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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

Vol. 36 No. 44 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 November 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

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.



Picnic in the Valley

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

**TODAY, 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 7 November

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

Monday 8 November

- 7.00pm Italian Mass – Church
- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 9 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 10 November

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 11 November

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

Friday 12 November

- 10.30am Funeral – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Sonja Robinson, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Mark Roff, Engracia Janson, John Matson, Neal Herd, Jenny DeHaas, Guillermo Amante, Nelia Amante, Jennifer De Haas **and the recently deceased** Zita Parolin, Regina Platt, Maureen Prior.

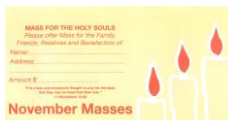
November - Month of Remembrance

- 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.



Brisbane East Deanery Meeting CANCELLED

The Brisbane East Deanery Mass, BBQ Breakfast and Planning Meeting that was scheduled for Saturday 13 November has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled to sometime in the new year.

Alpha-Youth Celebratory Mass

This past week, the Alpha-Youth group completed their weekly gathering for fellowship and small group discussions about life and faith. As part of completing the Alpha-Youth course, the group will gather at 5.30pm Mass next Sunday, 14 November, for a Celebratory Mass.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 'Come & See'

Do you know someone who is questioning about becoming a Catholic?

If so, please invite them along to a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'Come & See' evening on *Monday 15 November, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library*. For further information about the 'Come & See' evening or the RCIA program, contact Shelly at the parish office on sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au / 3398 2977.



Sacramental Program 2022

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The session dates handout for Penance, in February and March 2022, is available from the parish office.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office. Enrolments close on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

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

Hospitality After Mass

With the stability of COVID at this time, we are in a comfortable position to start to bring back Hospitality after our Sunday Masses. In the Pre-Covid world, this was known as Cuppa 'n' Chat, which was held each week after the Sunday 9am Mass.

This time around, however, we would like to give each Mass Community the opportunity to start up Hospitality After Mass. To start off with, we would be looking at once a month. However if there was enthusiastic interest at a particular Mass Time, hospitality after Mass could be provided more regularly at that Mass Time.

To start up Hospitality After Mass, we need volunteers who are willing to help set up, serve, and pack up afterwards. If you are willing to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

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 still short of volunteers to assist as Marshals at the Sunday 9am Mass and the Weekday 9am 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.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

At this time of the year the members of St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces are busy starting to prepare Christmas Hampers for a number of families and individuals in need within our local community. This year as in previous years Parish Members have a variety of ways that they may like to be involved to assist with this Christmas Appeal -



- Donation of non-perishable Christmas foods.
- Donation of toiletries.
- Donation of grocery gift cards or store gift cards.
- Financial donations.
- Sponsor of a family in need in our local community.

If you would like to find out further information about this important Appeal, please contact myself directly on 0438 982 140 or brdougherty@bigpond.com.

To donate via bank transfer, please use the following account details:

- St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina
- BSB: 064 786
- Account Number: 100026584

Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Barbara Dougherty
President, SVdP Our Lady of Graces*

Reminders Regarding Mask Requirements

- Masks should be worn while entering and leaving the Place of Worship
- Masks should be worn while processing to receive Communion
- Readers may remove their mask at the microphone
- Cantor(s) and choir members may remove their masks to sing as long as they can maintain at least 1.5 metres physical distance
- If seated, masks are not required to be worn even if less than 1.5m apart
- Priests & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion should wear a mask while distributing communion (as they would be standing and less than 1.5m apart)

Parish Shop News

The Catholic Leader

The November Edition of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4 this weekend.

Advent & 2022 Resources

The following Advent & 2022 Resources will be available next weekend, 13-14 November.

- Blessed Reflection Book (\$5)
- New Life in Christ Reflection Book (\$5)
- Christmas Isn't Just One Day Children Activity Book + Advent Calendar (\$2)
- 2022 Columban Calendars (\$10)



COMMUNITY NEWS

Position Vacant: Parish Secretary, Jubilee Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish (Paddington). A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a full-time position of Parish Secretary working 38 hours a week. For additional information, please visit <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>.

Applications close: 14 November 2021

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Sistine Chapel Exhibition: 27 October - 2 January

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Tickets: Adults for \$22 per person; VIP Adult \$28 per person; Seniors or students \$17.60 per person, VIP Senior or Student \$23; Children for \$15.50 per person
Venue: The Ice Cream Factory, Level 2, West Village, 97 Boundary Road, West End 4101.

Visit <https://feverup.com/m/101306> for bookings

Passing on the Flame Women's Gathering

All Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to 'Passing on the Flame' by Spirited Women, an evening of conversation as Catholic women share their experience of church, their call to discipleship, phases of life, and challenges and their hopes for the Church of the future.



The night will include a networking opportunity and a multigenerational guest panel of Catholic women who will inspire us with their stories (Jan Heath, Natalie Lindler, and Olivia Brown).

- Time: 5:45pm – 8pm
- Date: Thursday 25th November (this is a new date due to previous COVID postponement)
- Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane City)
- Cost: \$20 (\$15 for concession)

For more information or to register, head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/spiritedwomen>

Brisbane Sings Messiah

The Queensland Choir's biennial performance of *Brisbane Sings Messiah* will be held on Sunday 28 November 2021, 3:00 pm - 5:45 pm, at Brisbane City Hall. Go to qldchoir.com/concerts/brisbane-sings-messiah-2021/ for tickets and more information.

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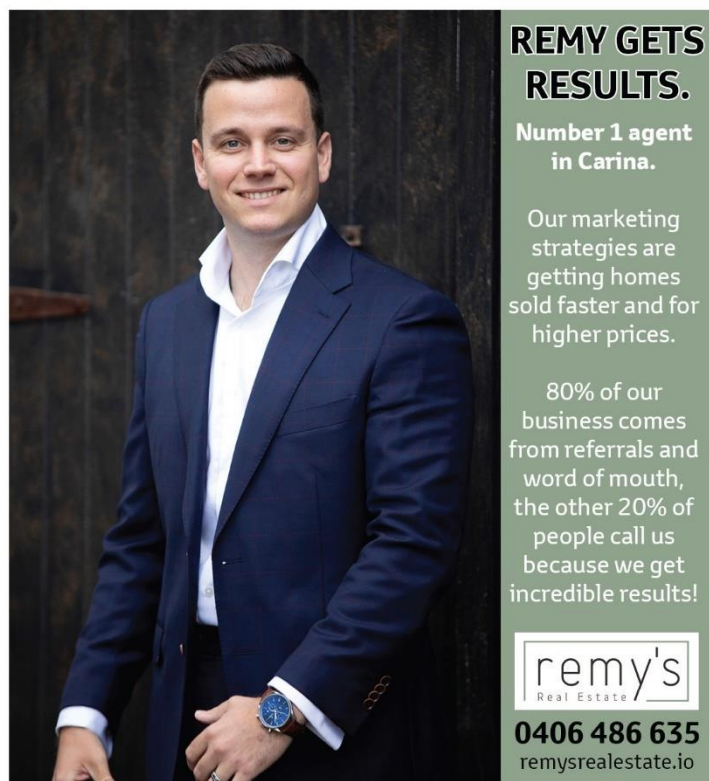
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