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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

PARISH TEAM

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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

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!

While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service.

The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains.

Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.



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. This weekend we warmly welcome the remaining 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 20 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 21 September

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Wednesday 22 September

- 6.30pm Alpha Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

Friday 24 September

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Jocelyn Bonney, Frano Zubar, Noah Riley, Regina Platt, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Joe Bobbermien, Matteo Rostagno, Nicholas Michael Rostagno, Br Greg Ross Palmer, Peter Marrinan **and the recently deceased** Jacinta Coastantino, Fr Callixtus Tavisibatu O.P., Ron Brooks, Fr Paul Purcell, John Meagher.

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. The thoughtfulness and generosity of the Legion of Mary is greatly appreciated.

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate



Vocation View

When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all", many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

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.

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.



Brisbane City Council Footpath Work

The Brisbane City Council wish to advise of scheduled footpath work for Mayfield Road between the library pathway and the San Sisto College driveway. This work is scheduled to occur, weather permitting, between 7.00am Saturday 18 September and 5.00pm Friday 8 October.

It is kindly asked that you assist by **not parking** your vehicle within the work zone during construction times.

As a result of the upgrade work you may experience temporary inconvenience, including traffic diversions and detours, noise associated with the use of construction tool, dust, and minor delays.

2022 - Daily Mass Book, Break Open the Word & Ordo

We are taking orders for the following annuals:

- Daily Mass Books \$24
- Break Open the Word \$24
- Ordos \$15

To order, please either contact the parish office or place your order and payment in an envelope and drop the envelope into either collection at Mass.

Orders are required by **12.30pm, Friday 29 October**. This allows for the ordered books to be available before the new liturgical year commencing on 28 November.

2022 DAILY MASS BOOK



BREAK OPEN THE WORD



2022 THE BOOK FOR READERS

St Vincent de Paul News

SVdP Carina Conference would like to thank everyone for their continual support in many different ways. **We are needing some new members to assist.** If interested, please contact Barbara on 0438 982 140. Further details about becoming a member of SVdP will be provided in Spread the Word next weekend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

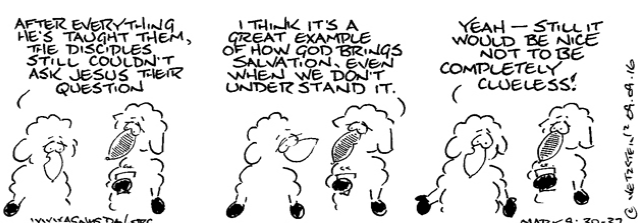


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Email us at carina@bne.catholic.net.au to be added to the email distribution list.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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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 are available via <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.



Passio Youth Camp 2021

Awaken your best self with the Passionist Youth Retreat Team & Passionist Family Groups for 3 days of fun, games and inspiration! Young people get a chance to take a break from school and re-energise themselves in the natural forest of Mount Tamborine.



- Ages: 14 – 18 (Grades 9 – 12)
- Start Time: 4.00pm, Friday 1 October 2021
- End Time: 2.00pm, Sunday 3 October 2021
- Location (inc. Accommodation): 255 Beacon Rd, Tamborine Mountain

To book, go to <https://passionistyouth.com.au/camp>

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. Information website: www.wwme.org.au



Nullarbor priest takes care of 'soul' parishioner

From bustling Manila to the quiet Nullarbor Plain, Fr Harold Camonias (pictured right) has found that no journey is too long or difficult when God not only sends and accompanies you but even meets you at the destination.



Heading off to say Mass, Fr Camonias packs his car with all the necessities including firewood, water, a sleeping bag, tent and camp stove.

After a long and solitary drive (a 500-kilometre round trip), Fr Camonias arrives and unlocks the Church and prepares to celebrate Mass ... for one.

Gerry Agnew is the "soul" parishioner in Leigh Creek, a former coal-mining town with a population of around 200. Living on his own, the 60-something-year-old local arrived from Ireland "many, many, years ago" and remembers a time when it was standing room only at Mass.

Fr Camonias is the parish priest of Flinders Ranges, which includes Quorn, Hawker, Carrieton, Leigh Creek and surrounds, in the Port Pirie Diocese, which occupies 980,000 square kilometres, most of the state of South Australia including spiritual Uluru (Ayers Rock).

He believes the region should be known as the "soul" not the centre of Australia, and says his vocation is inspired by Catholics like Gerry who despite receiving the Eucharist only a few times a year has such strong faith.

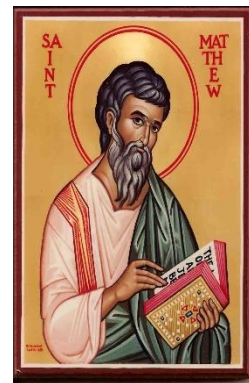
He said he believes it's God's will that he spreads the Good News and leads people into personal encounters and relationships with Christ wherever they are, including Leigh Creek.

CathNews, published 13 September 2021

Saint Matthew (21 September)

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and said, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.



Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way.

Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. © www.catholic.org

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