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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. 37 No. 4 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 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

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.



### 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.

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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 31 January

- 10.30am Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

#### Tuesday 1 February

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 2.00pm Funeral – Church
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

#### Wednesday 2 February

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

10.30am Funeral – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Sunday 6 February

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

**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**  
*Noel Boyle, Sean Duffy, James Graham, Mary Marrinan, Merle Perera* **and the recently deceased**  
*Angela Viale, Rochelle Keen, Jean Canavan, Dorothy Donaldson, Teodora Ignacio Dangaze, Adrian Power, Beatrice Cece, John Thomas Ward.*

### School Zone

Even though most of the students of St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College are still at home until Monday 7 February, please note that the 40kph school zone along Mayfield Road is now operating on school days between 7am - 4pm.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** 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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Word of God Sunday

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God when issuing [the apostolic letter \*Aperuit Illis\*](#). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the 1st Sunday in February, which is next weekend 5-6 February.

### Sacramental Program 2022

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

*Penance Session 1*

- Thursday 10 February, 4pm-6pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 13 February, 2pm-4pm (Option 2)

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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

The parent information meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday 22 February, 7pm, in the Church.

From the Social Justice Committee

### ***Signs of human trafficking and how we can make a positive difference***

#### ***Who are victims of human trafficking?***

Modern slavery affects people of all races, genders and ages but some are disproportionately impacted. [71% of victims are women](#) and 25% of total victims are children.

#### ***Where does this occur?***

Human trafficking exists on every corner of the planet. Unfortunately, this is not a "somewhere else" problem. It exists in all of our neighbourhoods.

**Victims have been saved in this country by bystanders that cared enough to notice the signs of enslavement and reported to authorities. You could save a life.**



#### ***But, how are we all involved?***

Globally, human trafficking is a [\\$150 billion dollar industry](#); products like electronics, [apparel](#), fish and [cocoa](#) are at risk of being produced using modern slavery. This means that every time we step into a clothing store or order a new set of headphones, we risk supporting an industry that exploits its workers. [98% of garment workers](#) do not make a liveable wage and are often subjected to long hours and inhumane working conditions. It's time for a radical change in which we look at our possessions and ask, "who made this?"

#### ***Is there some way I can positively impact human trafficking?***

- Is your chocolate and coffee/tea slavery-free? Before purchasing these products, look for the symbols that reflect fair-trade and purchase from companies that are addressing human rights and environmental concerns.
- Does the clothing shop you buy from pay a fair wage to the workers that make the clothes? You can investigate this. A list of various companies and their ratings can be found on various apps in the App Store or by searching *The Ethical Fashion Guide* on Google.

Report any signs of human trafficking to authorities at airports, train stations, bus stations or anywhere in the community – you could save a life.

Information sourced from

ACRATH - which stands for the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans

<https://acrath.org.au/resources/human-trafficking/forms/>



## Br Dominic's First Vows

On Friday 28 January, the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas, Br Dominic made his first vows at the 9.00am Mass. We pray for Br Dominic as he now moves to Melbourne to continue his formation within the Dominican Order.



## Safeguarding

We are in the process of going through our Volunteer Database to ensure each person is up to date in the area of Safeguarding Compliance, depending on the role(s) each person is involved in and the compliance which is required. Some volunteers have already been contacted and others will be contacted over the next couple of weeks. If you receive communication from your ministry/group leader, Carmen Kee (Local Safeguarding Representative) or the Parish Office staff, it would be appreciated if you can complete the necessary requirements as soon as possible. If you need any assistance, contact Carmen or the Parish Office.

*The National Response Protocol* is now available on the parish website on our Safeguarding page <http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/safeguarding-children--vulnerable-adults.html> for parishioners who wish to read this document. Also a reminder that in July 2021, new criminal offences came into effect in Queensland. It is now a crime to:

- Fail to take action to protect children from the risk of sexual abuse by other adults in an institution
- Fail to report the suspected sexual abuse of children by other adults to the police.

These offenses apply to all adults in Queensland.

Finally, please note that the Local Safeguarding Representative email address has changed to [lsr.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.carina@bne.catholic.net.au). The mobile number 0414 142 253 remains the same.

## Wall of Remembrance

In 1998, a Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones.



For further information, including the reserving of a space and/or ordering of a plaque, please contact the parish office.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

*World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday 2 February. We pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. 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).*

### Tonga Disaster Relief

Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga. Call 1800 024 413 toll free, or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> to provide much needed support.

**Synod 2021-2023**  
For a synodal Church  
communion : participation : mission

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.

**St James College, Spring Hill** is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College in the tradition of Edmund Rice (EREA). Expanded campus in 2022 means additional enrolments are open in 2022 in all year levels. Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Attend the enrolment information evening on 7 February at 6pm online or face to face. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Visit [www.StJamesCollege.com.au](http://www.StJamesCollege.com.au).



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