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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  
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# Spread the Word

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**4th Sunday of Lent**

**27 March 2022**

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

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

## Project Compassion: Week 4

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

**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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or call 1800 024 413.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 28 March

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 29 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 30 March

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

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 31 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

#### Friday 1 April

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

#### Sunday 3 April

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Fr Anthony Lemon, Peter Owen, Sonja Robinson, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Gregory Campbell, Thelma Pereira, Pat Boyle, Patrick Coyne, Beatrice Hancox, Fr Joe Wilson O.P., Archbishop John Bathersby, Jorge M. Asido, Mary (Molly) Karl, Ron Bell, Patricia Svensdotter* **and the recently deceased** *John Rovere, Lola Gould, Francis Leeson, Anne Kinahan, Carlo Grocetti, Merle Goltz.*

### 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. Children's Liturgy of the Word is being held TODAY, Sunday 27 March, and then will be next held on 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 is being held TODAY, Sunday 27 March, after 9.00am Mass on the St Martin's School Oval. BYO blanket / chair, food and drinks. All are welcome.

### He Is Alive: Children's Activity Book

Available from the Parish Shop are copies of the 'He Is Alive: Easter Isn't Just One Day Activity Book for Kids' for \$2.00. The book covers Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the Easter Season.



**Stations of the Cross** is being held at 7.00pm on each Friday evening during Lent. All are welcome to attend this Lenten devotion.

**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. All are welcome to attend.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacramental of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. The instruction says, *"It is best the Sacrament of Reconciliation be celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery."*



With the above in mind, we encourage those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation to do so before the Triduum. You can do this in one of the following ways:

- Saturdays at 8.30am & 5.30pm in the Parish Library
- Contacting the parish office to make an appointment

For those unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Triduum, the only opportunity during the Triduum for the Sacrament will be on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross.

### 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  
*1st Rite of Reconciliation available after Stations of the Cross*  
 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**



## Pope consecrates Russia and Ukraine to Mary

Last Friday, 25 March, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



The act of consecration places the warring countries under the protection of Mary, the Mother of Christ, trusting in the power of her intercession. Such an act looks towards God, the source of all peace, and seeks God's peace through Mary.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference recently issued the following prayer for peace in Ukraine.

### Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and break the  
power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life, not slavery but  
freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Tuesday Playgroup

The Tuesday playgroup has 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 each Tuesday 9.30am - 11.15am during school terms. Fees are \$10 per term plus Playgroup QLD membership (join online).



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

## 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.

Thank you to those who have already donated wool during the last couple of weeks. These donations have already been distributed out to our volunteer knitters.

If anyone still wishes to donate wool, please leave it in the Vinnies baskets at the front door of the church.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Vocation View

Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about YOU?



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).

### 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>

### A Morning's Prayer

*Come and spend a morning with God.*

A Morning's Prayer is a 3 hour Saturday morning retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life.



The next A Morning's Prayer is on Saturday 9th April from 9am-12pm and is just \$20. Find out more or register here: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer)

### 2022 Xavier School of Mission (19-24 June)

Holy Spirit Seminary opens its doors to a community of leaders for a shared formative experience of faith and ongoing preparation for mission. This year has a special focus on the Theology of Mission with the theme of *All in? When Mission is our Lens*. The cost to attend the Xavier School of Mission will be \$650 (concession rates available) including lunch and dinner each day, but does not include accommodation. Bishop Tim Norton SVD will be the main speaker. Visit [www.seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission](http://www.seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission) or email [xaviercentre@acu.edu.au](mailto:xaviercentre@acu.edu.au) for registration (first come, first in) or more information.

**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>

### 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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