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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 community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Nick Brodie

One of the most important messages in today's Gospel is that right speech follows from clear hearing. When Jesus cures the man, the signs of healing are that his ears open first, then his tongue starts working. As with everything Jesus said and did, this has wider implications for Christianity: a message needs to be heard before it can be proclaimed. Every preacher must be a listener first.

Jesus' vision of a listening Church is expressed many times in the Gospels and has endured throughout the centuries in diverse forms, from local synods to Ecumenical Councils. From long experience, the Church learned that by listening to the signs of the times Christians could better proclaim Christ to each new generation.

In our own time, as Pope Francis puts it, the Church needs 'to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. Environmental and human degradation are everywhere, crying out for remedy. In this Season of Creation we might ask ourselves whether we are good listeners. Do we listen to the warnings of scientists about climatic change, to the stories of climate refugees, or do we block our ears in closed-minded self-interest and ignore Jesus' command, 'Ephphatha' – be open.



Sunday Masses: 11-12 & 18-19 September

On the weekends of 11-12 September & 18-19 September we will have a number of children in the parish celebrating their First Holy Communion across the Sunday Masses.

With the likelihood of reaching our current COVID capacity limit at the First Holy Communion Masses, the Eventbrite Mass booking system will be used on these two weekends. This is to ensure you have a guaranteed seat.

Please go to the following links, which are also available on the parish website, to book in for Mass.

- 11-12 September (Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 9am & 5.30pm): www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sunday-mass-11-12-september-tickets-169023557009
- 18-19 September (Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am & 5.30pm): www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sunday-mass-18-19-september-tickets-169034892915 (No bookings for Sunday 7am Mass on 19 September)

For those without internet access, please phone the parish office to book.

Please note that booking in for Mass is in addition to checking in via the Check In Qld app when arriving at Mass with either your phone or the Marshal.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 5 September

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 6 September

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 7 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 4.00pm 1st Holy Communion Practice – Church

- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 8 September

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club

- 6.30pm Alpha Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

Thursday 9 September

- 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 Jocelyn Bonney, Regina Platt, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Peter Marrinan, Malcolm Gomez, Ron & Mavis Steele, Peter Hapuarachchi, Margaret Mary Ansell-Vosti, Joyce Searle, Peter Joseph La Spina **and the recently deceased** Fr Paul Purcell, John Meagher, Joseph (Joe) Sherlock, Br Gordon Rochford, Eileen Cheesman.

Fr Paul Purcell: Rest in Peace

We wish to advise that Fr Paul Purcell passed away on Sunday 29 August, aged 94, in Bendigo VIC.

Between 1992-1998, Fr Paul was Parish Priest of Our Lady of Graces. During Fr Paul's time at Carina, he oversaw a number of changes to the church including the completion of the Our Lady's Altar near the front door of the church as well as the current Choir Area.

The Funeral Mass for Fr Paul was held last Friday, 3 September, at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo.



Blessing of Fathers on Father's Day

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always

with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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The Catholic Leader

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



Vocation View

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So, take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

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.



Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October)

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray, protect, and advocate for God's creation.



During the 2021 Season of Creation, hundreds of thousands of Christians will be uniting around the theme "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God." For further information about the Season of Creation, go to www.seasonofcreation.org

National Child Protection Week & Safeguarding Sunday

This week, 5-11 September, is National Child Protection Week. The theme this year is "Every child, in every community, needs a fair go."

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) next Sunday, 12 September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.



Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

46th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church

This Tuesday, 7 September, we celebrate 46 years since the consecration and dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church. We will formally celebrate the anniversary at both the 6.30am & 9am Masses.

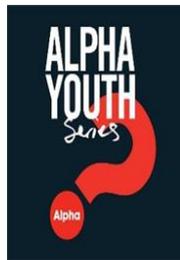


Celebrating the anniversary gives us, the local Church, the opportunity to give thanks for the faith that has been passed on from generation to generation and pray for continued blessings and renewal.

OLOG Diners will meet for dinner at Pacific Golf Club (Pine Mountain Road, Carindale) on Wednesday 8 September at 6pm. Wednesday night is Members Night with 10% off on Meals. All parishioners are welcome.

Alpha Youth @ Our Lady of Graces

Those between 15-20 years of age are invited to come and join other youth for 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: 6.30pm-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

Transport Request: Sunday 7am Mass

The parish has had a request from a parishioner who lives in Nurstead Street, Camp Hill, for transport to and from the Sunday 7am Mass each week.

If you are able to assist, even once a fortnight or month, please contact the parish office for further information including safeguarding requirements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



COVID Safe Practices & Reminders

- Come early to Mass, so that everyone can be checked in before Mass begins.
- Check in with the Check-In Qld App. If you do not have access to the Check-In Qld App, please see the Marshal.
- Wear a Mask.
- Sanitise your hand when you enter the church.
- Social Distance - Keep 1.5 metres between you and others where possible.
- 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.



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Fan the Flame - Towards Plenary Assembly 1

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

March for Life Brisbane

Please join in saying NO to the Qld euthanasia & assisted suicide Bill on Saturday 11 September. Meet at Speakers' Corner, Parliament House, corner Alice & George Streets, Brisbane. COVID check-in is at 2:30pm for a 3pm rally with march afterwards.

St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea

Inviting all mothers of Terrace Old Boys to join in Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 12 September, 9am-12pm at the Chapel of the Holy Family, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill. The cost for morning tea is \$25. RSVP is required by Thursday 9 September via the following link <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-terrace-past-mothers-mass-and-gathering>

Legion of Mary Centenary Mass

Please join us in celebrating the 100th year founding anniversary of the Legion of Mary at the 10am Mass on Sunday 12 September at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Refreshments will be provided after Mass in the Hanly Room (beside the Cathedral). Please RSVP to lombribanecomitium@outlook.com or text message 0412 694 036 / 0452 297 560.

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>

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on *Saturday 25 September commencing at 11.30am*. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** via the following link: <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or phone the Cathedral office on 3324 3030.

Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass

Celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we unite in a colourful display of the celebration of the Eucharist at the annual Multicultural Mass on Sunday 26 September, 2.30pm-4.30pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen. To register for the Multicultural Mass, please go to <https://annualmulticulturalmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Sunday Readings

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.*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (12 September)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9 *I gave my body to those who struck me.*

Second Reading: James 2:14-18 *Faith without good works is dead.*

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35 *You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

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