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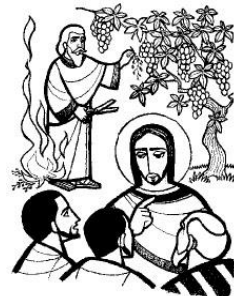
The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Jaggera and Turribul people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.



Mary: the Month of May



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
 that never was it known
 that anyone who fled to your protection,
 implored your help, or sought your intercession,
 was left unaided.
 Inspired with this confidence,
 I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
 To you do I come,
 before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
 O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
 despise not my petitions,
 but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Sunday Mass Bookings

Go to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and click on the "Mass Bookings" image.
 Those without internet access may the parish during office hours on 3398 2977.

- Sunday 9 May (Bookings now open & close Friday 7 May, 12.30pm)
- Sunday 16 May (Bookings open Sunday 2 May, 6.00pm)

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 2 May

- 12.00noon Baptisms – Church
- 2.00pm Confirmation Family Session 3 – Church

Monday 3 May

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 4 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am Funeral: Barry O'Connor – Church
- 7.30pm Social Justice – Library

Wednesday 5 May

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 6 May

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

Friday 7 May

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Thomas Scaria, Pamela O'Reilly and those whose
anniversaries occur around this time and the
recently deceased *Barry O'Connor, Quintin Olave,*
Jacqueline Lorna Mary Falcon-Green, Mary Sue Carrol.

The Catholic Leader

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



Labour Day Public Holiday

Please note that Mass this Monday, 3 May, will be celebrated at **8.00am only** due to the Labour Day Public Holiday. The parish office will also be closed.

Lost Mobile Phone

One of our parishioners believes to have lost a mobile phone at the church in the last week or two. The mobile phone is a Samsung and has a pink/salmon colour cover. If you find the phone, please drop it into the parish office so it can be returned to the owner.

Liturgical Musicians' Training Day

Saturday 15 May 2021, 9am - 3.30pm
 St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

The Archdiocese Commission on the Liturgy is pleased to present a day of practical formation for liturgical musicians. Several streams will be on offer including vocal, choral, organ, keyboard, guitar, composition, orchestral, and congregational singing.

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Sacramental Program 2021

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Confirmation Practices

- Sunday 16 May, 2pm (5pm Confirmation Liturgy)
- Sunday 16 May, 4pm (7pm Confirmation Liturgy)

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in September 2021.

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 a couple of weeks ago. 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:

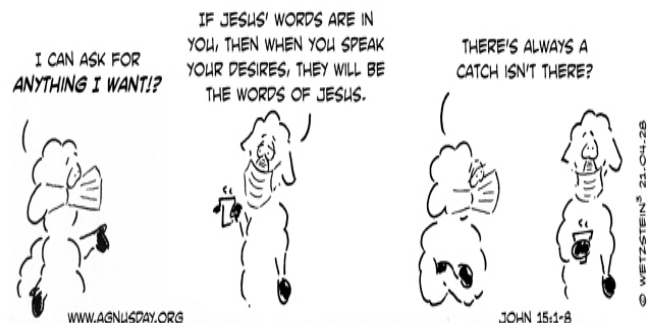
- Your child falls into the category above and you didn't receive an email, or
- Your child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation at another Parish and you wish them to be included for First Holy Communion this year at Our Lady of Graces.

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate

St Vincent de Paul: Grant Application Support

Our local St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference are applying for a volunteer grant to assist with purchasing some wagons, storage tubs, a printer and fuel cards to support the conference members in their work. As part of the grant application, they require the local community to support the application. If you can spare a couple minutes of your time, please go to the link and fill in the survey.
<https://terributlermp.com/grants/volunteer-grants-2021-have-your-say/st-vincent-de-paul-society-carina-conference-safe-and-sustainable-working-environment-for-volunteers/>

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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Parish Giving App

Our parish has introduced a giving app called *Parish Giving*, which has been developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This app is set up specifically for parishioners to electronically connect to their Parish for regular and one off giving. Your support helps our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. You can complete your giving on your mobile phone via either the Android, Apple or Web app <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>. Thank you for your kind support.



Pope calls for global prayer marathon

"The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world" in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the Rosary, "to pray for the end of the pandemic", said the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelisation in a press release yesterday.

"It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire Church an unceasing prayer rises to God,'" it said.

The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the Church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

The Pope will open the month-long prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31, the council said.

Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6pm Rome time (2am AEST) on all Vatican media platforms.

At his general audience yesterday, Pope Francis said prayer "is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, engages in dialogue with God", Vatican News reports.

For human beings, he continued, "prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry ... The divine Word is made flesh, and in the flesh of every person the word returns to God in prayer".

CathNews, published 22 April 2021



COMMUNITY NEWS

"Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting

will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 5 May, 10.45am - 12.15pm, following the regular 10am Mass. (You will need to ring the Cathedral on 3324 3030 to book for Mass). To book, contact Maureen on 0403 002 199 or maureenallison43@gmail.com.

Clairvaux MacKillop College 2021 Windows Tour

Friday 7 May, 9am - 10.30am. This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Mentors; meet our Principal and senior members of staff. Please register via Enrolments tab at www.cvxmck.edu.au or call 3347 9275.

Brisbane March for Life Rally: Saturday 8 May 2021

Meet at Speakers' Corner, Parliament House, corner Alice & George Streets, Brisbane, at 2:30pm for COVID check-in & to collect signs for a 3pm rally. After the rally, a March for Life around the Brisbane CBD, concluding at Speakers' Corner. This year the rally and march are specifically for:

- ❖ Protesting the abortion-to-birth laws passed in 2018, and the tragic result of a 58% increase in abortions in Queensland.
- ❖ Petitioning the Federal Government to allow the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2021 to go to a vote this year.
- ❖ Petitioning the state government to urgently increase palliative care funding and against legalising assisted suicide in Queensland.
- ❖ Protesting the fact that sex-selective abortions are occurring in Queensland.

A gold coin donation, when you check-in, to help cover rally costs is appreciated. As always it will be a family-friendly event, and Queensland Police will have a presence to help ensure safety at all times. This event is organised by Cherish Life QLD.

Iona College advise Year 5 in 2023 enrolment applications will close on Friday 4 June 2021. A parent information evening for prospective families will be held on Tuesday 11 May, 7pm in the Iona Performing Arts Centre.

Online Lecture on Liturgy through ACU

On Monday 17 May, 2021 the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present an online public lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W Irwin on "**Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration**".

In the lecture Msgr Kevin Irwin will highlight a positive path forward through the challenge of problematic liturgical practices that have been uncovered during the pandemic. While some successful innovations have emerged during this period, further work is still needed in many places to implement Vatican II's liturgical reforms fully.

Monsignor Irwin held the Walter J. Schmitz Chair of Liturgical Studies (2000-2015) at Catholic University of America. He is currently an Ordinary Research Professor.

The public lecture will run from 10am-11:30am AEST via Zoom. All those who would like to register can do so at <https://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfi>

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.

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



Get Vaccinated for the Common Good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus

Sunday Readings

5th Sunday of Easter (2 May)

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31 *He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 *His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

Gospel: John 15:1-8 *All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

6th Sunday of Easter (9 May)

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 *The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 *God is love* or 1 John 4:11-16 *All who live in love, live in God, and God in them.*

Gospel: John 15:9-17 *No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*
or John 17:11-19 *Father, may they be one, even as we are one.*

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