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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

**Vol. 37 No. 17**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**1 May 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

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.



### Mary: the Month of May



### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
 that never was it known  
 that anyone who fled to your protection,  
 implored your help, or sought your intercession,  
 was left unaided.  
 Inspired with this confidence,  
 I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
 To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and  
 sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
 despise not my petitions,  
 but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 1 May

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

#### Monday 2 May

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm RCIA – Aquinas Room

#### Tuesday 3 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 10.30am Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room
- 7.30pm Social Justice – Library

#### Wednesday 4 May

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

#### Thursday 5 May

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

#### Friday 6 May

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

#### Saturday 7 May

- 9.30am Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane – Church & Hospitality Area

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Sonny Deverala, Vicki Johnson, Fr Anthony Lemon, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Greg Perkins, Rita Marshall, Kathy Stone, Kay Whitby, Hugh Doogan, Ron & Mavis Steele **and the recently deceased** Colleen Rossow, Helen Pereira, Rita Gorman.

### Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count

Beginning this weekend for the next four weeks, we will be counting the number of parishioners attending our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. This is part of the Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count. If you see someone counting the number of people during Mass over the next few weeks, this is why.

**Easter Holy Water:** You are welcome to bring a bottle to collect some Easter Holy Water from the Baptismal Font to bless your homes.

### Message from St Vincent de Paul - Thank You

Following the notice last week regarding the amount from the Holy Thursday collection for St Vincent de Paul, our conference wishes to pass on their thank you. They are most grateful for the amount received.

### Project Compassion Envelopes & Money Boxes

For those parishioners who still have a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return these to the parish ASAP.

### Labour Day - Public Holiday

Mass this Monday, 2 May, will be celebrated at **8.00am only** due to the Labour Day Public Holiday. The Parish Office will also be closed this Monday.

### San Sisto College Yr 9 & 10: Tuesday 9am Mass

The Year 9 & 10 students from San Sisto College will be joining the parish community for 9.00am Mass this coming Tuesday, 3 May. This is the first time since the start of the Covid pandemic that the students from San Sisto College have come across the road for Weekday Mass. Please make them welcome.

### 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 (easy to join online). Contact: Allana Wanny, [ajwanny@gmail.com](mailto:ajwanny@gmail.com) or 0438 763 268



**Parish 500 Card Group** will meet at 7.30pm this Friday, 6 May, in the Aquinas Room. New members are more than welcome.



### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Next Saturday, 7 May, 9.30am- 12.30pm, Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Brisbane will be holding a retreat morning on *Healing Through Forgiveness* at Our Lady of Graces. The morning will include Prayer & Praise, Talk, Adoration and Prayer Support. Morning tea will be provided. An offering will also be taken up to cover costs.

CCR Brisbane extends an invitation to Our Lady of Graces parishioners to attend the retreat. To register, please contact either Len 0421 977 849, Audrey 0435 558 390 or [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com) by Wednesday 4 May.

### Parish Shop News

*Are you looking for a gift/card for a family member who is celebrating a Sacrament this year?*

Look no further than the Parish Shop. There are a number of gift options and cards for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion that are available for purchase.

### Sacramental Program 2022

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Family Activity Session 3

- Tuesday, 10 May, 3.30pm-5pm (Option 1)
- Sunday, 15 May, 2pm-3.30pm (Option 2)

### Hours of Grace

On Wednesday 11 May, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church throughout the day. This is part of a chain of perpetual adoration, organised by Jesus Youth Australia, which occurs from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday 15 May & 22 May during 9.00am Mass.



**In election statement, bishops call for 'a better kind of politics'**

Australia's Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including – and especially – those who struggle to participate in the community

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching. The bishops are, however, offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all.

Archbishop Coleridge said "we all long for what Pope Francis calls 'a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good'".

"This 'better' politics pursues the common good of all Australians by recognising the dignity of every individual and the solidarity we all share as a national community," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"Since the last federal election we have seen the impact and the challenges of a global pandemic, floods, summers of bushfires, wild weather events and a world on edge because of military conflict.

"Foremost in the minds of many will be Australia's economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19. The societal disruptions from the pandemic have revealed significant levels of poverty and disadvantage within Australia. We need a new social contract that focuses the economy more clearly on the common good."

The statement highlights several key issues that the bishops have identified and which they encouraged readers to consider when preparing to vote.

Among them is the provision of high-quality palliative care across Australia, "to ensure that no one is pressured into choosing assisted suicide because palliative care is unavailable".

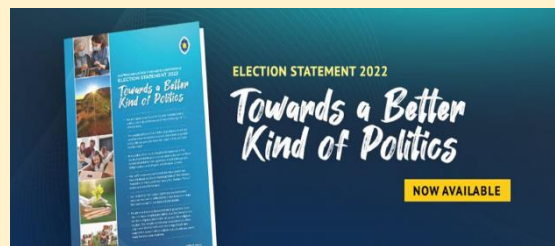
The statement advocates for vulnerable people in the community, including those in need of aged care, First Nations peoples, asylum-seekers and refugees. It calls for a government committed to the common good that will deliver a medium to long-term plan for eradicating poverty in Australia.

The bishops also say people who have a religious faith should be protected from discrimination, "including the ability to undertake activities and form religious bodies that can pursue their religious mission".

"This includes commonsense provisions to allow religious schools to preference the hiring of staff who support the school's ethos," the statement says.

You can access the election statement online at: <https://bit.ly/BishopsElection2022>

A limited number of copies are available from the table near the main door of the church for those without internet access.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**May Rosary Prayers**

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri  
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Sydney time  
12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://tinyurl.com/rprayers>

Meeting ID: 857 2970 0836  
Password: prayers

**"Spirit of Hope" Monthly Prayer Meeting**

St Stephen's Chapel, Wednesday 4 May, 10.45am - 12.15pm. Guest speaker: Paul Martin.

**Archbishop's Dinner for Women:** Gain insight and wisdom into your discernment journey and the questions you're currently facing at the annual Archbishop's Dinner for Women (Thursday 2 June, 6pm-8.30pm), where you'll be inspired by Archbishop Mark Coleridge's passion for the role of women in the Church and the importance of consecrated life. To find out more or register your interest, visit <http://www.vocationbrisbane.com/upcoming-events>

**World Wide Marriage Encounter**

Looking for an anniversary gift? Refresh your marriage, restore communication, rekindle romance, renew commitment through a weekend retreat experience for married couples: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

- 13-15 May (Live-in onsite) Santa Teresa, Ormiston
- 1-3 July (live-out) Siena College, Sippy Downs
- 14-16 Oct (Live-in onsite) Santa Teresa, Ormiston

Bookings: David and Maria Murphy ph 0481307821  
[qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au)

- 19-21 Aug: Virtual National weekend on Zoom
- Bookings: Mercy & James Bvirakare ph 0409183676  
[vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

**Engaged Encounter:** 22 & 23 October, Little Kings, Buranda. David and Maria Murphy (details above).

**San Sisto College Annual Open Day** is Sunday 22 May, 1pm-4pm. To register for the Open Day, visit [www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/penday.aspx](http://www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/penday.aspx)

**St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality**

**Presenter:** Joan Chittister osb - practical theologian and renowned author of more than 50 books

**When:** Friday 3 June 2022, 7pm-9pm

**Where:** Stuartholme School Chapel, Toowong.

**Tickets:** \$35 each **Bookings:** [trybooking.com/BYQJTJ](http://trybooking.com/BYQJTJ)



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