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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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.



Advent & 2022 Resources

The following Advent & 2022 Resources are available from the Parish Shop at Sunday Masses and the Parish Office during office hours.

- 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)



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 21 November

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Monday 22 November

- 11.00am Funeral – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 23 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 24 November

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 25 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

Friday 26 November

- 7.00pm Italian Choir Practice – Church

Sunday 28 November

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Rita Wilkinson, Fr Anthony Lemon, 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, Nella Amante **and the recently deceased** Len Pashen, Venera Sorbello, Zita Parolin.

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.

- 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 2022

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The School Interviews Portal for Penance Preparation sessions will open this Wednesday, 24 November, 10am. Please refer to the handout for the links and booking codes. For further information, please contact Shelly via the Parish Office.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Thank You: Festa Madonna delle Grazie

We would like to thank the Festa Madonna delle Grazie Committee and Italian Community who have donated \$1,500 worth in grocery gift cards from their Festa on Sunday 19 September. These gift cards have been forwarded onto our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to assist families that are struggling at the moment, in the lead up to Christmas.

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.

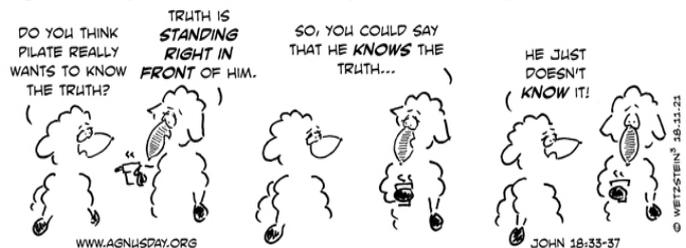
Barbara Dougherty
President, SVdP Our Lady of Graces

Date Claimer: Parish Working Bee

Our Parish Working Bee, in preparation for Christmas, will be held on Saturday 11 December from 7am onwards. Please mark the date and time in your diary.



Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



New Auxiliary Bishop

Pope Francis announced last week that Society of the Divine Word priest Fr Tim Norton will become an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



Fr Norton, who is currently in ministry in Italy, will early next year join Auxiliary Bishop Ken Howell in supporting Archbishop Mark Coleridge in serving the Catholics of Brisbane Archdiocese.

The date for Fr Norton's ordination to the episcopate is not yet known, but it will be in 2022.

Christmas 2021

Once again it is time to start thinking about Christmas and to plan for celebrations!

Given the ever changing COVID restrictions, we do not know what the situation will be once borders open at either the 80% double vaccination rate or on the 17 December at the latest. We do believe, however, that numbers will probably be still limited at each Mass, and we will need to re-introduce bookings for all who wish to attend Christmas Mass.

To start planning your family's Christmas, here are our Mass times. These Mass times are the same as 2020:

Christmas Eve

- 6pm Our Lady of Graces Church
- 6pm Dominic Centre
- 8pm Our Lady of Graces Church

Christmas Day

- 7am Dominic Centre
- 9am Dominic Centre
- 10.30am [Italian] Our Lady of Graces Church

Note: NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day



Please start thinking and planning now as to how you will celebrate Christmas this year, and which time will suit your family best. We wish to spread the number of people evenly over the Masses, as we cannot accommodate one enormous crowd.

Further information regarding the booking system for Christmas Masses will be in Spread the Word next weekend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

ACN continues to highlight the persecution of Christians through Red Wednesday which will take place on Wednesday 24 November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses & prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. To learn more and get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday



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 25 November
- 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>

Information Day for Catholic Guides and Welcomers

You are warmly invited to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen.

When: Saturday 27 November 2021, 10am-2pm.
Refreshments provided

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, (249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane City)

The Information day is open to anyone.

We look forward to welcoming you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 3324 3006 or by emailing deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Advent is the season of hope, of expectation, and of joy. Come along to the Cathedral of St Stephen each Sunday afternoon throughout Advent at 5.00pm to enjoy glorious music of the season performed by the talented musicians of the Cathedral Music Department.

Admission \$30/\$25 at the door

- 28 November: The Cathedral Schola
- 5 December: Dominic Perissinotto (Cathedral Organist)
- 12 December: Annika Hinrichs, soprano, and guest artists
- 19 December: Christopher Trikilis (Director of Music)

A Morning Prayer: Are you in need

of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours? 'A Morning's Prayer' is a mini retreat about facilitating a profound engagement with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who loves you and desires to walk with you in your life. The morning will include a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. It will be held on Saturday 4 December from 9am-12pm for \$15 (includes morning tea). Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc6>



NET Ministries Australia

Are you a young person or know a young person who loves Jesus and is looking for more? NET Ministries forms and sends out young people between the ages of 18-30 across Australia and New Zealand on a life changing mission. If you're passionate about sharing your faith and growing closer to Jesus yourself, email recruiting@netministries.com.au to find out more!

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