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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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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 February 2022

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.



Scriptural Context – Three texts; one lesson

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 27 February

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

Monday 28 February

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

Tuesday 1 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 2 March (Ash Wednesday)

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 3 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

Friday 4 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church
- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 6 March

- 9.00am Baptisms in 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 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.

Rite of Election

This weekend, during the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, we 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.

Sacramental Program 2022

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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

The children, with their families, will attend the various Sunday Masses on the 5-6 March for the Rite of Enrolment.

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

Penance Session 2

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

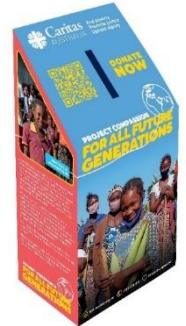
is currently only being celebrated by appointment. Contact the parish office to make an appointment.

LENT

The Spirit and the Cross Lenten Books are available from the Parish Shop 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.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be available on Ash Wednesday, if not earlier. Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Children's Resources

A limited number of children's resources for Lent are available this weekend. This includes *Family Lenten Calendar* and instructions to *Grow a Seed for Lent*. If you miss out, the resources are available at the link https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/?mc_cid=2a6655f721&mc_eid=2af2caaf75

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**.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52)

World Day of Prayer is an annual event celebrated by Christians worldwide. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TCS Singers – a community choir for adult singers of all abilities. We rehearse Thursday evenings during school term at Our Lady of Graces Church.

New members welcome.

For more information email tcsingers@gmail.com, or call Kellie Corbett (evenings/weekends) on 0409 580 428.

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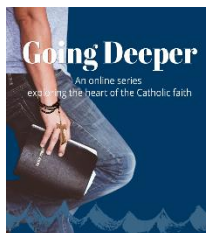
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- Access to instructors from the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team
- Forums for discussion with other participants

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



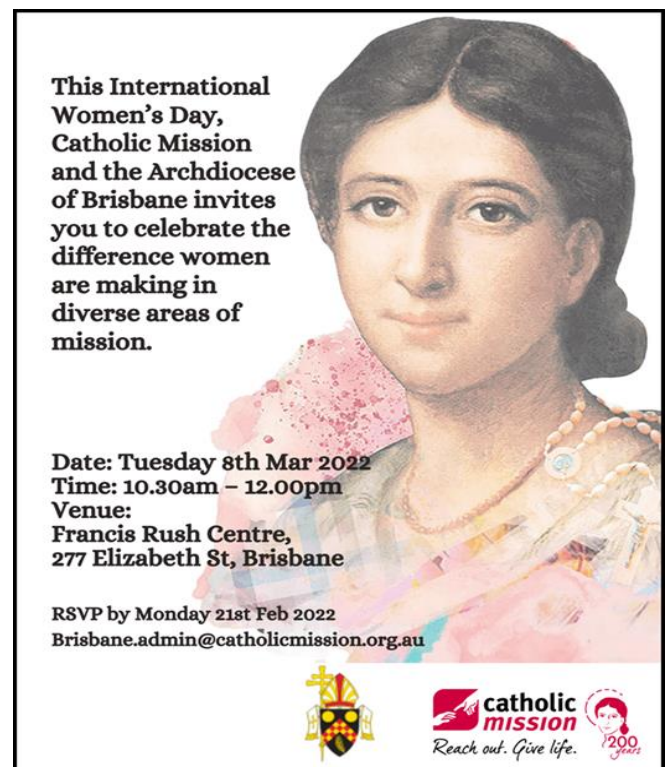
Greg Cooley Wines & Villanova College presents David De Vito

Enjoy a night under the stars on the lawns at Villanova College and enjoy some food, wine and fabulous entertainment on *Saturday 5 March, 5.00pm – 10.30pm*. Proudly raising funds for the Australian Filipino Augustinian Solidarity (AFAS)

Book tickets at www.trybooking.com/BUWYQ or phone 0421 055 799.

Catholic Mission Event

We will honour the life Pauline Jaricot, Catholic Mission foundress, and enjoy online input from Miriam-Rose Ungunmer-Baumann AM, Aboriginal elder from Nauyu and Chiara Porro, Australian Ambassador to the Vatican. A facilitated discussion will follow with an in-person panel of women working locally – hearing the voices of those in ministry across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



Alpha 2022 is starting 9 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.



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

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