

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Sunday 25 April

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

- 12.00noon Baptisms – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Pamela O'Reilly, Barry O'Connor, Sonja Robinson and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Kathleen Stone, Kay Whitby, Ron & Mavis Steele, Helen Willis and the recently deceased
Fert Mazzaroli, Paul Joseph Thompson, Robert John Hoffman, Br Francis Regis Hickey, Beatrice Hancox, Donato Gagliarde.

Project Compassion Envelopes & Money Boxes

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

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

The Catholic Leader

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



Schools Are Back This Monday

The students of St Martin's and San Sisto begin Term 2 this Monday, 19 April. A reminder that the 40kph school zone along Mayfield Road will be enforce on school days between 7am - 4pm.

Thomas Cantley Singers – a community choir for adult singers of all abilities –gather every Thursday evening during school term at Our Lady of Graces.

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

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.

Sacramental Program 2021

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Family Session 3

- Tuesday 27 April, 3.30pm-5pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 2 May, 2pm-3.30pm (Option 2)

Giving of the Creed

- All the Sunday Masses on 1-2 May.

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in September 2021.

Prior to any preparation beginning, I am contacting the families of all eligible children.

Families of children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in either 2019 or 2020, but have not received First Holy Communion, would have received an email from me this week. This was either an update or to check that you wanted to be included for First Holy Communion this year.

Please contact me at the Parish Office if:

- Your child falls into the category above and you didn't receive an email, or
- Your child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation at another Parish and you wish them to be included for First Holy Communion this year at Our Lady of Graces.

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Private Prayer in the Church

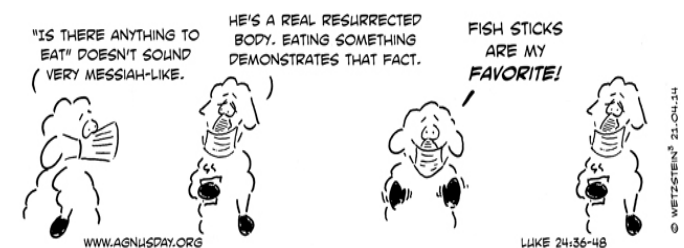
The church is open during parish office hours for private prayer. Entry into the church is via the office.

Vocation View

What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray – Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when you speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of your love.

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.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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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 25 April (Bookings now open & close Friday 23 April, 12 noon)
- Sunday 2 May (Bookings open Sunday 18 April, 6.00pm)



Parish Finance Council Update

Your Parish Finance Council has been reviewing several areas to assist with the ongoing impact to COVID-19 restrictions on attendance and support for our Parish. One area is the Planned Giving and payment for various programmes that are administered on a regular basis. With the trend away from physical cash payments, we had a deep review on payment systems for the Parish Staff as well as for the Planned Giving. I am pleased to advise the Parish is introducing two new systems. The first is to allow debit and credit cards donations and payments to be made on our parish website via a system called BPOINT. The second is to assist with giving for those who prefer to donate without a formal plan via a secure app for those with smart phones. A further explanation of the app will be provided in Spread the Word next weekend.

Additionally, we are seeking quotes to air condition the Aquinas Room (the room under the Church) which is used on a regular basis by several of the Parish-based groups.

The ongoing restrictions to attendance numbers has been a key area of focus. It is very pleasing to advise, with the support of the Parish Team, the income shortfall to set costs has decreased. This is due to a positive uplift in recent months, a decrease in some expenses, and some positive inflow of funds for various activities.

The recent storms and heavy rain have tested the roof repairs carried out last year and I am pleased to note these repairs kept the church secure.

Call out for new members: could you please consider your ability to attend a meeting and consider joining your Parish Finance Council as we are seeking new members and would welcome your fresh approach to how we can be good Stewards of the Parish. Please pray on this and speak to Fr Alex or Chris in the Parish Office. Our next meeting is on Monday 14 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Library.

Kind regards, *Vern Brown – Chair, Parish Finance Council*



Our faith sustains us through challenging times. Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability.

To assist you to support the Parish, you can now give via



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

We thank you for your kind support.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Iona College advise Year 5 in 2023 enrolment applications will close on Friday 4 June 2021 (boys who are currently Yr 3). A parent information evening for prospective families will be held on Tuesday 11 May at 7pm in the Iona Performing Arts Centre. For further assistance contact enrol@iona.qld.edu.au

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.

For further information or registration, please contact the Parish Office.

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

3rd Sunday of Easter (18 April)

First Reading: Acts 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.*

4th Sunday of Easter (25 April)

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12 *This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 *We shall see God as he is.*

Gospel: John 10:11-18 *The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

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