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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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Pentecost Sunday

23 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

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.



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 30 May (Bookings now open & close Friday 28 May, 12.30pm)



Check In Qld app

As an alternative way of COVID contact tracing, we have introduced the **Check In Qld app**. To begin with, we are using the app for meetings and activities outside of Masses and Liturgies. Clipboards are 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 23 May

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Monday 24 May

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 25 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 10.30am Funeral: Jean Brooks – Church

- 7.00pm First Holy Communion Parent Meeting – Church

Wednesday 26 May

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 27 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Sunday 30 May

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

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** Teresa Luong Thi Nu, Jim O'Rourke, Maria Fiore, Rita Marshall **and the recently deceased** Jean Brooks, Ignatius Nagothu, Miguel Angel Velasco Rivera, Rose Jorgesen, Aaron Amante.

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, 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.

Kids Ideas for Pentecost

Want to mark Pentecost is a special way with your children? Check out the Pentecost Ideas for Kids video: <https://youtu.be/cfsOWLdSjcA>. It contains a Pentecost Activity Pack, ideas for a Pentecost Party, and a Holy Spirit Prayer Pack!



Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday evening we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of our parish. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the ceremonies and the preparation leading up to these celebrations.



Hours of Grace Eucharistic Adoration

Last Wednesday, 'Hours of Grace' was held in the San Sisto College Chapel. Throughout the day students from San Sisto College and parishioners visited the chapel for Eucharistic Adoration.



Sacramental Program 2021

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

The First Holy Communion Parent Information Meeting is this *Tuesday, 25 May, 7.00pm* in Our Lady of Graces Church. It is asked that at least one parent per family attend this meeting. *Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate*

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.



Thank you to those parishioners who have donated wool. The response so far has been wonderful.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



LITURGY SNIPPET: History and Use of Sequences in the Liturgy

The Sequence is generally thought to have begun, as a genre of poetry, around the 9th Century, when Roman chant was flourishing and spreading throughout Europe. As Roman chant was intended primarily as a musical meditation upon the Word of God, so the Sequences at Mass were intended as musical, meditative extensions of the Alleluia verse. In certain places within the western Church, a Sequence was employed for nearly every Sunday and holyday of the year. Historically, the Sequence has been sung at various locations within Alleluia/Gospel Acclamation. The positioning of the Sequence allowed it to act as an extension of the Alleluia verse and as a processional chant for a more solemn procession with the Book of the Gospels.

The 2011 General Instruction of the Roman Missal specifies that the Sequence is now to be sung before the Alleluia. Its placement today preserves a stronger connection between the Alleluia and the Gospel, and transforms the Sequence into a more contemplative meditation on the mystery of the day in preparation for the Gospel. The assembly remains seated, in a posture of meditation, for the Sequence, and stands when the Alleluia is begun. There are now only two days of the calendar when the Sequence is obligatory, with one being Pentecost Sunday. As is the custom of our parish, we sing the Sequence before the Gospel Acclamation today. (Source: Living Liturgy, Diocese of Sale)

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group:

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Sessions will commence in July and continue for 8 weeks on the followings days and locations listed below. Each session will be approx. 90 minutes.

- Wednesday morning, 7 July, Our Lady of Graces
- Friday evening, 9 July, St James Coorparoo

The BED Scripture Group will also be running a 24 week Bible Timeline Course. This is the extended version of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, for those interested.

Final numbers are required by Tuesday 1 June, so that the books can be ordered.

To register, email stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or contact Louise Simento (0456 700 040) or Sue Mulligan (0410 342 058).

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

Vocation View

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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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Wall of Remembrance

In 1998, a Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones.



For further information, including the reserving of a space and/or ordering of a plaque, please contact the parish office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ecumenical Reconciliation Prayer Service

St Joseph - St Anthony Bracken Ridge & Murri Ministry invites you to recognise *National Reconciliation Week* "More than a word ... Reconciliation takes action" with an Ecumenical Reconciliation Prayer Service.

Date & Time: Thursday, 27 May 2021, 7pm – 8pm

Location: St Joseph & St Anthony Catholic Church
30 Eldorado Street Bracken Ridge

Marriage Encounter Weekend

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

Iona College Open Day

Monday 31 May, 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Book at trybooking.com/BQSSM.



2021 Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday 2 June 2021, 6.45am for 7.30am

Featuring Keynote Speaker Mr Peter James CEO, Scripture Union Queensland. For tickets, go to https://www.conferenceonline.com/conference_invitation/24295/?key=10A5FE27-0CA6-F590-E6E49BBECF69ACF7

Caritas Australia

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.

Mass for Your at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on *Mass for You at Home*. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Can you support the project, through prayers or financial support? Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au

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.



Sunday Readings

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.*

The Most Holy Trinity (30 May)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 *The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 *You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 *Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

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