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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
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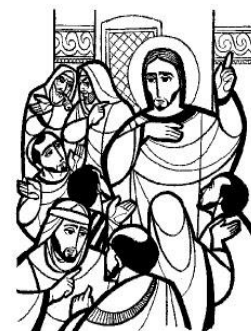
Spread the Word

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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

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.



True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

Check In QLD app

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

We have received clarity from the Government, via the Archdiocese, that everyone needs to be checked-in via the Check In QLD app.

Therefore, we ask of the following:

- Everyone, who is able to, is to use the Check In QLD app on their phone.
- If you are checking-in family members and/or friends on the app, you need to select "*Check in additional people*" and either select them from your Frequent Guests list or tap to enter the guest's name.
- Once you have completed your check-in, please show the tick sign to the person responsible for checking people in (i.e. the Marshal 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, please either check-in with the Marshal at Mass or ask someone with a smart phone to check you in on their phone as a guest.

If you need assistance with the app, please see the parish office staff.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 4 July

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Monday 5 July

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

Tuesday 6 July

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 7 July

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 8 July

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 11.00am Funeral – Church

Saturday 10 July

- 7.00am Working Bee – Church & Grounds

Sunday 11 July

- 9.00am NATSICC Plaque Presentation
& Blessing – 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** Jean-Claude Alizart, Jacqueline Dickson, Alice Mollison, Ron Roff **and the recently deceased** Ken King, Jack Spriggs (husband of Ann Randle).

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection across the Archdiocese at all Masses this 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.

Car Park Line Marking

The work will continue on repainting the car park lines this Monday, 5 July. The only section of the car park that will be available, 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. Thank you for your patience.

Parish Working Bee

The next parish working bee is scheduled for Saturday 10 July, 7.00am onwards. If you are able to come along and assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sea Sunday (11 July 2021)

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times. If you wish to donate, go to bit.ly/seasundayaustralia.



COVID-19 Update & Changes

Eventbrite

Eventbrite will be used while we are restricted to 125 people in the church. Once numbers increase again, we will be in a position that we will not require you to book for Sunday Mass each week. Eventbrite, however, will still need to be used on special occasions (e.g. First Holy Communion Masses).

Restrictions from the end of Lockdown until Tuesday 13 July, 12.59am (subject to change)

- Capacity restrictions are 1 person per 4 square metres. This means that we can have up to 125 people in the church.
- You must wear a mask in indoor spaces, including places of worship.

Restrictions from Tuesday 13 July, 1am (subject to change).

- Capacity restrictions to be 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.

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).

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>

Vocation View

For when I am weak that I am strong. Will you surrender your life to serve Christ His Church? Like St Paul, even when we doubt what we are capable of, His grace is enough. Will you boast in Christ?

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.



NATSICC, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday & NAIDOC Week

What is NATSICC?

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. The council was founded in 1992 and each State and Territory nominates a representative via their local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry. NATSICC advises the Bishops Commission for relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

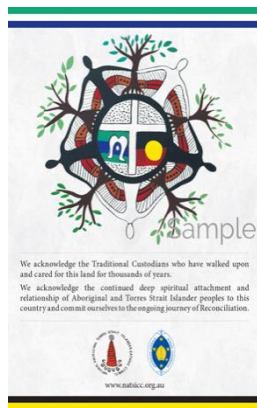
The NATSICC Logo

The logo of NATSICC depicts a willy willy, the wind force as a symbol of God's spirit in the centre. At the top are concentric circles as symbols of God and life while at the base are depictions of men and women receiving the Holy Spirit. The logo was designed by Olive Boddington from Western Australia.



The NATSICC Acknowledgment Plaque

The first plaque endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for use in Catholic schools, parishes and organisations, the NATSICC Acknowledgment Plaques are a bold statement of support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Displaying the plaque proudly in a prominent position is a physical sign of welcome and understanding for all Australians. It also provides the opportunity to educate the wider community of the need for continual progress on the ongoing journey of Reconciliation. **Next Sunday, 11 July, at the 9am Mass, Fr Alex will be unveiling and blessing our NATSICC plaque that will then be fixed to the outside of the Church.** Our NATSICC Plaque will feature the Parish Logo as well as the School Crests of St Martin's School and San Sisto College. The plaque has been a Parish and Schools collaboration in conjunction with the Social Justice Committee.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday & NAIDOC Week

Today the Church of Australia commemorates and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, as we begin NAIDOC Week across Australia. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

The "Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting

St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 7 July 2021 (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. No booking required. On arrival, register with the Check in Qld App. Doreen Cormack is our Guest Speaker. Enq.: Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901.

St Ignatius Parish, Toowong Annual Women's Night of Spirituality

With great pleasure, we will be presenting our 15th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. This year's speakers are Fr Richard Leonard SJ, World renowned Author and Speaker & Dr Danielle Anne Lynch, Theologian, Musician & Teacher at Marist College, Ashgrove. This year, you will need to book to attend this event to be held at St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong, on Wednesday 28 July (6pm Dinner | 7.30pm Event), or view from the comfort of your own home by streaming the event. All are welcome. Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/womens-night-of-spirituality-tickets-156038151311>. Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/RA7aRObyDsM>

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. You can find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Sunday Readings

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.*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (11 July)

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15 *Go, prophesy to my people.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 *Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.*

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 *He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.*

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