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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

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# Spread the Word

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**1st Sunday of Lent**

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

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.



### Project Compassion: Week 1

Anatercia, 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through donation boxes and envelopes, or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or call 1800 024 413.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 7 March

- 10.30am Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA – Aquinas Room

#### Tuesday 8 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee – Library
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 9 March

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room

#### Thursday 10 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.45am Yr 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy – Church
- 4.00pm Penance Session 2 – Church
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

#### Friday 11 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

#### Sunday 13 March

- 2.00pm Penance Session 2 – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Peter Owen, Sonja Robinson, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Mary (Molly) Karl, Ron Bell, Patricia Svensdotter **and the recently deceased** Carlo Grocetti, Merle Goltz, Antonia Teresa Romano Rex Bowen, Tony Horvat, Mary Axisa, Maureen Birbeck, Joan Druery, Maria Le.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

With the easing of COVID Restrictions, we are able to return to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Confessional on Saturdays at 8.30am & 5.30pm. No appointment is necessary.

If the above times are not convenient to you, you may call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

**OLOG Diners** will meet this coming Wednesday, 9 March, at 6.00pm. Due to Pacific Golf Club currently not serving meals on Wednesday evenings, the OLOG Diners will meet at **Carina Leagues Club**. All parishioners are welcome.

### St Martin's Year 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy

This Thursday, 10 March, the Year 6 students from St Martin's will be receiving their leadership badges as part of a liturgy at 9.45am in the Church.

**With this in mind, there will be no Rosary following the 9am Mass on Thursday 10 March.**

### Sacramental Program 2022

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

Penance Session 2

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

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Family Activity Session 1

- Tuesday, 15 March, 3.30pm-5pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 20 March, 2pm-3.30pm (Option 2)

## LENT

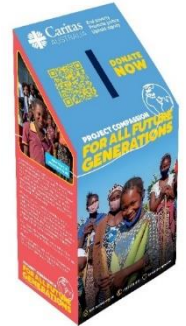
**Stations of the Cross** is being held at 7.00pm on each Friday evening during Lent.

### The Spirit and the Cross Lenten Books

At the time of publishing Spread the Word, there are a couple of copies of The Spirit and the Cross 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 are available near the main door of the Church. 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.



### Lenten Message from Archbishop Mark

A limited number of paper copies of the Lenten Message from Archbishop Mark are available from the table near the main door of the church. Alternatively, you can view the message on the *Our Lady of Graces Catholic Parish* Facebook Page.

### Children's Resources

A limited number of children's resources for Lent are available from the table near the main door of the church. 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](https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/?mc_cid=2a6655f721&mc_eid=2af2caaf75)

### Less in Lent

Lent is a season for stripping away excess in order to make space for God. Unlike the Gathering / Entrance hymn, the Sending Forth / Recessional hymn has never actually been part of the Mass. Mass ends with the priest's blessing wherein we are sent forth to live and spread the Gospel. Therefore during the season of Lent, which has been our parish practice the last number of years, we have lessened the music by not having a Sending Forth / Recessional hymn and instead depart in silence.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

for all primary school aged children will be returning on Sunday 20 March during the 9.00am Mass. At this stage, Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



### Date Claimer: Parish Morning Tea & Games

A parish morning tea and children's games will be held on Sunday 27 March after 9.00am Mass. Bring your own blanket / chair, food and drinks. Further details will be in Spread the Word next weekend.



### COVID Update & Changes

Changes came into place for Places of Worship, effective from Friday 4 March 2022, 6pm.

#### What has changed?

- Masks are no longer required indoors for Places of Worship. Masks are recommended to be worn whenever you cannot socially distance.
- Places of worship no longer have capacity limits.
- You may now sit in any pew, but it is recommended that you socially distance as much as possible.
- Normal collection practices may resume, that is, the collection basket may be passed around.
- The Procession of Gifts may resume.
- The Rite of Reconciliation can be made available as per pre-COVID arrangements.
- All forms of food service can resume. As a matter of caution, it is recommended that the sharing and handling of serving tongs, milk jugs etc. be kept to a minimum.

#### What has not changed?

- Continue with our COVID cleaning protocols.
- Hand sanitiser will still be made available at the entrance of the church.
- The holy water fonts will still remain empty.
- The Sign of Peace is still limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- The Body of Christ is still administered only in the hand and the chalice only received by the celebrant/s alone.
- Spread the Word will still be handed out at the end of Mass.

### 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.

### The Catholic Leader

The *March Edition* of the Catholic Leader has been delayed due to the floods and will hopefully be available next 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Thomas Cantley 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](mailto:tcsingers@gmail.com), or call Kellie Corbett (evenings/weekends) on 0409 580 428.

**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](mailto: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 interested 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 Patrick's Day Mass

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee as part of the Brisbane Irish Festival, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2021. Fr Gerard McMorrow will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend, Irish or not. For those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed via [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au).

### Position Vacant – Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish

Applications are open for the position of Parish Secretary at the Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and select careers. Applications close: 20 March 2022.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

### St Patrick's, Pomona: 100 Years

The Noosa District Catholic Parish invites all to celebrate with the parish community the first 100 years of St Patrick's Church in Pomona on Saturday 26 March 2022.

Celebrations will commence at 12.30pm with light refreshments from 1.00pm and memorabilia displayed and entertainment. Celebrations will conclude with Mass starting at 4.00pm with Archbishop Mark Coleridge presiding. For further information, including bookings, contact the Noosa District Parish Office 5447 1188 or [enquiries.ndcp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:enquiries.ndcp@bne.catholic.net.au)





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