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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

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'



Prayer for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider. We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters.
Amen.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 27 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 28 September

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 10.30am Funeral: Maureen Barnewall – Church

Wednesday 29 September

- 6.30pm Alpha Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

Thursday 30 September

- 10.30am Funeral: Neil Salm – Church

Friday 1 October

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 3 October

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

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

First Holy Communion: Thank You

Over the last couple of weeks, we celebrated First Holy Communion for the children of our parish. Thank you to everyone who assisted at the Masses and the preparation leading up to these celebrations. *Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate*



Brisbane City Council Footpath Work

The Brisbane City Council are currently working on scheduled footpath maintenance along Mayfield Road between the library pathway and the San Sisto College driveway. This work is scheduled for completion, weather permitting, by 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.

Vocation View

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's Call.

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.



Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 1 October in the Aquinas Room. New members are more than welcome.



Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Please note that Monday 4 October is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Therefore Mass on this day will be celebrated only at 8.00am and the parish office will be closed.

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 on Thursday 28 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



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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

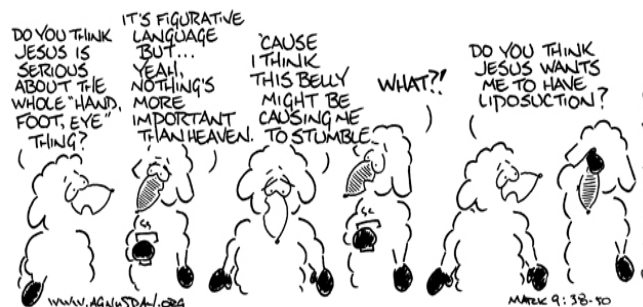


Spread the Word via Email

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Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favour meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided.

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An Extract of the Message from Pope Francis for the 107th World Day of Migrant & Refugees 2021 Towards An Ever Wider "We"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: *"Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'"* (No. 35).

For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*, in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

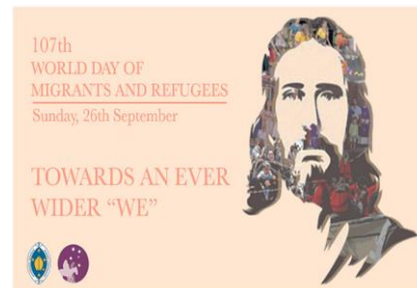
I invite all men and women in our world to make good use of the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us to preserve and make his creation even more beautiful. "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back'" (Lk 19:12-13).

The Lord will also demand of us an account of our work! In order to ensure the proper care of our common home, we must become a "we" that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations. Ours must be a personal and collective commitment that cares for all our brothers and sisters who continue to suffer, even as we work towards a more sustainable, balanced and inclusive development. A commitment that makes no distinction between natives and foreigners, between residents and guests, since it is a matter of a treasure we hold in common, from whose care and benefits no one should be excluded.

<https://migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/>

May St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of immigrants, pray for immigrants today who come to our shores seeking refuge and opportunity. May this great saint, who was an immigrant himself, pray for us, that those of us who are established here, may welcome with open hearts and hands, the newly arrived immigrants in our midst. <https://stfrancisnyc.org/feasts-of-st-patrick-and-st-joseph/>

Parish Social Justice Group



COMMUNITY NEWS

Plenary Council First Assembly Masses

Through the Listening and Dialogue phase, along with the Listening and Discernment phase, parishes and faith communities' right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Please remember to wear a mask to comply with COVID requirements. A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:

Opening Mass - Sunday 3 October, 12 noon

<https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Closing Mass - Sunday 10 October, 10.00am

<https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

May the Spirit lead us and inspire us.

All Hallows' School 50th Year Reunion

The class of 1971 and anyone who shared the journey is invited to attend our 50th Year Reunion Gathering at Cloudland, 641 Ann Street, Saturday 30 October at 1pm. Bookings can be made at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ahs-class-of-71-reunion-tickets-166265242817. Please direct any enquiries to Anne Marie Troutman on 0408495094 or amtrout@bigpond.net.au



'Never Too Old'

Mercy Community invites you to come along and celebrate as a community at our market-style event on the lawn

Lots of things to see and do!

Date: Friday, 8 October 2021
Time: 10:00am - 1:30pm
Venue: 131 Queens Road, Nudgee (the Lawn)
Cost: Free | All welcome!

This year, Seniors Month is all about celebrating Social Connections, connecting people of all ages, cultures, and abilities, celebrating the important and essential roles older people play in our communities.



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Go and watch Archbishop Mark's support YouTube clip of Worldwide Marriage Encounter Australia www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44

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.wvme.org.au

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