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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
or by appointment

PARISH TEAM

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Spread the Word

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4th Sunday of Easter

8 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

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.



Blessing of Mothers on Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 9 May

- 9.00am Mass (Year 2 attending Mass) – Church
- 2.00pm Funeral – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Tuesday 10 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm Confirmation Family Activity 3 – Church
- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 11 May

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 12 May

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

Saturday 14 May

- 3.00pm Wedding – Church

Sunday 15 May

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 1.00pm Handmaids of the Lord – Aquinas Room
- 2.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 3 – Church

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** Rosetta Jorgesen, Colin Grieshaber, Greg Perkins, Rita Marshall, Kathy Stone, Kay Whitby **and the recently deceased** Gino Aggetta, Konrad Bobek, Colleen Rossow.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this time we pray for vocations, including to the priesthood and religious life, and in particular to our Dominican Family.

If you know a young man who may be called to the vocation of a Dominican Friar, further information can be obtained by emailing vocations@op.org.au, going to www.facebook.com/DominicanFriarsAustralasia, or speaking to one of the Dominican Friars here at the parish.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has also provided parishes with 2022 Prayer Calendar for Seminarians & Priests as well as Prayer for Vocations cards. These are available with Spread the Word this weekend. Contact details for the Vocation Brisbane office: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au, 1300 133 544, or www.vocationbrisbane.com

Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count

During the Month of May we are counting the number of people that attend the Sunday Masses as part of the Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count. These figures help to understand how many people are being reached out to in the local community, and across the whole Archdiocese. If you see someone counting the number of people during Mass, 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.

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 or 0438 763 268

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)

Giving of the Creed

- All Sunday Masses on 21-22 May

Hours of Grace

On Wednesday 11 May, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church throughout the day, beginning after 6.30am Mass and going through until 7.00pm. 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. **There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to nominate a time. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office on Monday or Tuesday.**



OLOG Diners will meet this coming Wednesday, 11 May, 6.00pm, at Carina Leagues Club. All parishioners are welcome to attend and connect & socialise with parishioners & friends.

Children's Liturgy of the Word for all primary school aged children is being held on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of the Month during 9.00am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word will next be held on Sunday 15 May and Sunday 22 May.

Rosary in Honour of Our Lady Help of Christians

All are invited to come together in strength and unity to pray the Rosary all as one and ask our Holy Mother for protection and guidance in these troubled times, as part of a nationwide Rosary prayer in Churches around Australia on Saturday 21 May, 2pm – 4pm. Our local Legion of Mary group will be leading the Rosary on the above day and time in Our Lady of Graces Church. All are invited to come along.

San Sisto College Annual Open Day is Sunday 22 May, 1pm-4pm. Join the San Sisto College community on Open Day and experience their new state-of-the-art, innovative learning environments. Enjoy guided tours, performances, demonstrations, subject and student leader talks & Principal's address. To register for the Open Day, go to www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/openday.aspx

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Did you know ... our Parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative, who is dedicated to promoting safeguarding messages and keeping you informed about safeguarding practices & initiatives in the Archdiocese.



Carmen Kee - lsr.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Carmen is also available to assist with questions, concerns, disclosures, incidents or complaints.

If you wish to raise concerns anonymously, contact the STOpline: 1300 304 550, aob@stopline.com.au, www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com.



Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au or there are a limited number of hard copies available from the table near the main door of the Church.

Message from St Vincent de Paul: During the past couple of months, we have been blessed by the parishioners at OLOG who have donated so much wool for the making of rugs, blankets & beanies. Our thanks to you all. Your support is truly appreciated. We are grateful to those people who produce the many items which have been distributed to our clients. We are truly heartened by your generosity.

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

To donate money via bank transfer to St Vincent de Paul, 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.

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



COMMUNITY NEWS

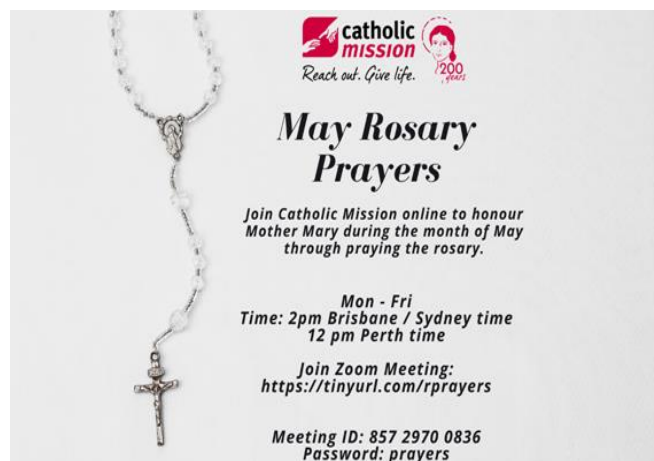
Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary



Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, 17 April, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, 3 July.

Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more information at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/



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

- 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 0481 307 821
gldbookings@wwme.org.au

- 19-21 Aug: Virtual National weekend on Zoom
- Bookings: Mercy & James ph 0409 183 676
vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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

Archbishop's Dinner for Women: Gain insight and wisdom into your discernment journey and the questions you are 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>

St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality

St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality presents Joan Chittister osb for the Toowong Parish's annual event celebrating women's spirituality. Joan is a practical theologian and renowned author who has written more than 50 books.

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

Where: Stuartholme School Chapel, Toowong.

Tickets: \$35 each Bookings: trybooking.com/BYQJ

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