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Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

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 8am Saturday
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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

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.



God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

Changes for Contact Tracing at Our Lady of Graces

The Queensland Government announced on Sunday 20 June that from 1am Friday 9 July, the Check In QLD app will be required for Places of Worship.

Over the next couple of weeks, we are introducing the following changes:

- With the increased capacity limit of 375 people, we are in a position that we do not require you to book for Sunday Mass each week. Next weekend, 3-4 July, will be the last weekend that we will use Eventbrite for regular Sunday Mass bookings. However, Eventbrite will still need to be used on special occasions (e.g. First Holy Communion Masses).
- Everyone, who is able to, is asked to start using the Check In QLD app. Please ensure that your Frequent Guests list is up-to-date with family members and friends details listed. If you are checking-in family members and/or friends, you need to select them from your Frequent Guests list after you have scanned or typed in the code. Please show the tick sign to the person responsible for checking people in (i.e. the Marshal/s at Mass). Check-in is required each time you visit the parish.
- For those who do not have a smart phone or who find the technology difficult, we are currently awaiting clarity from the Archdiocese and Government on the correct way to check you in. For the moment, please check-in with the Marshal at Mass. There will be an update next week.

Do you need help setting up & using the app? Please see the office staff.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 27 June

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Monday 28 June

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 29 June

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 30 June

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Friday 2 July

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 4 July

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Doug Jones, Marie Alizart **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Jacqueline Dickson, Alice Mollison, Ron Roff **and the recently deceased** Jack Spriggs (husband of Ann Randle).

Car Park Line Marking

The car park lines are going to be repainted over the upcoming school holidays. This will be on Friday 2 July and Monday 5 July. The only section of the car park that will be available on these two days, while this work is happening, is the area between the church and parish office. **We ask that this car park be left for those who need parking close to the church due to mobility issues.** The remainder of the car park will be closed. All of the car park will be open over the weekend of 3-4 July. Thank you for your patience.

Parish 500 Card Group will meet on Friday 2 July, in the Aquinas Room. New members are welcome.

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection across the Archdiocese at all Masses next weekend (3-4 July).

Peter's Pence gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance.

Safeguarding News: New Laws Targeting Sexual Offences Against Children

The Government has introduced new laws that target behaviour which ignores or conceals child sexual abuse. The new laws mean that all adults in Queensland now have a legal duty to:

- report sexual offending against children by other adults to the police; and
- protect children from the risk of sexual abuse by other adults in an institution (e.g. a school, church or sporting club).

The laws commence on 5 July 2021 and carry up to 5 years imprisonment. For more information go to <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/types-of-crime/sexual-offences-against-children/laws>

COVID-19 Update & Changes

Changes that came effective as of last Friday, 25 June 2021, 1am.

- Capacity restrictions have increased to 3 people per 4 square metres. This means that we can have up to 375 people in the church.
- Physical distancing is to be observed *to the extent possible*. This means that people should try to distance as much as they can while adhering to the current occupancy restriction of 3 people per 4 square metres.
- The restriction on self-service food has been removed. People may make their own cup of tea or coffee and plates of food can be set out on the table for people to help themselves at morning teas or gatherings after Masses. Please ensure that people are able to take a food or drink item without coming into contact with other items or shared utensils.

Effective of Friday 9 July

- The Check In QLD app is required for Places of Worship, Funerals & Weddings. Please refer to the front page of Spread the Word.

What has not changed?

- Cleaning protocols, Sign of Peace without physical contact, The Body of Christ administered only in the hand, the chalice received by the celebrant alone, and collections being contactless (i.e. no passing a plate from person to person).

Ordination to the Presbyterate

The Ordination to the Presbyterate of *Deacons Francis Fernandes, Jack Ho and William Aupito Iuliano* will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 29 June 2021, commencing at 7.00pm. *Deacon Luke Bulley* from the Passionists Community will also be ordained. The Cathedral is fully booked, however, the ceremony will be live-streamed and can be accessed here <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Parish Working Bee

The next parish working bee is scheduled for Saturday 10 July, 7.00am onwards.

Parish Giving App

No Cash? No Problem!

You can now give via the *Parish Giving app*, which is set up specifically for parishioners to connect electronically to their Parish for regular and one-off giving. The giving app QR code is being incorporated into the green dots on the pews, so you can easily scan the code and make your contribution.



