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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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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**13 March 2022**

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

## Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

### Project Compassion: Week 2

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.**

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 14 March

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

#### Tuesday 15 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm Confirmation Family Activity 1 – Church

#### Wednesday 16 March

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 17 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

#### Friday 18 March

- 12.30pm Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

#### Saturday 19 March

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

#### Sunday 20 March

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

**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** Jorge M. Asido, Mary (Molly) Karl, Ron Bell, Patricia Svensdotter **and the recently deceased** Francis Leeson, Anne Kinahan, Carlo Grocetti, Merle Goltz, Antonia Teresa Romano Rex Bowen, Tony Horvat, Mary Axisa, Maureen Birbeck, Joan Druery, Maria Le.

### The Catholic Leader

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

With the easing of COVID Restrictions, we are able to return to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays at 8.30am & 5.30pm. No appointment is necessary. Due to the water damage in the Confessional, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently being held in the Parish Library.

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

### Tuesday & Thursday Playgroups

The Tuesday and Thursday playgroups have vacancies for parents and carers to bring their pre-school aged children (0-5) to enjoy playing together and engaging with other children. Playgroup is held in the fully enclosed hospitality area with lots of grassy space and toys to play with, plus art and craft, musical play, fun activities and storytime. They meet 9.30am - 11.15am during school terms. Fees are \$10 per term plus Playgroup QLD membership (easy to join online).

Contact: Allana Wanny, [ajwanny@gmail.com](mailto:ajwanny@gmail.com) or 0438 763 268

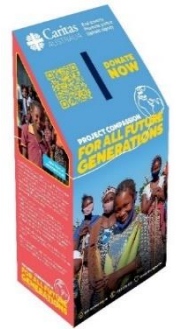


## LENT

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

### Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available near the main door of the Church. Please take home a Project Compassion box or 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.



### Sacramental Program 2022

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)

### World Day of Prayer - Rescheduled Date

The World Day of Prayer which was to have taken place last Friday, 4 March, was cancelled on Thursday 3 March because of the weather forecast warnings for the Friday.

The prayer service has been rescheduled to take place this **Wednesday, 16 March, at St Gabriel's Anglican Church, Bridgenorth Street, Carindale commencing at 9.30am.** All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

### Closing the Gap Day - Thursday 17 March

The objective of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap is to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and all Government Departments to work together to overcome the inequality experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to achieve life outcomes equal to all Australians. Further information about Closing the Gap is available at [www.closingthegap.gov.au](http://www.closingthegap.gov.au)



*Social Justice Group*

### Stations of the Cross - Friday 18 March

Please note that this Friday, 18 March, parking may be limited for Stations of the Cross due to St Martin's School holding their disco in the Dominic Centre. We will block off some parking for those attending Stations of the Cross.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

for all primary school aged children will be returning next 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.



### 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.



## Message from San Sisto College

Shelley Hamilton, Principal at San Sisto College, has written to the school community this week to let everyone know she has decided to retire from San Sisto College on the last day of Term 2 (24 June, 2022). We, the parish community, says thank you to Shelley for her leadership as Principal at San Sisto College since 2015 and wishes her well with her retirement at the end of Term 2.

## Donations of Wool for St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference is seeking donations of wool which once again will be turned into beautiful rugs and other items for our clients.



Last year, due to your generous support, we were able to donate rugs, beanies and scarves to many families. These items are always greatly appreciated.

Please leave the wool in the Vinnies bins at the back of the church and it will be distributed to our volunteer knitters.

### 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.

## 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.

## Vocation View

After the Transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain. But Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours but not meant to stay in harbours.



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).

## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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

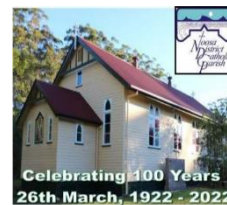
Applications are open for the position of Parish Secretary at the Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm.

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)

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need

**Australia:** Aid to the Church in Need has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! Visit [www.aidtochurch.org.ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org.ukraine)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** live-in weekends Friday evening 13 May to Sunday afternoon 15 May and Friday evening 14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October (including Mass) at Santa Teresa, Ormiston. Live-out weekend 1 to 3 July at Siena College, Sippy Downs - going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy: 0481 307 821 / [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au). Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)



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