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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

Vol. 36 No. 29**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time****25 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

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.



Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

ALPHA YOUTH @ OUR LADY OF GRACES BEGINS THIS WEEK

- ❖ **Day:** Wednesday Nights from 28 July onwards
- ❖ **Time:** 6.30pm (Dinner), 7pm-8.30pm (Session)
- ❖ **Location:** Our Lady of Graces Parish Library

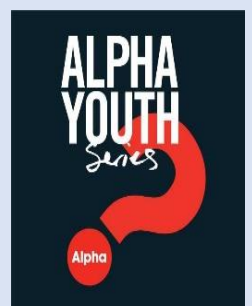
Those 15-20 years of age are invited to come along and get answers to some of life's questions.

Come and enjoy a free dinner, fellowship, and small group discussions about life and faith.

Alpha Youth offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics each week. Anyone is welcome. See you there!

For more information contact either

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 25 July

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

Monday 26 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 27 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 11.00am Funeral: Alfio Capri – Church
- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 28 July

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Alpha Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

Thursday 29 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Bahia Lazarus, Thelma Abel, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Pat & Una Kenny, Bernard & Shirley Barry, Mavis McHugh, John Knight, Harry Pieper, Ross Holt, Patrick Boyle, Mick McErlain, Syd Stone, Victor Stone **and the recently deceased** Alfio Capri, Michael Edward Griffin, Tracey Elizabeth Begley, Patricia Laspina, Gladys McGrath, Kathleen Wong, Margaret Burke.

COVID-19 Update on Restrictions

Restrictions from Friday 23 July, 6.00am

- Capacity restrictions will increase to 1 people per 2 square metres. This means that we can have up to 250 people in the church.
- You must still 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).

A Warm Thank You

Thank you to the wonderful Parish members who have been busy creating beanies and winter rugs for our clients of St Vinnies. This has come from the wool that many parishioners donated a couple of months ago.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Pope Francis earlier this year proclaimed and instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be held on the fourth Sunday of July each year, around the Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim (grandparents to Jesus).

Pope Francis has chosen the theme “*I am with you always*” (cf. Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. This promise of closeness and hope is one that can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith.

*I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress
since my youth!*

*I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my
life and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which You call me.*

*Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than
me, to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel
might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.*

*Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.*

Amen.

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection, which was postponed a couple of weeks ago, will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection at Masses this weekend.

Vocation View

Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patients. That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

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.



Novena to St Dominic

As we approach the Feast Day of St Dominic on 3 August, you are invited to participate in the Novena after Mass from Sunday 25 July. Novena prayer booklets are available from the Statue of St Dominic.

St Dominic's Feast Day

Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast Day of St Dominic. This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Death of St Dominic. For all the Masses we will use the readings for the feast. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there won't be the usual hospitality after these Masses.



His Mother's Dream

A boy named Dominic was born ... in the town of Caleruega. Before his mother conceived him, she saw in a vision that she would bear in her womb a dog who, with a burning torch in his mouth and leaping from her womb, seemed to set the whole earth on fire. This was to signify that her child would be an eminent preacher who, by "barking" sacred knowledge, would rouse to vigilance souls drowsy with sin, as well as scatter throughout the world the fire which the Lord Jesus Christ came to cast upon the earth. From infancy this child was carefully reared by his parents and a maternal uncle, an archpriest who lost no time training him in the practices of the Church. In this way the child, whom God had destined to be a vessel of election, was from his earliest years pervaded with an odour of holiness which always clung to him.

An extract from *the Libellus* of Blessed Jordan of Saxony.

Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund

Next weekend we will take up the Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund Collection, which provides Dominican priests and brothers with relief in circumstances caused by sickness, old age and retirement. Contributions \$10 and over are tax deductible. You may give via the following ways:

- Electronic Funds Transfer
Account Name: Dominican Fathers Retirement and Sickness Fund
BSB: 083-347 Account Number: 538283997
- Credit Card
www.givenow.com.au/DominicanFrsRetirementSickness
- Cheque or Cash
Donation envelopes are available from the tables near the main door of the church, and can be placed in the First Collection at Mass or dropped off to the Parish Office. Cheques are to be made out to "Dominican Province of the Assumption".

The Dominican Fathers are grateful of your support.

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>

Sacramental Program 2021

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 2 - Preparation Sessions

- Sunday 8 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 1)
- Tuesday 10 August, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 2)
- Sunday 15 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 3)

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>

Guided Retreat

Experience spiritual renewal and growth at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre where you'll be accompanied by spiritual director and Evangelisation Brisbane's Associate Director of Adult Formation, Shane Dwyer.

- 7pm Friday 27 August – 12pm Sunday 29 August
- Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)
- Live in attendees - \$350
- Live out attendees - \$180

Register / RSVP by Friday 13 August at app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreat2021

Social Justice Statement Launch

You are invited to the Brisbane Launch of the Social Justice Statement, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor". Bishop Ken Howell, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, will launch the Social Justice Statement, and Dr Maeve Heaney, Lecturer in Theology at ACU Brisbane and President of the Australian Catholic Theological Association, as guest speaker at the launch, will help to unpack the theological foundations of Laudato Si' which are the focus of this year's Social Justice Statement.

When: Wednesday 25 August, 7pm

Where: St James Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement>

Passio Youth Camp 2021

Awaken your best self with the Passionist Youth Retreat Team & Passionist Family Groups for 3 days of fun, games and inspiration! Young people get a chance to take a break from school and re-energise themselves in the natural forest of Mount Tamborine.

- Ages: 14 – 18 (Grades 9 – 12)
- Start Time: 4.00pm, Friday 1 October 2021
- End Time: 2.00pm, Sunday 3 October 2021
- Location: 255 Beacon Rd, Tamborine Mountain



Sunday Readings

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.*

St Dominic (1 August)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-19, Matthew 28:16-20 or Luke 10:1-9

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