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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. 34 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 August 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

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22**

## CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

Today, Sunday 29 August, we celebrate Social Justice Sunday.

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:  
*Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.*

The statement invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

For a copy of the Social Justice Statement and other resources, including prayer cards, visit <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>. For those without internet access, a limited number of copies of the statement are available this weekend.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 29 August

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

#### Monday 30 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 31 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm Youth Ministry Workshop – Library

#### Wednesday 1 September

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

#### Thursday 2 September

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

#### Friday 3 September

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

#### Sunday 5 September

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – 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** Malcolm Gomez, Ron & Mavis Steele, Peter Hapuarachchi, Margaret Mary Ansell-Vosti, Joyce Searle, Peter Joseph La Spina **and the recently deceased** Joseph (Joe) Sherlock, Br Gordon Rochford, Eileen Cheesman.

### Current COVID Safe Practices & Reminders

- The number of people allowed in Our Lady of Graces Church is currently restricted. It is first come, first in, up until to the capacity limit.
- 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.

### Annual Catholic Campaign

Last weekend our parish held the Annual Catholic Campaign appeal, in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

A limited number of extra envelopes have been delivered to the parish for those who did not have the opportunity to make a gift last week. Envelopes can be returned via either collection at Mass or to the parish office. Your gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your generosity.

### Vocation View

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you'. Be doers of the word.



To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544, [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) or visit their website [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com).

### Evangelisation Brisbane

#### Regional Youth Ministry Workshop

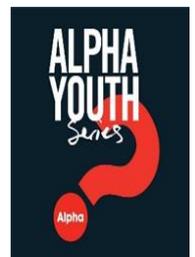
Evangelisation Brisbane are inviting anyone involved or interested in youth ministry to a Regional Youth Ministry Workshop that is happening this Tuesday, 31 August, 6pm-7.30pm at Our Lady of Graces Parish Library.

The purpose of the regional workshop is to help foster and develop leaders in our Church as well as a great chance to meet with leaders from around the area and hone skills in youth ministry.

To register your attendance for the workshop, go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/eastregionworkshop>

### 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 Nights

*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](mailto:vsimbag@gmail.com)
- Joe Corbett [joecorbs13@gmail.com](mailto:joecorbs13@gmail.com)

**Ember Days** (from the German *Quatember*, 'quarter day' or, as the Irish used to say, *Quarter Tense*) mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, they are observed in Australia on the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance.

*On Rogation and Ember days the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour, and to give thanks to him publicly.*

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**Parish 500 Card Group** will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 3 September in the Aquinas Room. New members are welcome.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



## Parish Financial Half Year Review: January – June 2021

As you can see, we are basically breaking even when comparing our income to expenses for the first six months of 2021. This has come from the Parish being as diligent as possible with expenses.

By way of comparison, our total income for the same January - June period in 2019 was \$143K and for 2021 it was \$125K. Therefore, we have seen a drop in approximately 18K over the two years. We understand that COVID has played a large part of this, especially with a drop in Mass attendance.

However, thank you to everyone who gives via either direct debit, credit card, the Parish Giving app, envelopes, or cash on the plate at Mass. We encourage anyone who is currently giving via envelopes or cash on the plate to consider giving via direct debit instead. Chris in the parish office can assist you with this.

The Parish Finance Council would like to acknowledge the outstanding support and stewardship of Patrick Andersen, whom after 9 years with the Finance Council has taken well earned leave. The Parish Finance Council would like you to pray and consider bringing your skills to the Council to help steer your Parish into the future. We meet around 6 times per year. Please reach out to Fr Alex to register your interest.

*Vern Brown, Chairperson ~ Parish Finance Council*

<b>Total Income January - June 2021</b>	
Collections & Giving	\$97,226.35
Liturgy Offerings	\$7,090.00
Ministry & Evangelisation	\$8,418.44
Operating Activities	\$12,308.21
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$125,043.00</b>

<b>Total Expenses January - June 2021</b>	
Office	\$4,017.30
Insurance, Utilities & Maintenance	\$36,975.61
Liturgy	\$3,286.38
Ministry & Evangelisation	\$2,926.50
Clergy	\$38.18
Motor Vehicle	\$2,549.10
Staff	\$65,212.19
Diocesan Levies	\$12,398.26
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$127,403.52</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**The “Spirit of Hope” City Monthly Prayer Meeting**  
St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 1 September 2021 (10.45am - 12.15pm) following the regular 10.00am Mass. Enq.: Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901.

### 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).

The event will also be livestreamed at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

### Farewell to Fr John Garrahy (Regina Caeli Parish)

Fr John Garrahy will celebrate his Final Mass at Regina Caeli Parish on Sunday 12 September, 10.30am, followed by complimentary BBQ Lunch and entertainment on ‘the Green’. Fr John has been part of the Brisbane East Deanery for many years, particularly in his role as Dean, and Regina Caeli Parish would be delighted for anyone from the deanery who would like to attend their farewell celebration. RSVP is essential, by Friday 3 September, to the Regina Caeli Parish Office ([reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3398 3697).

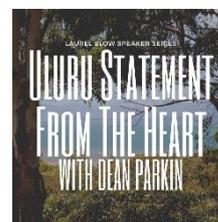
### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

live-out weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples, priests and religious. Friday evening 15 October - Sunday afternoon 17 October (including Mass) at Trinity College, Beenleigh, with going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings. For bookings and further details, please contact Maria and David Murphy on (07) 3342 1456 or [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au). Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)



### Laurel Blow Speaker Series

Are you interested in how we can better embrace reconciliation as a Church? Come to the next Laurel Blow Speaker Series event on Friday 24 September, 9.00am-2.00pm, Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston).



It will feature Dean Parkin (Director, From the Heart), unpacking the Uluru Statement From The Heart to illuminate the true meaning of the statement and why it is of significance to all Australians. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will then publicly endorse the statement, an historic moment for the Church in Brisbane and our relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. This event will include a Welcome to Country, Mass, and morning tea. For further information and to register for the event, visit <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/lblowseries2>

## Sunday Readings

### 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.*

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (5 September)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7 *Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5 *Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37 *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

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