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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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 July 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

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.



NAIDOC Week Mass & NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) Acknowledgement Plaques



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 19 July

- 10.30am Funeral: Gladys McGrath – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 20 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (FHC) – Church

Wednesday 21 July

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (FHC) – Church

Thursday 22 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

Sunday 25 July

- 9.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Doug Jones, Marie Alizart **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Mavis McHugh, John Knight, Harry Pieper, Ross Holt, Patrick Boyle, Mick McErlain, Syd Stone, Victor Stone, Avelina C. Catay **and the recently deceased** Gladys McGrath, Kathleen Wong, Margaret Burke, Carmelo Catalano, Ken King.

COVID-19 Update on Restrictions

Restrictions until Saturday 24 July, 6.00am (subject to change)

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

Please keep in mind that if you are sick or experiencing any symptoms, get a COVID test and quarantine at home until you receive a negative result.

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).

No Regular Sunday Mass Bookings

With the Check In QLD app now mandatory for Places of Worship and that everyone needs to be checked-in via the Check In QLD app, there will no longer be bookings through Eventbrite or the Parish Office for our regular Sunday Masses. Eventbrite will only be used on special occasions, at this stage. This is because of the double handling between bookings and the Check In QLD app for our Marshals. It is more important that everyone is entered in via the Check In QLD app for contact tracing purposes.

Therefore it is first come, first in, up until the capacity limit, for coming to Mass. If you want to ensure you have a seat, please arrive early for Sunday Mass. This is particularly important if you are rostered on for a ministry at Mass.

The Catholic Leader

The July Edition of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop.



Sacramental Program 2021

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

- Tuesday 20 July, 7pm (Option 1)
- Wednesday 21 July, 7pm (Option 2)

St Martin's Attending Weekday 9am Mass

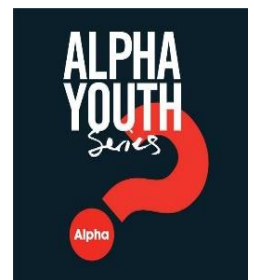
With the schools back for another term, we will be having classes from St Martin's join us for Weekday 9am Mass.

This week we have the Prep Classes, together with teachers and parents, join us on Thursday, 22 July.

Alpha Youth @ Our Lady of Graces

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.

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 engage youth better, helping them to 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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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 any 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>



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



NAIDOC Week Celebration Mass

Last Sunday, 11 July, at the 9am Mass, the Parish celebrated NAIDOC week. Present at this Mass were Ravina Waldrenn (Murri Ministry Coordinator), Marlon Riley (First Nations guest), Aunt Judy Brown and Aunt Iris Smith.

The Mass began with an Acknowledgment of Country and paying tribute to the traditional owners of the land. The playing of clap sticks accompanied the Entrance Procession.

At the time of the Penitential Act, Marlon Riley led an ancient Aboriginal custom of a smoking ceremony and he explained to the congregation the meaning and significance of such a custom. A smoking ceremony involves the smouldering of various native plants to produce smoke. This herbal smoke is believed to have cleansing properties and the ability to ward off bad spirits. Marlon proceeded to allow everyone in the congregation the opportunity to be 'blessed' by the sacred smoke by gathering it to themselves as he brought it close to each person.

At the end of Mass, Fr Alex blessed the NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) Acknowledgement Plaques. The NATSICC Plaques features the Parish Logo as well as the School Crests of St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College. The Parish plaque has been fixed to the outside of the church. The principals of St Martin's Primary School, Mr Andrew Oberthur, and San Sisto College, Mrs Shelley Hamilton, were present to receive their blessed plaque that they have taken back to their school.

A second plaque, blessed at the end of Mass, is seen as you exit the church and it reads:

Before you take another step, remember the Aboriginal Peoples that first walked this land.

With this plaque hangs above an Aboriginal cross made and painted locally by Aboriginal artist David Riley.

The Parish Social Justice Committee thanks everyone who was involved with bringing this special Mass together.

A few photos from the Mass last Sunday appear on the front page of Spread the Word this weekend and also on the Parish Facebook page.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

Vocation View

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place". Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

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.



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 at Mass.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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>

Check In QLD app

The Check In QLD app is now mandatory for Places of Worship.

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 or a marshal.



Sunday Readings

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (18 July)

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 *The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18 *Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 *They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (25 July)

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44 *They will eat and have some left over.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 *There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

Gospel: John 6:1-15 *He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

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