San Sisto College 60 Year Celebration

This year we are celebrating 60 years of San Sisto College and the Alumni Committee would like to extend an invitation to all of the past students to join them on Sunday 8 August at the college for a wonderful afternoon high tea. Tickets are now on sale through the following website link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRNYD>

Reconciliation Action Plan

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is a guide for all agencies and parishes to build respective relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gain an understanding and appreciation of the effects of racism (systemic and casual); to acknowledge historical impacts of colonisation on contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; and identify opportunities to build new pathways.



There are four types of RAP - Reflect, Innovate, Stretch or Elevate. The Archdiocese of Brisbane's RAP is an Innovate RAP, which is about implementing reconciliation. It focuses on developing and strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, engaging staff and stakeholders in reconciliation, and developing and piloting innovative strategies to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

(Sourced from the Archdiocese of Brisbane Website)

To view the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane Innovate RAP, please go to the following link below https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/Archdiocese-of-Brisbane_Innovate-RAP-HR.pdf

Our Lady of Graces Parish has started to address some of the goals of the RAP in small ways such as the acknowledgement of country that is featured on our parish newsletter. **On Sunday 11 July at the 9am Mass, we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in a special way.** More details next week.

Parish Social Justice Committee

*If you are 15-20 years of age and wanting to get answers to some of life's questions, you are invited to **Alpha Youth @ Our Lady of Graces***

The Alpha Youth Series has been totally reimagined for today's youth culture. Through 13 sessions filmed in Vancouver, London, Paris, Rome, Israel, and many other incredible locations, the Alpha Youth Series explores timeless questions about life and faith from a Christian perspective. There are 9 weekly episodes and 4 episodes for an Alpha Day held on a weekend.



The series offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics well spread throughout each episode to better engage youth, helping them think about how these issues relate to their lives as they discuss with their friends and leaders.

Alpha Youth @ Our Lady of Graces journey starts on Wednesday 28 July with dinner at 6.30pm and the session proper from 7pm - 9pm in the Parish Library.

For more information contact either

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St Vincent de Paul – Our Lady of Graces Conference

It has again been a very busy six months for the Conference members of St Vincent de Paul. Since January the Conference has undertaken a range of activities to assist those in need within our local Community –

- Back to School payments for up to 90 children – costing \$30,000 (financed via an internal grant from St Vincent de Paul, State Office and the Whitehouse Foundation).
- Providing emergency food assistance and food vouchers (\$15,000) to those in need in the local community (supported by financial and in-kind food donations from Parish Members, St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto Community College)
- Providing fresh produce weekly to families with school-aged children to ensure children have access to nutritional meals and fruit for lunch boxes (financed by the Lord Mayor's Community trust grant).
- Providing end-of-day bread to families and individuals in need weekly – known as the "Bread run" (supported by the Flour Monkey Bakery and The Bread Corner).
- Purchasing second hand whitegoods for families moving to the area and often escaping domestic violence.
- Purchasing second hand furniture for families moving to the area and often escaping domestic violence.
- Providing Go Cards to men recently released from Jail to ensure they can attend necessary appointments and job interviews.
- Assisting with rental payments to families and individuals impacted by job loss from COVID.
- Providing clothing Vinnies gift cards and warm winter beanies and blankets (kindly donated by Parish members).
- Advocating and assisting families with department of housing matters, child safety concerns and mental health areas.
- Assisting with budgeting and financial management in particular with energy bills.
- Attending on-going training (provided by State Office St Vincent de Paul).
- Attending "expert panel" sessions to provide an insight to the work undertaken by St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces.

In all of these activities our central focus is the person we are assisting, providing them with a hand up not a hand out, offering outreach and support for the person to feel empowered to make decisions for themselves and their family. As Conference members we undertake activities in a non-judging and dignified manner and remember to see Christ in all those who we visit. Thank you for your ongoing support.

To contribute to the local St Vincent de Paul Conference, donations may be made via the Poor Box or into the Conference bank account (BSB: 064-786 Account Number: 100026584). Receipts available on request.

Sunday Readings

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (27 June)

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 *It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 *Your abundance should supply their want.*

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 *Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (4 July)

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5 *The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 *I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 *A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

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