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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am & 5.30pm
10.30am (Italian)

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday - 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

After Jesus spoke of a future involving personal suffering and political rejection Peter remonstrated with him. Jesus in turn rebuked Peter, explaining that such thinking was not of God. Much of the import of this short exchange seems to hinge on the openness of Jesus' assertions. Peter reacted not only to what Jesus said but the way he said it. Jesus' warnings were not given in secret but declared openly.

It is rather understandable that Peter was worried. Perhaps he thought that Jesus would attract unwanted attention from the authorities, or that his gloomy talk would put off potential followers. Either way, Jesus was having none of it. The truth, however dangerous or unpopular, should not be hidden.

Hearing this Gospel during the Season of Creation we might contemplate what truths get hushed up today. Do we encourage our leaders to speak openly about pollution and climate change, or do we collude in their silences? Does our society condemn or condone littering? Are our parishes in environmental denial, or models of sustainability and ecological responsibility? Ultimately, facing even the darkest future with hopeful action is a key part of Jesus' message. Christ's followers are called to bear their share of the cross and face tomorrow's problems today.



Congratulations to the Children Receiving their First Holy Communion

Since the middle of June, 113 children have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Over this next week we warmly welcome the children, with their families, in celebrating their First Holy Communion.

We pray for all the children as they celebrate this important occasion in their lives.

In receiving their Holy Communion for the first time, the children complete their Christian Initiation which began with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Early next year the children will continue their formation process in preparing to celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 13 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 14 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 15 September

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Alpha Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

Thursday 16 September

- 9.30am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Saturday 18 September

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Frano Zubar, Noah Riley, Regina Platt, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Br Greg Ross Palmer, Peter Marrinan, Malcolm Gomez, Ron & Mavis Steele, Peter Hapuarachchi, **and the recently deceased** Ron Brooks, Fr Paul Purcell, John Meagher, Joseph (Joe) Sherlock, Br Gordon Rochford.

The Catholic Leader

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



Thank You: Legion of Mary

A thank you goes out to the Legion of Mary who have provided memento bags for the First Holy Communion children this year. These will be distributed to the first communicants across the Masses over this next week. The thoughtfulness and generosity of the Legion of Mary is greatly appreciated. Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate



Vocation View

We do not promote an easy life. But then no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow me". Pray for the gift of being able to accept our vocation.



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.

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.

Safeguarding Sunday

The Catholic Church in Australia today, Sunday 12 September, marks Safeguarding Sunday.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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.

Did you know that each Parish in the Archdiocese of Brisbane has a Local Safeguarding Representative?

The LSR is responsible for:

- Making sure that the whole parish is aware of the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- Promoting safe practices including articulating for others what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour; and
- Assisting in the implementation of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy in the Parish

The Local Safeguarding Representative for Our Lady of Graces Parish Carina is Carmen Kee, who can be contacted on 0414 142 253.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Brisbane East Deanery Meeting

The next Brisbane East Deanery (BED) Meeting will be held this coming Thursday, 16 September, 7pm for a 7.30pm start, at St Thomas', Camp Hill (carpark entrance via Stephen St). All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting. Please RSVP to reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au or 3398 3697.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Padre Pio - Marian Valley, Canungra

The Italian Community of Brisbane and Gold Coast invites all devotees of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina to the Annual Pilgrimage to Marian Valley, Canungra, on Saturday 18 September 2021. Program: 10.30am Rosary, 11.00am Way of the Cross, 12.30pm Mass, followed by procession to the Chapel. All services will be in Italian. BYO lunch. A bus will be departing Holy Cross, Woolloowin. Places are limited, please contact Nerina La Spina on 3357 1220 for bus bookings.

Mass Bookings Next Weekend

Next weekend, 18-19 September, at the Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 5.30pm Masses, we will have the remaining children celebrating their First Holy Communion. With the likelihood of reaching our current COVID capacity limit at these Masses, we encourage you to book in so as to guarantee yourself a seat.

Please go to the parish website or call the parish office during this week to book in for Mass.

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 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



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>

Centacare Mental Health Hub

If you, or anyone in your family, is seeking better mental wellbeing and would like a pleasant morning with a caring and supportive group in a faith setting, you are most welcome to join the folk at the Centacare Mental Health Hub at 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, any day Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm (Mass at 12pm on Fridays with a pizza lunch afterwards). For more details please call 3324 3193, or just come along and you will be most welcome.



Younger Members Prepare to Step Forward

Two of the youngest members of the forthcoming Plenary Council have discussed the important role they will play in describing their experience of being Catholic, and those of their peers.

Matthew Brown, 20, is the youngest member of the Plenary Council and is one of five members from the Bathurst Diocese.

"I was a little hesitant at first because I didn't really appreciate what a plenary council entailed. But after some discernment, I knew this was such a landmark event for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia and such a great opportunity for youth to be represented," Mr Brown said.

He attributes his strong faith and commitment to serving the community to his education at James Sheahan High in Orange, where he was heavily influenced by its dual charism of the De La Salle Brothers and the Mercy Sisters.

Mr Brown said he wants to build upon that spirit of serving those in greatest need through the Plenary Council – the first such event in Australia in more than 80 years.

"I really want to see a Church more open to serving the marginalised, especially Indigenous Australians who have such a beautiful spirituality we can learn from," he said.

Adelaide Archdiocese lay Plenary Council member Maddy Forde, 25, is speaking to as many young people as possible to ready herself for her involvement in the Plenary Council process.

"As a woman who has grown up in the Church, been involved in youth groups and walked alongside young people daily, I felt it was important that our voices were heard," she said.

"As I have realised working alongside young people, we have a lot to learn from them so I think it's important that we are recognised as having wisdom in new ways. This concept of two-way learning, and two-way listening, is extremely important."

Details: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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