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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

**Vol. 37 No. 19**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**15 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

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.



This week, 16-22 May, Australia celebrates National Volunteer Week. This year's theme is appropriate as we re-emerge from the COVID19 pandemic – “Better Together”. Throughout the parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest number of volunteer groups throughout the state - around 10,000 people. As a Parish, we recognise and say thank you for the valuable contribution that our volunteers make to keep the wheels turning here at Our Lady of Graces and also across the Archdiocese.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### 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

#### Monday 16 May

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

#### Tuesday 17 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 18 May

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room

#### Thursday 19 May

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church

#### Saturday 21 May

- 2.00pm Rosary in Honour of Our Lady Help of Christians – Church
- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

#### Sunday 22 May

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 1.00pm Handmaids of the Lord – Aquinas Room

**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** Tracey Elizabeth Begley, Rosetta Jorgesen, Colin Grieshaber, Greg Perkins, Rita Marshall **and the recently deceased** Gino Aggetta, Konrad Bobek, Colleen Rossow.

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

### 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.

**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 is being held TODAY, Sunday 15 May, and next Sunday, 22 May.

**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

### 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.

### 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 - Giving of the Creed*

- All Sunday Masses on 21-22 May

*Confirmation - Practice* Sunday 29 May

- 2.00pm for the 5.00pm Confirmation Liturgy
- 4.00pm for the 7.00pm Confirmation Liturgy

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:aob@stopline.com.au), [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com).

### 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.



## 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/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

### St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass

Inviting all mothers of Terrace old boys to join in Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 22 May, 9am-12pm  
Location: Chapel of the Holy Family, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill

Cost: \$35 (morning tea)

RSVP: Wednesday 18th May 2022

Booking Link: <https://events.humanitix.com/2022-terrace-past-mothers-mass-and-morning-tea>

**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** 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 over 50 books.

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

Where: Stuartholme School Chapel, Toowong.

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

**A Morning's Prayer** is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. 9am-12pm on Saturday 4 June 2022 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston). Cost is \$20. To register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>



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](http://www.catholic.org.au) or there are a limited number of hard copies available from the table near the main door of the Church.

### Be the Voice – Advocate for Refugees

Join our Social Justice Committee in supporting refugees and people seeking asylum by writing to candidates in the 2022 Federal Election asking for reform in Australia's refugee policy. You can download the letter and information sheet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/3bmcsxw4> in your internet browser and hard copies of the letter and information also available at the back of the church. The information pack contains:

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Refugees

1. A template letter that can be completed and tailored and sent to all local candidates in the 2022 Federal Election.
2. A contact sheet, providing contact details for each electorate for the major parties, as well as the contact details for all current QLD Senators and Candidates for the Senate for the major parties.

You are free to edit it as you see fit.

### Understanding the Policy Positions

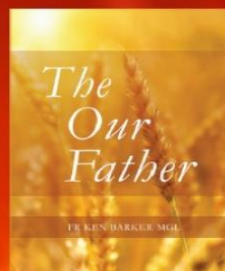
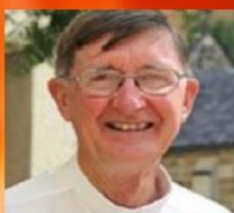
We are not advocating any parties or candidates. That is up to each of us as voters. However, the Refugee Council of Australia has published an analysis of the policy positions of the three major parties on each of RCOA's points of advocacy. You can access this at their website: <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/2022-refugee-policies-of-political-parties/>

### RETREAT, HEALING PRAYERS, BOOK LAUNCH

**Sunday 22 May  
11 - 4 pm (Mass 11am)**

**St Thomas' Camp Hill**

Fr. Ken Barker, Founder,  
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