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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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The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.



Blessing of Mothers on Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 16 May (Bookings now open & close Friday 14 May, 12.30pm)
- Sunday 23 May (Bookings open Sunday 9 May, 6.00pm)



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 10 May

- 9.30am St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 11 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 12 May

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 13 May

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

Saturday 15 May

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 16 May

- 2.00pm Confirmation Practice (5.00pm) – Church
- 4.00pm Confirmation Practice (7.00pm) – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Desiree Alizart, Rose Jorgesen, Thomas Scaria, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Jim O'Rourke, Maria Fiore, Rita Marshall **and the recently deceased** Aaron Amante, Barry O'Connor, Quintin Olave, Jacqueline Lorna Mary Falcon-Green, Mary Sue Carrol.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held on *Monday 10 May, 9.30am, in the Aquinas Room.*

Anyone in the parish who would like to join Carina Vinnies or would like to find out more of what we do are very welcome to attend the meeting. If you would like any further information, please contact Barbara Dougherty (President) on 0438 982 140.

Donations of Wool for St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul would appreciate donations of wool so some of our parishioners can make warm items for those in need during this upcoming Winter Season. If you can assist with any donations of wool, please either drop the donations into the Parish Office or place them in the St Vincent de Paul baskets near the front door of the church.



OLOG Diners will meet for dinner at Pacific Golf Club (Pine Mountain Road, Carindale) on Wednesday 12 May at 6.00pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Liturgical Musicians' Training Day

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

The Archdiocesan 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.

Please contact the Parish Office by this Tuesday, 11 May, if you would like to attend.



Parish Phone System Issue

We currently have an issue with the parish phone system in that some phones will not accept any of the options available (i.e. Press 1 for the Parish Office). Please note we are looking into this issue and hope to have it rectified soon. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mass Count during May

Every five years, to coincide with the Australian National Census, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference asks for data on Mass attendance. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, an annual count of Mass attendance was started in 2019.

Last weekend and this weekend we are counting the number of people attending Mass using our COVID lists. On 15-16 May we will be counting Males and Females and on 22-23 May we will be counting age groups (0-17, 18-29, 30-49, 50-69, 70+). We will try and keep the process as easy and as quick as possible. However, we would appreciate your co-operation.

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 will be contacted in the coming week regarding preparation sessions and dates for First Holy Communion. *Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate*

Message from Anne and Michael Goodwin

Last week while we were in Sydney we took the opportunity to visit three Dominican Sisters who had long associations with our parish and the schools. All are in their nineties - Sr Joachim OP and Sr Shirley King OP live at Strathfield and Sr Helen (Steve) Rankin OP is at Maitland. They recalled their many friends among the Our Lady of Graces, San Sisto and St Martin's communities and asked to be remembered to all.

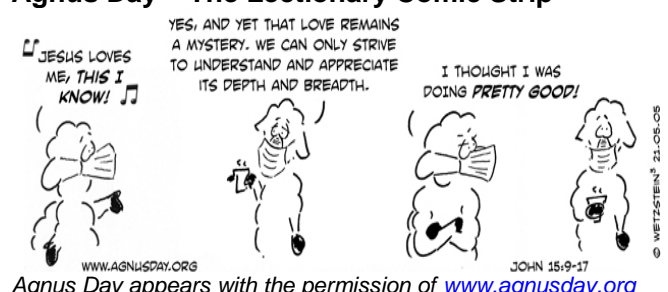
Brisbane East Deanery Meeting

The next Brisbane East Deanery (BED) Meeting will be held on *Thursday 20 May, 7pm at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point.* All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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CARITAS APPEAL: Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.



San Sisto College Open Day: Sunday 16 May, 1pm – 4pm

During Open Day, you can join one of the many interactive activities, be entertained by Drama and Music students, listen to the Principal's speech, take a sneak peak at our College Musical, watch displays by our HPE department and other presenters, grab a bite to eat and soak up the culture and nurturing environment of the school. Register via the website www.sansisto.qld.edu

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is coming to a parish near you in July-August 2021.

If you want to get the 'Big Picture' of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life, come join the Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group.

This study will run over 8 weeks with each session approx. 90mins.

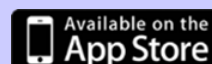
To register your interest, email the Deanery Scripture Study Group DSSG at stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or contact Louise Simento Ph: 0456 700 040 or Sue Mulligan 0410 342 058 for details.

No prior Scripture/Bible Study is required. All are Welcome.

We ask for your continued prayerful support for this Deanery initiative.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfi

The Queensland Choir presents *Requiem for the Living by Dan Forest*. Leanne Kenneally (soprano) and The Sinfonia of St Andrew's conducted by Kevin Power. *Friday 14 May, 7.30pm, the Cathedral of St Stephen's*. Tickets available online at 4mbc.com.au or 3847 1717. Adults \$50, Concession \$45, Students \$15

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane City on Friday 21 May from 11am-12pm. All Catholics are welcome to join in praying for Christian unity as representatives of seven different Christian traditions lead prayer. To register for this event, head to app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021 or you are most welcome to offer some prayers at home.

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



QUT Researcher Seeking Tertiary Students for Survey

A Researcher looking into the relationship of Faith with emotional resilience and Mental Health in Tertiary Students seeks participants in a survey. Ms. Shereen Metry, (07 3138 8416; shereen.thesis@gmail.com) is seeking currently enrolled tertiary students, over 18, living in Australia for this research. Further details on the study can be found at Spirituality and Mental Health among Tertiary Students qut.edu.au

Sunday Readings

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.*

The Ascension of the Lord (16 May)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 *Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 *He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven*
or Ephesians 4:1-13 *To the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20 *The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

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