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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
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PARISH TEAM

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Spread the Word

Vol. 37 No. 1 The Baptism of the Lord 9 January 2022

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 optional readings for this feast recapitulate the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. Within the Christian tradition the voice that announces the future events is associated with John the Baptist. However, the reading itself proclaims the coming and manifestation of the Lord, clearly an Advent theme. The gospel reading from Luke moves us from anticipation of the coming of the messiah to fulfillment of God's promise. This theme of fulfillment is at the heart of the Christmas message. In the baptism narrative we see that Jesus has come into our midst, not only as a helpless infant, but as our anointed messiah. There is a dimension to this same gospel reading that opens us to a future yet to be fully realized in our lives. The one upon whom the Spirit descends has come to baptize us in that same Spirit.



The reading from Titus is similar to the gospel. Both herald the appearance of Jesus and promise a future fulfilment for us. Renewed by the Spirit, we will be justified and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The readings clearly announce that: the Lord is coming; the Lord has come; the Lord will continue to come to and through us into the whole world. Under all of this rings the melody of God's creative power as seen in the Psalm response. In view of the Isaian passage, God promises to create something new in the wilderness of chaos. There the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

Historical context – Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 9 January

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Wednesday 12 December

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Saturday 15 January

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Eileen McErlain, Sonja Robinson, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** James Graham, Mary Marrinan, Merle Perera **and the recently deceased** June Lambourne, Laurie McNamara, Vivian Patricia Tomkinson.

Christmas Masses Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped in anyway with the Christmas Masses at Our Lady of Graces. From set-up, to assisting at any of the Masses, to pack-up, it is all very much appreciated.

Ordinary Time

This Monday, 10 January, we begin the 1st Week of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is devoted to celebrating the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. Ordinary Time continues until the Season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on 2 March.

Weekday Masses

A reminder that Weekday Masses will return to 6.30am & 9.00am from this Monday, 10 January.

Rosters for 2022

The rosters listed below will be sent out this week.

- Ministers of the Word (Readers)
- Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Data Projector Operators
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Washing of Purifiers
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Cuppa and Chat (Hospitality After Mass)
- Baptism Welcome

If you are involved in any of the above ministries and wish to change your commitment in any way, please contact the parish office (3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au) by this Monday morning, 10 January, at the very latest.

We also welcome anyone who would like to be part of any of the above ministries. Anyone interested would need to complete any necessary safeguarding requirements. If you are interested or for further information, please contact the parish office.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

OLOG Diners will meet for dinner at Pacific Golf Club (Pine Mountain Road, Carindale) on Wednesday 12 January at 6.00pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Succour

is being held every Wednesday after the Rosary, following the 9.00am Mass, for 15-20 minutes. Everyone is invited to honour her with songs, thanksgiving and petitions to God through her.

2022 Parish Diary

We need to book your group into this year's diary.

If your group regularly uses either the church, parish library, Aquinas Room or hospitality area (even if you have done so for many years), please let the Parish Office know this week so we can ensure the space is available and booked into this year's diary.

Sacramental Program 2022

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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

COVID-19 Reminders

- Masks are to be worn in all indoor settings
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain social distancing where possible

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Vocation View

Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!

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.



In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"**.

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together): a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.

Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod themes and sharing your story.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code below.

