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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
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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

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

Project Compassion: Week 3

Janice, 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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, or call 1800 024 413.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 21 March

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

Tuesday 22 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 23 March

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 11.00am Funeral (10.30am Rosary) – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room

Thursday 24 March

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

Friday 25 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Sunday 27 March

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 10.00am Family Morning Tea & Games – St Martin's School Oval
- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 3.30pm Jesus Youth – Hospitality Area

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** Beatrice Hancox, Fr Joe Wilson O.P., Archbishop John Bathersby, Jorge M. Asido, Mary (Molly) Karl, Ron Bell, Patricia Svensdotter **and the recently deceased** Lola Gould, Francis Leeson, Anne Kinahan, Carlo Grocetti, Merle Goltz, Antonia Teresa Romano.

The Scrutinies

The Scrutinies are being held for the Elect preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at Easter during the Saturday 6.00pm these next three weekends, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

The Scrutinies are rites that confer strength and healing, and confront all the faithful with the need for conversion. The readings of Year A are used when the Scrutinies are celebrated, even in Year B or C. The Gospel from John, which have been used for centuries in baptismal preparation, are filled with images of thirst and water, darkness and light, death and life. These readings have major importance in regards to Christian Initiation.

Therefore the Saturday 6.00pm Mass are hearing the Year A readings these next three weekends, while the remaining Sunday Masses are hearing the Year C readings.

Adapted from Liturgy Lines © Elizabeth Harrington, 26 March 2000.

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

An Explanation of the Stations of the Cross

After Emperor Constantine lifted the ban on Christianity in 313, visits to the Holy Land became popular. Pilgrims sought to follow the path of Jesus, especially of his last days in Jerusalem. Thus developed the way of the cross or Stations of the Cross. When pilgrim Christians returned to their homelands telling stories about the wonders of Jerusalem and the spiritual benefits, others wanted to join in but could not afford such pilgrimages. Hence a mini pilgrimage or parallel devotion entailed the setting up of images to represent the events and places of Jesus' passion. The first record of "Stations of the Cross" is from the 5th century, at the church of San Sefano in Bologna, Italy. The practise of praying the stations was made popular by the Franciscan Order in the late Middle Ages. However, it was not until the 18th century that the number and subject of the stations were settled on. The traditional stations were a blend of scriptural and legendary material. In 1975 the Congregation for Sacred Rites suggested a new list of 14 stations which is more scripturally based and gives a fuller picture of the events of the paschal mystery. It begins with the Last Supper and ends with the Resurrection. Although the stations focus on the suffering of Jesus, they must also acknowledge our belief that the cross is a symbol of victory, not defeat. Visit a church this Lent and make your own pilgrimage around the stations. Invite an Elect to join you.

Up the Beaten Track – An Australian Pilgrim's Almanac © Fr Morgan Batt, 2003

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.

Our Lenten Liturgical Environment Symbols

Below is an explanation of our Lenten Symbols:

- The Violet Material in front of the Altar is in colour of the season. The way the material has been placed in front of the Altar represents the flowing of water, which is a symbol of Baptism and Easter.
- The Autumn Leaves acknowledge the change of season in our part of the world.
- The Ashes come from the blessed palms from Palm Sunday the previous year. They represent that we are but ashes and shall return to dust.

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.

An Update on the Water Damage

As most parishioners are aware, we had water damage following the 'rain bomb' over Brisbane in late February. Due to the amount of rain, this caused the rain to come in from different directions including through the roof and walls. It must be noted that we only repaired the four corner sections of the Church roof back in 2020, which was the most urgent repair work to be done at the time.

This week the machines drying the floor have done their job, with the level of dryness now low enough for the machines to be taken away.

Now we wait for the next stage in the process. We ask for your patience, especially with the timeframe for new flooring. The process may be a slow one.

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 (join online).

Contact: Allana Wanny, ajwanny@gmail.com or 0438 763 268



St Martin's Open Day

This coming Friday, 25 March, St Martin's is holding an Open Day. With this in mind, parking may be difficult for the Friday 9.00am Mass this week even though a number of the carpark spots are marked 'CHURCH'. Please keep this in mind.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

for all primary school aged children is being held on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of the Month at 9.00am Mass. Upcoming dates for Children's Liturgy of the Word are:

- Sunday 27 March
- Sunday 24 April

Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday 17 April due to School Holidays.



Parish Morning Tea & Games

A parish morning tea and children's games will be held next *Sunday 27 March after 9.00am Mass* on the St Martin's School Oval. BYO blanket / chair, food and drinks. All are welcome.

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 baskets at the front door of the church and it will be distributed to our volunteer knitters.

The Chrism Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on *Thursday 7 April, commencing at 7.00pm*. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese.

Working Bee

A parish working bee is scheduled for *Saturday 9 April, 7.00am onwards*. This is to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week and Easter.



Palm Fronds & Cyprus Pine Branches

Do you have palm trees or cypress pine trees at home? If you do, we would appreciate any palm fronds or small cypress pine cuttings for Palm Sunday (9-10 April). If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office. We require the palm fronds and pine branches to be dropped off on Friday 8 April.

The church will be decorated for Palm Sunday on *Saturday 9 April, 9.00am*. If you are able to assist with decorating the church, please let the parish office know.

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday [14 April]

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Good Friday [15 April]

10am Stations of the Cross - Church & Outdoors
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- Dominic Centre
7pm Italian Stations of the Cross - Church

Holy Saturday [16 April]

7pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - Church

Easter Sunday [17 April]

7am Mass - Church
9am Mass - Church
10.30am Italian Mass - Church

Note: NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday & Under the Current Restrictions, NO Bookings

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Cathedral Seminars

Throughout 2022, the Archdiocese's Adult Formation Team will be hosting four seminars to help you grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience. March Seminar: Getting into Lent
Time: 7.00pm-8:30pm
Date: Thursday 31st March 2022
Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)
Cost: \$10pp RSVP: Tuesday 29 March Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/Gettingintolent>

Vinnies Flood Appeal: To support those who have been adversely impacted by the recent flood events, you are welcome to give to the Vinnies Qld Flood Appeal 2022. Donations can be made via the link: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-qld/vinnies-disaster-appeal-qld-2022>

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