



**OFFICE HOURS**

**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  
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**PARISH TEAM**

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# Spread the Word

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

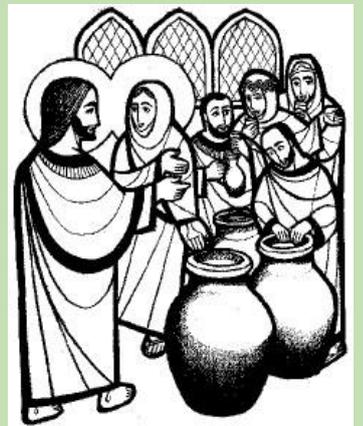
## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

### Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the ‘finishing touch’ to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the ‘finishing touch’ to the relationship between God and God’s people to that point.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 17 January

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

#### Wednesday 19 January

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Saturday 22 January

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

#### Sunday 23 January

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – 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** *John Thomas Ward, Therasa Marianayagam, Fr Ellis Clifford.*

### 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 so we can ensure the space is available and booked into this year's diary.

Thank you to those group leaders who have already contacted the parish office to let us know your meeting dates and times for 2022.

### COVID-19 Reminders

- Check in with the Qld Check In App
- Masks are to be worn in all indoor settings
- Maintain good hand hygiene by using the hand sanitiser
- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain social distancing by keeping 1.5 metres between you and others when entering the church, seated, processing to receive Communion and leaving the church.

### Australia Day Mass

Mass on Australia Day, Wednesday 26 January, will be celebrated at 8am only.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Sacramental Program 2022

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
- Tue. 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

### 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 has been incorporated into the green dots on the pews, so you can scan the code, set-up the app and make your contribution.



### St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

Donations to our local conference are much appreciated. To donate money via bank transfer, please use the following account details:

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

To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave your donations in the baskets at the front door of the church. Thank you for your support.



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## Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.*

### Vocation View

There was a wedding between God and us. "To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.



To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544, [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) or visit their website [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://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.

