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Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm
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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

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1st Sunday of Advent

28 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 readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.



The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.



What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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 28 November

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Monday 29 November

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 30 November

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass – Church

Wednesday 1 December

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 2 December

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

Sunday 5 December

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

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 and the recently deceased Graeme Barwick, Len Pashen, Venera Sorbello, Zita Parolin.*

2022 Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2022 will be available for collection from the front door of the church from next weekend, 4-5 December. Once available, please collect your envelopes to save on postage.

Sacramental Program 2022

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The School Interviews Portal for Penance Preparation sessions is now open. Please refer to the handout for the links and booking codes.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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



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.

Advent Adventures

*Fun, games, craft
and sausage sizzle*

Age: 5 & above (anyone under age 5 needs to be accompanied by an adult)

Cost per day: \$5 per child &
\$10 for two or more siblings

What to Bring: Morning Tea, Hat & Water

Lunch: Sausage Sizzle (gluten free sausages)

Dates & Times:

Wednesday 15 December, 9.15am – 12.30pm

Monday 20 December, 9.15am – 12.30pm

RSVP

So we know how many children will be attending, please RSVP to sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or call the parish office on 3398 2977.



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

Flat Screen Television

Do you have a flat screen television that you do not longer want and are happy to donate to the parish?

We are looking at the possibility of installing a flat screen television into the Aquinas Room, with a similar set-up to the television in the Parish Library. This would then provide an additional, user friendly, meeting space for parish groups.

If you are able to assist with this request, 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.



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.



Vocation View

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now!



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.

Christmas 2021

Once again it is time to start planning your Christmas celebrations and to book for Christmas Mass.

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



The booking system for the Christmas Masses will open on **Tuesday 30 November**. Please go to the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au, click on the "Christmas Mass" icon and select the Christmas Mass time and venue you wish to attend. For the Christmas Eve 6pm Masses, note there is no venue swapping allowed on the evening.

If you cannot access a computer, please phone the parish office (3398 2977) to make your booking from **Tuesday 30 November**.

No bookings are required for the 10.30am Italian Mass on Christmas Day.

For all of these Masses to proceed as planned, **we will need lots of helpers!**

We will need many marshals and ushers at each Mass, as well as the usual Mass ministries. Also, assistance will be required a few days before and after Christmas to help set-up and pack-up the Dominic Centre. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE - COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is committed to protecting our employees, contractors, volunteers and those they serve. As Queensland's borders will open in coming weeks we are preparing for increased risk of COVID-19 infection in the community. Queensland Health continues to urge people to get vaccinated and reminds us that vaccination is the most effective way to lessen the risk of exposure or the risk of passing the virus on to others.

Therefore, the Archdiocese has made the decision that all clergy, employees, and contractors will need to have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 15 December – unless there is valid medical reason not to be vaccinated. Most volunteers are not required to be vaccinated against COVID under the policy.

Volunteers who are required to be vaccinated under this policy include those individuals who deliver or undertake activities:

- with children and vulnerable adults
- in homes, in workplaces, and hospitals and health care settings working with any person (this is not limited to children and vulnerable adults only)

Typical volunteer roles that will require vaccination include:

- Administration work in parish office
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who attend to the sick in hospitals or private residence
- Hospital Chaplains
- Outreach - Homeless Support including children
- Safeguarding Local Officer
- Youth Co-ordinator
- Ministries involving children such as: Catechists, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Coordinators and Altar Server Coordinators

Volunteers in the above roles will need to supply a copy of their Vaccination Certificate to the Archdiocesan People and Culture Team. If you have questions about the policy or its implementation, contact the People and Culture Team at hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3146. The Archdiocesan Vaccination Policy is available at brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/AoB-Vaccination-Policy-15-Nov-2021.pdf or from the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

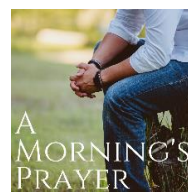
Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

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 Cathedral Music Department. Admission \$30/\$25.

- 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>



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