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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

Vol. 36 No. 42 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 October 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

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?



Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

Have you thought? On the side of the road ...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 24 October

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Monday 25 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 26 October

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 27 October

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

- 6.30pm Alpha-Youth – Carindale Library

Thursday 28 October

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

Sunday 31 October

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Marie Atkinson, Olivia Joses, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Jenny DeHaas, Guillermo Amante, Nelia Amante, Jennifer De Haas **and the recently deceased** Regina Platt, Maureen Prior, Fr Karl Emerick O.P., Domenico Casagrande, Lillian Sun, Angelo Vasta, Irene Balzano.

World Mission Sunday & Catholic Mission

Today, Sunday 24 October, is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis has written a message for World Mission Sunday, which is available via the below link. www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/index.html#messages.

We thank our student ambassadors for speaking to us this weekend about Catholic Mission.

Vocation View

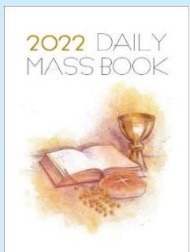
'Master, Grant that I may see'. The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness God's love.

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.

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

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

To order, please contact the parish office by **12.30pm this Thursday, 28 October**.



People's Day Public Holiday

Please note that Mass this Friday, 29 October, will be celebrated at 8.00am only due to the People's Day Public Holiday. The parish office will also be closed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day Mass Times

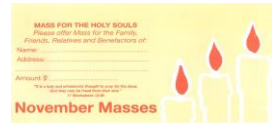
Mass Times for All Saints' Day (Monday 1 November) and All Souls' Day (Tuesday 2 November) will be the usual 6.30am & 9.00am Masses each day.

The Italian Community will celebrate a Mass for All Saints' Day on Monday 1 November at 7.00pm.

November - Month of Remembrance

- November Mass Offering Envelopes

November Mass Offering Envelopes (yellow envelopes with red print) will be available from the tables near the church entrance from Monday 25 October. When you fill in the envelope, **please print clearly** so they can be easily read. Envelopes can be returned via the basket in front of the Book of Remembrance, either collection at Sunday Mass, or to the parish office.



- Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, which lists the names of your departed loved ones, will be displayed on the sanctuary during the Month of November. To alleviate the sharing of pens and paper under our COVID Safe Plan, please do not enter names into the Book of Remembrance. Instead, fill in a November Mass Offering Envelope and return via one of the ways listed above. The parish office staff will then enter the names from the returned envelopes into the Book of Remembrance.

Sacramental Program Overview Meeting

The Sacraments are both a celebration of milestones in our faith development, and a source of ongoing grace for our faith life and Christian relationships with God and others.



The Sacramental Program Overview Information Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2 November, 7.00pm - 8.00pm in Our Lady of Graces Church**.

The meeting is open to parents of children who will be in Year 3 or above in 2022, and would like to begin or continue their Sacramental journey toward Confirmation, First Communion or Penance.

Fr Alex and Shelly will provide a general overview of the Sacraments and aspects specific to Our Lady of Graces Parish.

The Sacramental Enrolment Form for 2022 will be available for children new to the Sacramental Program. Penance preparation handouts will also be available for parents whose children are nearing the end of their Sacramental Program journey.

For further information, contact Shelly at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 / sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Program 2022 - Volunteers Required

In 2022, we are hoping to combine the best elements of the Sacramental Preparation for children. Essentially we want to utilise current content, but reintroduce small groups for a more interactive and enjoyable faith learning experience.

To do this, we require volunteers.

To get involved, register your interest or find out more information, please contact Shelly at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 / sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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Picnic in the Valley

Members of our Parish Pastoral Council are organising a Sunday Morning "Picnic in the Valley", so as to allow an opportunity for parishioners and families to connect with each other.

- **Date:** Sunday 7 November
- **Time:** After 9.00am Mass
- **Location:** The Valley (St Martin's School Oval)
- **What to Bring:** Picnic blanket / chair, food, drinks

A coffee van has been organised to be onsite for those who want to purchase their own coffee. There is also some simple kids' activities being planned.

Brisbane East Deanery

Mass, BBQ Breakfast & Planning Meeting

The Brisbane East Deanery (BED) Mass, BBQ Breakfast and Planning Meeting is Saturday 13 November, 9am start, at Regina Caeli Parish, 81 Waverley Rd Camp Hill. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the Regina Caeli Parish e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au or p: 3398 3697.

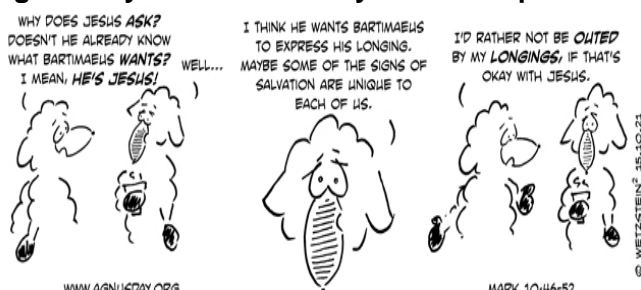
Communion at Home Ministry

The parish is desperately looking for more people who would be interested in being part of the Communion at Home Ministry. The involvement would be once a month for 30 minutes. For further information or to express your interest in this ministry, contact Suzanne Schultz on 0425 544 005.

Marshals Required

We are in need of some additional Marshals to assist at the Sunday 9am & 5.30pm Masses, as well as the Weekday 9am Masses. This is so to allow us to spread the load of those who already Marshal at our Masses. For further information or if you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



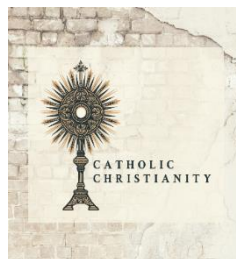
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Christianity Podcast



Can science disprove God? Is it valid to say that it's true for you but not true for me? Is there more to the human experience than what science can measure? Find out in episode one of the Catholic Christianity podcast, Season One: Reasons to Believe.

Subscribe on your preferred podcast platform or watch on YouTube via www.youtube.com/channel/UCFL1x9xk9DzQRD309L0imDQ/videos. You can find out more information at www.catholicchristianity.org

Anglican Roman Catholic Reconciliation Service

Each year people from the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba and the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland (the Diocese of Brisbane) gather to pray with and for one another for a greater mutual understanding and reconciliation.



This year's service will be hosted by our Archdiocese at St Stephen's Cathedral and the theme is centred on the Season of Creation: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:32-34). Save Thursday 4 November at 11am into your diary and find out more via www.facebook.com/events/263276095690241

Synod of Bishops

Last Sunday dioceses around the world launched local preparations for the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission".

The Catholic Church in Australia invite the People of God to make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



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