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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. 43 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 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

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'



It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.



Picnic in the Valley

An opportunity for parishioners & families to re-connect with each other.

**Sunday 7 November
after 9.00am Mass**

The Valley (St Martin's School Oval)

Bring your own blanket / chair, food and drinks for a picnic brunch.
A coffee van will be onsite for those who want to purchase a coffee.
There will also be simple children activities.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 31 October

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Monday 1 November

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Mass – Church

Tuesday 2 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Sacramental Program Meeting – Church
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 3 November

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 6.30pm Alpha-Youth – Carindale Library

Thursday 4 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

Friday 5 November

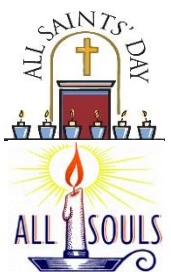
- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 7 November

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 10.00am Picnic in the Valley – School Oval

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Sonja Robinson, Marie Atkinson, Olivia Joses, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Engracia Janson, John Matson, Neal Herd, 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.

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.

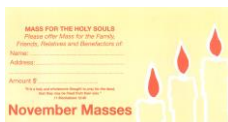
The Italian Community will celebrate a Mass for All Saints' Day on Monday 1 November at 7.00pm.

November - Month of Remembrance - November Mass Offering Envelopes

November Mass Offering Envelopes (yellow envelopes with red print) are available from the tables near the church entrance. 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

Key Dates for the Sacramental Program: 2022

- Thur. 10 Feb - Penance Preparation begins
- Thur. 22 Feb - Confirmation Parent Meeting
- Tue. 1 Mar - Confirmation Enrolments close
- Tue. 31 May - Sacrament of Confirmation
- Tue. 21 Jun - 1st Communion Parent Meeting
- Sat. 10 & Sun. 11 Sept } First Holy
- Sat. 17 & Sun. 18 Sept } Communion Masses

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

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

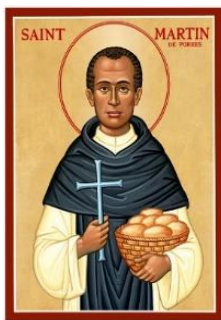
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Feast of St Martin de Porres (3 November)

This Wednesday we celebrate the Feast Day of St Martin de Porres, who is a Patron Saint of the Parish and whom our parish primary school is named after.

St. Martin de Porres, religious, who lived a life of fasting, prayer and penance as a Dominican lay brother. He was born in Peru of a Spanish knight and a Negro woman from Panama. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, and for that reason his noble father eventually turned the boy out of his house. After a turn as a surgeon's apprentice, the young man joined the Dominicans as a lay brother and was put in charge of the infirmary of a priory in Lima. Soon he was caring for the sick of the city and the slaves brought to Peru from Africa — not to mention the animals with which he is often pictured. Martin had the gift of miracles; and although he had no formal training, he was often consulted on theological questions by great churchmen of his day. St. Rose of Lima and Bl. John Massias were among his close friends. He is unofficially called the patron of social justice.

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Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 5 November in the Aquinas Room. This will be their last gathering for 2021. New members are more than welcome.



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 Regina Caeli Parish e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au or p: 3398 3697.

Requests for Exemptions from Covid-19 Vaccination on Religious Grounds

The Archdiocese of Brisbane follows Pope Francis's lead in supporting vaccination for all except those with a valid medical exemption. For Catholics, there is no legitimate reason to seek an exemption on religious grounds.

You can learn more about Pope Francis's recent encouragement to all to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines in the link below. Pope Francis referred to it as 'an act of love.' www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html.

We do recognise that some Catholics have concerns about the origins of the cell-line associated with the development of the AstraZeneca vaccine. If this is a concern for you then the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provide two alternatives that avoid this issue.

In summary, clergy in this Archdiocese cannot endorse an exemption on religious grounds for the Covid-19 vaccine.

Bishop Ken Howell

Synod of Bishops 2021-2023

On Sunday, 17 October 2021, dioceses around the world launched local preparations for the Synod of Bishops. The Catholic Church in Australia is inviting the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that is now open. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church globally.

The three dimensions of the Synod are **Communion, Participation and Mission**. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the pillars of a Synodal Church. There is no hierarchy between them. Rather, each one enriches and orients the other two.

All group and individual submissions will be focused on one of the three dimensions. Participation can be via a small group discernment process utilising the **Listening and Discernment Adult Guide** or individually with the **Individual Reflection Guide**.

To access copies of the **Listening and Discernment Adult Guide** and **Individual Reflection Guide** please visit www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

The Synod Listening and Discernment group process is very similar to what was used in the Archdiocese of Brisbane during the Plenary Council Listening and Discernment phase. Therefore any parish that facilitated the group Plenary Council sessions will be familiar with the flow of the Synod consultation process. The recommended time for each group Listening and Discernment process is 1.5hrs.

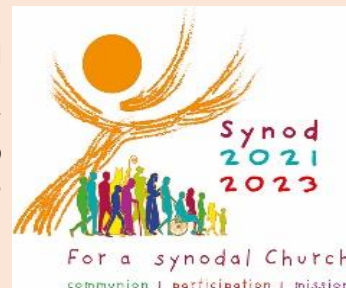
For those wanting to participate in the consultation period as an individual can do so with the **Individual Reflection Guide**. This guide is based on Lectio Divina. The Individual Reflection Guide is made to be used with the **Questions for Reflection**. The recommended time for each Individual Reflection process is 30mins.

The Submission Process

Individuals and groups are asked to submit their summarised reflections directly to the National Centre for Pastoral Research via the website: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

The consultation period with local churches runs from **17 October to 12 December 2021**

To see a detailed timeline for the Synod journey please visit the following website link: www.catholic.org.au/images/Synod_of_Bishops_Plenary_Council_Timeline.pdf



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