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Our Lady of Graces Catholic

Parish, Carina

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday:

7am, 9am & 5.30pm Sunday:

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

#### **PARISH TEAM**

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# Spread the Word

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#### 5th Sunday of Lent

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

#### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent. Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

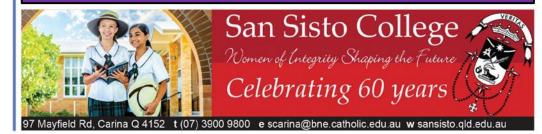
#### Project Compassion: Week 5

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.



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.



#### PARISH HAPPENINGS

#### LOOKING AHEAD Monday 4 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Library
- 7.00pm RCIA Aquinas Room

#### **Tuesday 5 April**

- 9.30am Scripture Group Library
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul Aquinas Room
- 7.30pm Social Justice Group Library

#### Wednesday 6 April

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

#### Thursday 7 April

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

#### Friday 8 April

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church **Sunday 9 April** 

- 7.00am Parish Working Bee Church & Grounds
- 9.00am Palm Sunday Decorating Church
- 3.00pm Dominican Laity Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Fr Anthony Lemon, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley those whose anniversaries occur around this time Helen Willis, Dorothy May Ingledew, Gregory Campbell, Thelma Pereira, Pat Boyle, Patrick Coyne, Beatrice Hancox, Fr Joe Wilson O.P., Archbishop John Bathersby, Jorge M. Asido, and the recently deceased John Rovere, Lola Gould, Francis Leeson, Anne Kinahan.

#### **Parish Shop News**

The Parish Shop has recently been restocked, including the following items

He Is Alive - Easter Isn't Just One Day Activity Book for Kids:
 \$2.00. This book covers Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the Easter Season.



- · Rosary Beads, Cards, Gifts for Sacraments
- The Catholic Leader: \$4.00

**The Chrism Mass** will be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen this coming *Thursday 7 April, commencing at 7.00pm*. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend. The Cathedral Carpark will be available from 6.00pm (entrance



via Charlotte Street). Under the current restrictions, no bookings are required to attend the Chrism Mass.

#### 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.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held at 7.00pm this coming Friday evening. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Holy Week & Easter**

#### **Working Bee**

A parish working bee is scheduled for *this Saturday*, 9 *April*, 7.00am onwards. This is to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week and Easter. Everyone who is available to come along and assist would be most welcome.

#### **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 next weekend (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.

#### **Dominic Centre Set-Up for Good Friday**

Assistance is required to help set-up the chairs in the Dominic Centre for the Good Friday 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Wednesday 13 April, 7.00pm. Please come along if you can lend a hand.

Holy Land Collection Envelopes will be available next weekend for people who wish to use the credit card option. Envelopes can be returned via the collection on Good Friday at the 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

#### Sacred Pashcal 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

#### Morning Masses - Triduum & Easter Monday

A reminder that there is NO morning Masses on Holy Thursday (14 April), Good Friday (15 April) and Holy Saturday (16 April). On Easter Monday (18 April) there will be Mass at 8.00am only.

#### **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 <u>before</u> 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.

#### **Counter Required**

We are currently in need of an additional counter, one hour per fortnight, to help with counting the weekly collections on Mondays. If interested, please contact the parish office for further information.

## Make a Difference This Easter with Your Choice of Easter Chocolate.

So as Easter rolls around again, which are the more ethical brands to buy?

Stop the Traffik is a worldwide organisation dedicated to abolishing human trafficking. Its report, The Good Egg Guide, has a list of ethical chocolate brands, Easter eggs and products that are free from trafficked labour. These include:

- Aldi's UTZ Certified Dairy Fine, Choceur, Moser Roth and Specially Selected Easter chocolate ranges.
- Chocolatier Australia's Fairtrade milk and dark chocolate 100g eggs, available through Coles, Woolworths, David Jones and other chocolate suppliers.
- Coles and Woolworths also has a range of branded UTZ certified Easter chocolates.
- Devine chocolate eggs and bunnies are Fairtrade certified and are available through IGA, other selected stores and online.

Make a difference this Easter and buy products free from forced, child and trafficked labour through buying ethical (fair trade) chocolate. Look for these symbols on the right.

(Ethical Easter Eggs, choice.com.au and The Good Egg Guide: www.stopthetraffik.org/au)

Parish Social Justice Group

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Vocation View**

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will



step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544, <a href="mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au">vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</a> or visit their website <a href="https://www.vocationbrisbane.com">www.vocationbrisbane.com</a>.

The "Spirit Of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 6 April, 10.45am - 12.15pm, following the regular 10am Mass. The prayer meeting involves Praise & Worship, Teaching & Personal Prayer Ministry. The Guest Speaker this month will be Juliana Tan. Eng: Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901

#### Position Vacant - OSHC Educators

Applications are open for OSHC Educator positions with Catholic Early EdCare. They are seeking enthusiastic & energetic educators on a casual basis.

For further information, visit the website catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au/careers/.

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.

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#### 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 <a href="www.seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission">www.seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission</a> or email <a href="xaviercentre@acu.edu.au">xaviercentre@acu.edu.au</a> for registration (first come, first in) or more information.

#### 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.

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