



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

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?



The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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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
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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 22 August

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

Monday 23 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 24 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

Wednesday 25 August

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 26 August

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

Sunday 29 August

- 12noon Baptisms – Church
- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Jocelyn Bonney, Regina Platt, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Margaret Mary Ansell-Vosti, Joyce Searle, Peter Joseph La Spina, Jo-Anne de Wolf, Mona Knight **and the recently deceased** Eileen Cheesman, Fr Dan Carroll.

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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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.



National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic

Parishes and other Catholic communities are being encouraged to participate in a National Day of Prayer today, Sunday 22 August. It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities, including the National Council of Churches Australia. The theme is "Lord have mercy" and it calls people to be especially united in prayer, both individually and, where possible, in our liturgies. Find out more at: www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/



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>



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: Wednesdays, recommencing 1 September

Time: 6.15pm-8.30pm

Location: Our Lady of Graces Parish Library

For more information contact either

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- Joe Corbett joecorbs13@gmail.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.

Vocare Magazine

Each year, the Archdiocesan Vocations Office produces a high quality magazine called Vocare. Vocare is an acknowledgement that it's God who calls us to discern his plan for our lives. This year the magazine is accessible online, which you can access via the following link <https://tinyurl.com/vocare2021>



Technology set for first Plenary Council assembly

Despite large parts of the country being in lockdown, those planning the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia say all is in readiness to deliver the first assembly in October wholly online.

Bishop Shane Mackinlay, the Plenary Council's vice-president, said the Council journey has adapted to changing circumstances because of COVID-19 – and it is adapting again.

"With most of the country's population currently in lockdown or having experienced lockdowns in recent weeks, we have plans in place to ensure the first assembly opens on October 3," he said.

"Just as there was disappointment in needing first to postpone the assembly and then to move to regional hubs, the likelihood that most members will now join the assembly from their home is not what we had planned and hoped for.

"We know, though, that the Holy Spirit can and will work through this assembly, just as the Spirit has led us over the past three-and-a-half years."

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said a huge amount of work had been done to prepare for the Council to be held in hubs, with each member participating on their own device.

"As a result, this shift to most people participating from home is a pivot rather than a major detour from what we were planning," she said.

"We are receiving exceptional support from technical experts within and beyond the Church to ensure that we can make the virtual assembly one that allows for the prayer, conversation, listening and discernment we've hoped for all along."

It is expected that, in some areas not affected by lockdowns, members will gather in small numbers for prayer, fellowship and socialising, as the experience of provincial hubs would have provided. *CathNews, 16 August*



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 for further information, contact Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

Season of Creation

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. The theme for 2021 is "A home for all? Renewing the oikos of God", oikos is the Greek word for home or household. All are welcome to join Queensland Churches Environment Network in celebrating the start of Season of Creation for 2021, from 7pm on Wednesday 1 September at the Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane).

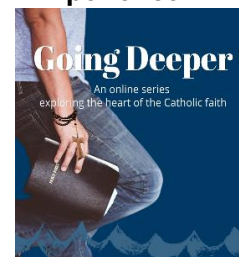
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Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly 1

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Sunday Readings

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.*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (29 August)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8 *You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.*

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 *Be doers of the word.*

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23 *You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

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