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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

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted



as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the first-fruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

Prayer for Healthcare Workers in the Pandemic

With so much stress on our Health Care Workers in Queensland today, may we pray for them and let them know that we are truly appreciative of their dedication to the community.

*Loving God,
we pray in gratitude,
for all Health Care Workers
and for their families and friends.
We give thanks for their service
and we pray for their safety.
We ask your blessing on each of them.
Amen.*



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 16 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 17 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 18 August

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 19 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Saturday 21 August

- 3.30pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 22 August

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Jocelyn Bonney, Regina Platt, Bahia Lazarus, Thelma Abel, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Jo-Anne de Wolf, Mona Knight **and the recently deceased** Fr Dan Carroll.

Current COVID Safe Practices & Reminders

- Numbers are currently restricted to 125 people in Our Lady of Graces Church. It is first come, first in, up until the capacity limit is reached.
- Check in with the Check-In Qld App or with the Marshal.
- Wear a Mask.
- Use the Hand Sanitiser.
- Come early to Mass, so that everyone can be checked in before Mass begins.
- Social Distance - Keep 1.5 metres between you and others where possible.
- Remember to turn your phone off once you are seated in the church.
- No passing of the collection plate from person to person.
- Communion on the hand.
- Clean your seat & touched surfaces after Mass.

The Catholic Leader

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



Vocation View

A woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Hers is the most beautiful story of vocation, when Mary said, "Let it be done unto me according to thy will". Can you make the choice?

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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Alpha Youth @ Our Lady of Graces

Those between 15-20 years of age are invited to 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.

Day: Wednesday Nights, recommencing 25 August

Time: 6.15pm-8.30pm

Location: Our Lady of Graces Parish Library

For more information contact either

- Vilma Simbag 0433 514 634 / vsimbag@gmail.com
- Joe Corbett joecorbs13@gmail.com



The Annual Catholic Campaign will be held across all Parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane next weekend, 21-22 August. By supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign, our combined gifts can be a blessing to so many. Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests, and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.



For further information or to donate, you can go to <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/catholic-campaign/>

Sacramental Program 2021

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 3 - Preparation Sessions

- Sunday 22 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 1)
- Tuesday 24 August, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 2)
- Sunday 29 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 3)

Handmade Face Masks

Handmade material face masks are still available for sale from the parish office for \$10 each. These face masks are washable and have an insert for a replaceable filter.



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.

Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly 1

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

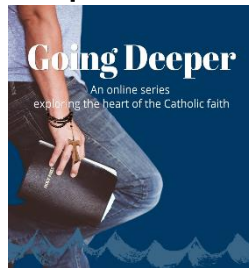
Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement>



Going Deeper Online Formation Experience

Do you often wonder 'what is this all for?' but don't know where to go to find the answer?

Enter into the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively with the 'Going Deeper' formation experience.



Going Deeper is a ten-session online series of pre-recorded discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life.

Going Deeper includes:

- Interview-style core content delivered by Associate Director Adult Formation, Shane Dwyer and Evangelisation Brisbane Executive Director, Deacon Peter Pellican
- Personal faith stories from Catholics across the Archdiocese
- Access to instructors from the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team
- Forums for discussion with other participants

Cost is \$50 for individuals / \$200 for groups.

To find out more or register for Going Deeper, visit www.goingdeeper.org.au

Quo Vadis Weekend (Saturday 28 August)

Hosted at the Holy Spirit Seminary and designed to help young men discern their calling to the ordained ministry, Quo Vadis allows each person to experience a glimpse of a seminarian's formation at the Seminary and what it means to be a Priest of Jesus Christ. Led by the vocation Brisbane office and joined by Guest speakers, the day will incorporate sessions and workshops that touch upon the life and ministry of the priest. In addition, the participants immersed themselves in the spiritual practices of the Seminary, including Mass, praying the Divine Office, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for personal private prayer. To register or further information, contact Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



St Vincent's welcomes three homes 'into the family'

St Vincent's Care Services, a Catholic aged care and retirement services provider, will purchase three residential aged care facilities in Queensland currently operated by PresCare.

St Vincent's Care Services, part of the St Vincent's Health Australia group, operates throughout Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

St Vincent's Care Services chief Lincoln Hopper said the acquisition of the homes in Carina and Corinda (Brisbane), and Douglas (Townsville) was an exciting milestone for the organisation and brings its total portfolio of residential aged care facilities to 23 throughout Australia.

"St Vincent's Care Services recognises the significant contribution that PresCare has made as a not-for-profit care provider to vulnerable older Australians for many years, and we intend to continue building on that legacy," Mr Hopper said.

"We are aligned in our approach to providing exceptional services for Australians and are grateful for the opportunity to continue to provide quality care to the residents of these facilities.

"We are pleased to welcome PresCare staff, residents, and their loved ones to the St Vincent's family and look forward to providing quality and compassionate support to those entrusted to our care."

The acquisition involves a total of 390 residential aged care beds – including 76 beds in dedicated special care units for residents diagnosed with dementia – as well as 300 employees.

One of the facilities based in Brisbane, which is newly-built and yet to open to residents, will include five rooms available to older people who are experiencing, or have a history of, homelessness.

CathNews, 6 August

WE NEED YOUR HELP - AND ACTION

We need you to help us ensure the euthanasia Bill is defeated. We need your action – **NOW**.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Pray all Queenslanders might respect Church teaching that life is sacred from conception until natural death and that our MPs support a fully funded palliative care system, negating the need for assisted suicide.

2. Arrange a meeting with YOUR local Member of Parliament

To find who they are

CLICK HERE
OR TYPE IN

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list>

3. Please also email your views to YOUR local Member of Parliament

CLICK HERE
OR TYPE IN

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

Please stand with the Queensland Bishops and medical experts in opposing this legislation.

Dying with dignity already exists - it lies in being able to access high quality palliative care statewide.

Sunday Readings

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August)

First Reading: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 *I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 *As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.*

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 *The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (22 August)

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 *We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 *This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Gospel: John 6:60-69 *Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

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