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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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 February 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

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.



Gospel Focus – Treated as the prophets

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

COVID-19 Reminders

- 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.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 13 February

- 2.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church

Monday 14 February

- 1.00pm Funeral – Church

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA – Aquinas Room

- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 15 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 12.30pm Funeral – Church

Wednesday 16 February

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

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 17 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

Friday 18 February

- 1.00pm Funeral – Church

Saturday 19 February

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Kym Power, Jocelyn Bonney, Veronica Antoncic, Chris Carter, Peter Owen, 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 **and the recently deceased** Rex Bowen, Tony Horvat, Mary Axisa, Maureen Birbeck, Joan Druery, Maria Le, Maree Stark (nee De Voss), Pâtele Penisimani Folaumoetu'i, Magdalena Flores, Margaret Owen, John Bishop, Carmel Perkins, Noel Francis Shannon, Angela Viale, Michelino Di Vaira, Rochelle Keen, Jean Canavan, Dorothy Donaldson, Teodora Ignacio Dangaze, Adrian Power, Beatrice Cece.

World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day began in 1983 and is celebrated every second Sunday of February in dioceses across the country. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. The purpose of World Marriage Day is to highlight the beauty of marriage and to honour husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices.

The Catholic Leader

The *February Edition* of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop this weekend.



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.

Qld Check-In App

The Queensland Government this week announced changes in relation to the Qld Check-In App.

- At venues where unvaccinated people are permitted to attend, i.e. churches, the parish will no longer need to collect contact information from attendees via the Check In app.
- On special occasions, such as the Easter Triduum, where we know we will go above our currently capacity limit, we may need to have a booking system e.g. Eventbrite.

The couple of exceptions for the parish are wedding ceremonies and private venue hire, which are rare situations and will be communicated with those concerned as and when they occur.

Thank You to all our Marsahls who have each week stepped up ensure everyone has been checked-in and counted for. Their roles will now reduce, for the time being, with the change in contact tracing.

Church Doors Open

With the changes in relation to the Qld Check-In App this week we are now in a position, for the time being, to be able to return to the practice of leave the front church doors open each day. They will be open each day from before the first Mass of the day until 7.00pm.



National Church Life Survey

This weekend, 12-13 February, we are conducting the *National Church Life Survey*. This survey has been delayed from 2021 due to Covid and the surveys not being delivered to the parish in time.

The survey is designed to listen to the views of our local church and community to provide a picture of our church's health and vitality.



WHY SHOULD YOU *take part?*

YOU CAN HEAR ALL VOICES & TAKE TIME TO LISTEN		IDENTIFY YOUR STRENGTHS AND USE THEM TO GROW	
MAKE BETTER, MORE INFORMED CHOICES		SEE HOW YOU COMPARE TO OTHER CHURCHES	
FIND OUT THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW		SUSTAIN AND SUPPORT LEADERSHIP PRACTICES	
FIND OUT THE GIFTINGS AND HOPES OF ATTENDERS		ADD TO THE PROFILE OF YOUR DENOMINATION	
TAKE STOCK OF YOUR CHURCH'S HEALTH		INFORM WIDER AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY	

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For those who will either not be at Mass this weekend or would like to complete the survey online, you can go to <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/>. The Church Code for Our Lady of Graces is **TAB02601**.

Sacramental Program 2022

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

Penance Session 1

- Sunday 13 February, 2pm-4pm (Option 2)

Penance Session 2

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

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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

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

Reduced Parish Office Hours and Submitting Items for Spread the Word

The parish office hours for the week of Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February will be 8.30am - 12.30pm each day due to Parish Staff on leave.

If you have any items for the 27 February edition of Spread the Word, it would be appreciated if they were submitted by Thursday 17 February, 8.30am.

The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am**.



Attendance is via ticketed seating only. A limited number of places will be available for online bookings from Tuesday 15 February - Friday 18 February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be made available on Tuesday 15 February on the Cathedral website www.cathedralofststephen.org.au

Please do not call the Cathedral office to register – tickets will only be available through Eventbrite and will not be available before Tuesday 15 February.

If you are unable to attend, you will be able to livestream the Ordination via the website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Please keep Bishop-elect Tim in your prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.

Ash Wednesday, 2 March, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Mass times on Ash Wednesday at Our Lady of Graces will be 6.30am, 9am & 7pm.

World Day of Prayer is an annual event celebrated by Christians world-wide. For many years our Parish has joined with our other Christian Churches in our community for this moving service. All parishioners are invited to attend this year's World Day of Prayer which will take place at St Gabriel's Anglican Church, 11 Bridgenorth St, Carindale, Friday 4 March, 10am.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm on each Friday evening of Lent, commencing on 4 March.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Going Deeper

Do you often wonder 'what is this all for?' but don't know where to go to find the answer?

Enter into the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively with the 'Going Deeper' formation experience.

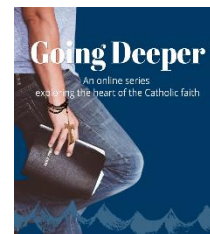
Going Deeper is a ten-session online series of pre-recorded discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life.

Going Deeper includes:

- Interview-style core content delivered by Evangelisation Brisbane's Shane Dwyer (Associate Director - Adult Formation) and Deacon Peter Pellican (Executive Director)
- Personal faith stories from Catholics across the Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Access to instructors from the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team
- Forums for discussion with other participants

Cost is \$75 for individuals / \$250 for groups (up to 10 people) / For larger groups get in touch with us via formation@bne.catholic.net.au. Register yourself or speak to your parish about signing up as a group.

To find out more or to register, please visit www.goingdeeper.org.au



A Morning Prayer

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours?

Spend a morning away at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre for a mini retreat!

A Morning's Prayer is about a profound engagement with God who loves you and desires to walk with you in your life. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome.

It will be held on Saturday 26th February from 9am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

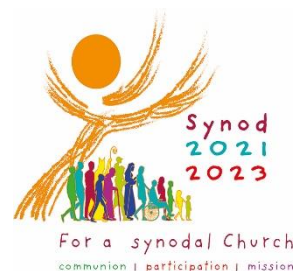
To find out more or register, head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer1>



Synod of Bishops

Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you? The

local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until February 27. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



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