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

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

Welcome Br. Emmanuel and Br. Peter



On Monday evening, 14 February, the Dominican Friars welcomed two new novices, Br. Peter (front row, 3rd from the left) and Br. Emmanuel (front row, 2nd from the right). The novices received the habit as the beginning of the novitiate was proclaimed by the Prior Provincial, Fr Anthony Walsh O.P. The Dominican Laity joined the Dominican community of St. Martin de Porres, Carina to welcome the new brothers.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 21 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Tuesday 22 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 12.30pm Funeral (12noon Rosary) – Church
- 7.00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 23 February

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

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

Thursday 24 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

Friday 25 February

- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

Sunday 27 February

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 10.30am Feast of St Gabriel Mass – Church

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 **and the recently deceased** Antonia Teresa Romano 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.

Reduced Parish Office Hours This Week

The parish office hours this week, Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February, will be the following due to Parish Staff on leave. Please note that there are couple of slight changes to what was published in Spread the Word last week.

- Monday 21 February: 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Tuesday 22 February: 8.30am - 11.30am
- Wednesday 23 February: 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Thursday 24 February: 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Friday 25 February: 8.30am - 11.30am

The parish office hours will return to normal on Monday 28 February.

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, which closed last on Friday. You can livestream the Ordination via <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

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

Sacramental Program 2022

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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

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

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

Penance Session 2

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

Rite of Election

Next weekend, during the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Election for the catechumens and candidates who are preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at Easter. The Rite of Election is usually celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on the 1st Sunday of Lent. However, given the current COVID-19 situation, parishes have been asked to celebrate this rite. Please keep catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

The 26th Anniversary Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother will be celebrated on Sunday 27 February 2022, 10:30am, at Our Lady of Graces Church with Holy Mass and procession. The main celebrant will be Fr Angelo Cagna CS. Concelebrant will be Fr Alex Vickers OP.

In preparation for the Feast, there will be a Triduum on Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Friday 25 February 2022 at 7:30pm.

Everyone is most welcome.

After the Mass, on Sunday 27 February 2022, at 12:30pm there will be a lunch at the Brisbane Abruzzo Club, 150 Fursden Road Carina. For bookings please ring Vito Di Stasi 0413 633 895.

The Spirit and the Cross Lenten Books are available from the Parish Shop from this weekend for \$5.00 each. The book is written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups. Each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

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, male and female, 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.

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

From the Social Justice Group



The United Nations' (UN) **World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed on 20 February and highlights the need to promote social justice, tackling issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender equality, unemployment, human rights and social protections.

"A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy"

Covid-19 Pandemic has created environments of remote working by digital platforms. These factors influenced labour opportunities and produced the digital divide. The theme of the current year 2022 will address these features.

- **Did you know?** 600 million new jobs need to be created by 2030, just to keep pace with the growth of the working age population.
- **Did you know?** Over 60 per cent of all workers lack any kind of employment contract.

Why is Social Justice Important?

Social justice promotes fairness and equity across many aspects of society. For example, it promotes equal economic, educational and workplace opportunities. It's also **important** to the safety and security of individuals and communities.

Information sourced from: Internationaleventday.com - an information-based website that aims to keep its readers updated about all the United Nations(UN) recognized international events, observances and holidays in the USA, India, Australia, Pakistan UK and various world countries.



Do you want to make a difference in the world but don't know how to go about it?

Come to the next meeting of the Social Justice Committee in the **Parish Library** on **Tuesday 1 March at 7.30pm**. The Social Justice Group meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Parish Library at this time.

National Church Life Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the *National Church Life Survey* last weekend at Mass or online.



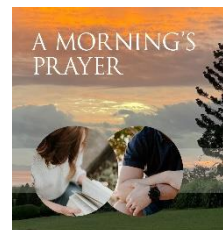
If you have not completed a survey, it is not too late. You can complete the survey online, via the following link <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/>. The Church Code for Our Lady of Graces is **TAB02601**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Morning's 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!



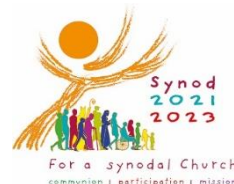
A Morning's Prayer is about a profound engagement with God who loves you and desires to walk with you in your life. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are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

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



Alpha 2022 is starting 9th March at

St James Parish Coorparoo.

Registration can be done online via

<https://alpha.org/try-alpha/>. Doreen

Chen dashiki.c@gmail.com is our

liaison person for St James. Alpha

is a series of interactive sessions

that explore life, faith and meaning. Alpha creates a

space, online or in person, where people are excited

to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus.

Alpha is just the beginning. Once guests experience

Alpha, they understand who Jesus is and can start to

explore their relationship with him.

Wednesdays, starting 9 March 2022, 6.30pm-9pm

[Dinner included], St James Hall, Kirkland Ave,

Coorparoo.



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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