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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  
or by appointment

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# Spread The Word

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**The Ascension of the Lord**

**16 May 2021**

*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 Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.



### Sunday Mass Bookings

Go to [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://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 23 May (Bookings now open & close Friday 21 May, 12.30pm)



### Check In Qld app

As an alternative way of COVID contact tracing, we will be introducing the **Check In Qld app**. To begin with, we will be using the app for meetings and activities outside of Masses and Liturgies. Clipboards will still be available for those who are not comfortable with using the app.

All you need to do is the following:

- Download the app from Google Play or Apple App store
- Enter your details once, when you first open the app
- Open the app each time you visit us, select 'Check in Now' and scan the QR code or enter our code 027096

*If you need assistance with using the app, please see the Parish Office staff.*



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 16 May

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

#### Monday 17 May

- 11.00am Funeral: Rose Jorgesen – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 18 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 5.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation – Church
- 7.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation – Church

#### Wednesday 19 May

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 20 May

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

#### Sunday 23 May

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Mimi Gyergyak, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Desiree Alizart, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Jim O'Rourke, Maria Fiore, Rita Marshall **and the recently deceased** Rose Jorgesen, Aaron Amante, Barry O'Connor, Quintin Olave.

### 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.

This weekend, 15-16 May, we are counting Males and Females and next weekend, 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.



### World Communications Day

Today, Sunday 16 May, is World Communications Day. Pope Francis' message entitled "Come and See" (Jn 1:46). *Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are* is available at [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210123\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html)

### National Volunteer Week

This week, 17-23 May, Australia celebrates National Volunteer Week. This year's theme is apt in the wake of the COVID19 pandemic - "Recognise, Reconnect, Re-Imagine"

Throughout the parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest number of volunteer groups throughout the state - around 10,000 people. We recognise the valuable contribution that these volunteers make to keep the wheels turning in the local church.



### Sacramental Program: Confirmation

This coming Tuesday night, 18 May, the children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed and anointed with the holy sacred chrism. We pray for the children and the families during their final stage of preparation for the Sacrament.



### Hours of Graces

This coming Wednesday, 19 May, 'Hours of Graces' Eucharistic Adoration will be held at San Sisto College Chapel between 8.30am – 4.00pm. All are welcome to visit the chapel during the day.

The 'Hours of Grace' is an initiative of Jesus Youth Australia inviting everyone across Australia to participate in Eucharistic Adoration in the time before Pentecost.



### 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.

### Project Compassion Envelopes & Money Boxes

Thank You to those parishioners who supported Caritas Australia through Project Compassion 2021 this year. The total from parishioners who donated via the money boxes and envelopes was \$5097.60.

### 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.



### 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.

### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

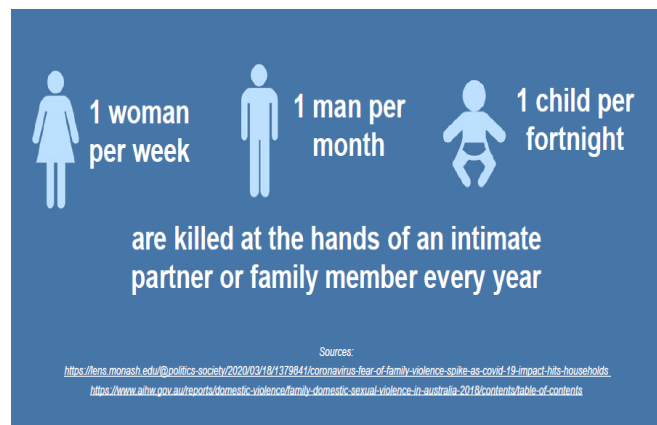
If you want to get the 'Big Picture' of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life, come join the Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group in July-August 2021.

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

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

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





The month of May is not only the month of Mary – it is Domestic Violence Prevention Month – and how appropriate. Mary is the advocate of all mothers and children – as should we also be.

The statistics above are very disturbing. Domestic violence is a big problem in this country and we all have a responsibility to do something about it.

### How can you help?

- Call out any disrespectful behaviour towards women and girls (even jokes).
- Encourage gender equality in the treatment of both young girls and boys.
- Do not judge. People of all ages, socio economic backgrounds and genders, are victims of domestic violence. Violent partners are often very manipulative, controlling and threatening and women are trapped in these relationships making escaping extremely difficult.
- Show compassion and empathy.
- If someone discloses to you that they are in a violent relationship or you become aware of the fact – don't just tell them to leave. If they feel unsafe at home, support them in seeking help from one of the organisations listed below. Remember that when women or men leave violent relationships, it is then that they are most at risk of being killed by their partner.
- If you or anyone you know is experiencing any forms of abuse – emotional, psychological, physical or sexual – seek help by calling one of the phone numbers below.
- Do not ignore the signs – if you hear or see something you believe to be abuse – please call the police and get help – it could mean the difference between life and death.

**Find telephone and online support at the numbers and websites below.**

- **1800RESPECT** 1800 737 732  
[www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)
- **No to Violence Men's Referral Service (MRS)**  
 1300 766 491 [www.ntv.org.au/get-help](http://www.ntv.org.au/get-help)
- **Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800  
[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- **Q Life** 1800 184 527 [www qlife.org.au](http://www qlife.org.au)
- **The National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline**  
 1800 880 052
- **ELDERHelp** 1800 353 374

**Iona College** advise Year 5 in 2023 enrolment applications will close on Friday 4 June 2021.



### 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/publiclecturecfl](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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, ([shereen.thesis@gmail.com](mailto:shereen.thesis@gmail.com); 07 3138 8416) 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](http://qut.edu.au)



## Sunday Readings

### 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.*

### Pentecost Sunday (23 May)

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11 *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 *In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*  
or Galatians 5:16-25 *If you are guided by the Spirit.*

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23 *As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*  
or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 *When the Advocate comes, he will be my witness.*

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