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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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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 July 2022

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

Today we celebrate the fact that God has always been present with, and loved, our First Peoples in Australia, a love that God extends to all First Peoples across the world.

I was working in Italy last year when I was appointed Auxiliary Bishop in Brisbane. When I was asked about any preferences I had for the ordination liturgy, I knew that I wanted truly 'Australian' symbols and rituals, but I was relatively powerless to put anything significant in place as I was so far away. I wanted a Pectoral Cross and Vestments decorated in an Aboriginal design. I knew I wanted to be 'smoked' as a symbol of cleansing at the beginning of my Episcopal Ministry. Various people at the Brisbane end began diligently working on this by contacting First Nations people and others who could help out.



I was deeply touched and strengthened by the results, which included the Vestment design being transferred also to the Mitre, two Pectoral Crosses with Sacred Land from Lake Mungo in their centre, and a Smoking Ceremony inside the Cathedral that included me and all the bishops who entered behind me. I believe God was very happy with that!

What amazed me was that so many people were willing to act on my behalf to profile the symbols and rituals of First Nations people in the ordination ceremony. There was an enormous amount of good will and creativity that was made immediately available simply because people were asked to help.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to pray to ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. If we truly want more labourers for the vineyard that produces the Good News of life in abundance for all, the same vineyard that also tells the Jesus story through the eyes and hearts of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, then praying is only one way to do this. We also need to make a deeper commitment to our sisters and brothers through being labourers in the vineyard.

NAIDOC has a theme this year of 'Get up, Stand up, Show up'. Labourers for the harvest of the Lord do exactly that – they labour or work for the Lord, and that can take the form of getting up and being active. There is much we can do as Christian people to address issues that affect our First Nations sisters and brothers.

I have my story of asking others for help to profile Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture – the world's oldest continuing culture - during my Episcopal Ordination. What is your story? When were you active with issues that affect First Nations people? And if you don't have a story yet of being a labourer in that vineyard, then get up, stand up and show up to places where issues of First Australians are being addressed. People are just waiting to be asked. *The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.*

Bishop Tim Norton SVD, Auxiliary Bishop – Archdiocese of Brisbane



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 3 July

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 4 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 5 July

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

Wednesday 6 July

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 11.00am Funeral: Vicki Johnson – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 7 July

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Caroline Massa, Fr Anthony Lemon, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Ena Worthington, Mavis McHugh, John Knight, Winnie Sutherland, Jean-Claude Alizart, Jacqueline Dickson, Alice Mollison, Jack Spriggs, John Sullivan, Ron Roff, John Francis Freacy, Mabel Freacy, David Shiels **and the recently deceased** Vicki Johnson, Eileen Mary Morris, Fay Bouel, Cassie Rankin, Brian Michael Deere, Paul Gerard Sullivan, Anthony Frederick Connor, Carmel McLean, Joan Parkinson.

Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund

Thank you to those who supported the Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund Collection last weekend. If there is anyone who gave via EFT that requires a tax receipt, please email Helen Frank at helen.frank@op.org.au with date of EFT & reference.

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a retiring (leaving) collection at all Masses this weekend (2-3 July). Peter's Pence gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world with emergency assistance.

Plenary Council

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from 3-9 July. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Fr Alex on Leave: Fr Alex will be away on some well deserved leave from Tuesday 5 July – Saturday 16 July, heading back to New Zealand to visit family and friends. This is the first opportunity Fr Alex has had to visit New Zealand since 2019, due to the Covid pandemic. We pray that Fr Alex has a safe trip and comes back to us refreshed.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday: Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

This year is particularly important because of the need to reconnect due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community interacted and made contact with one another.

For 2022 all are asked to consider practical ways in which you can support Australia's First Peoples - not just for this special day, but every day.

First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics is currently 133,528. In Australia 5.8% of the total Catholic population is aged under 5 years, but the percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics under the age of 5 is 10.2%. Brisbane Archdiocese has the highest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics numbering 15,403. Sixteen Dioceses have over one-fifth of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population who identify as Catholic.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

What does NAIDOC stand for?

NAIDOC stands for **National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee**. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

What does the Theme for 2022 mean?

We all must continue to **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!** for systemic change and keep rallying around Elders and communities.

It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations.

We need to move beyond just acknowledgement, good intentions, empty words and promises, and hollow commitments. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Communities want us to **Get Up! Stand Up! And Show Up!** with them to amplify their voices and narrow the gap between aspiration and reality, good intent and outcome.

The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. (www.naidoc.org.au)



Parish Social Justice Group

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations and blessings to Simon and Jude McHugh who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Friday at 6.30am Mass. Simon and Jude were presented with a Papal Blessing for their 50 years of marriage.

Sea Sunday

Next weekend, 9-10 July, is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. If you wish to donate or find out more information about its work, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org



The Legion of Mary invites any interested parishioners to Marian Valley on Sunday 10 July. The bus will leave Legion House (377 St Paul's Terrace, Fortitude Valley) at 8:30am. The cost for the day is \$30. BYO Lunch, with tea and coffee provided. Any enquires or bookings for the trip, please contact Patricia Grieshaber on 0437 211 841.

Sacramental Program 2022

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 1 - Preparation Sessions

- Tuesday 12 July, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 17 July, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

OLOG Diners will meet on Wednesday, 13 July, 6.00pm, at Carina Leagues Club. All parishioners are welcome to attend to connect and socialise.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will next held on Sundays 17 & 24 July during 9.00am Mass.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will next be held on Sunday 17 July.

Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5.00pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

Restoring the Doors of the Church

The main front doors of the Church have been restored, and we would like to continue the project of restoring the remaining eight doors of the Church. This involves removing the paint on the outside and polishing up the wood on both sides.



Would you be interested in donating a door?

Each set of doors is \$1,500 to restore. We would be happy to accept any donations, large or small. If you would like to make a donation, place a donation in an envelope and drop it into the collection at Mass or to the Parish Office. Alternatively, please contact Chris at the Parish Office for donations via other methods such as Credit Card or Direct Debit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteer Bus Driver: St Vincent's Care Carina

St Vincent's Care Carina is looking for a volunteer bus driver. Requirements are a current Qld Light Rigid driver's licence, current Flu Shot and current Covid vaccines. Any assistance either once a week, fortnight, or month, on a roster, would be appreciated. For further information or to volunteer for the role, contact Trish McAlister on 3338 6100 or patricia.mcalister@svha.org.au.

The "Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting

will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 6 July, 10.45am - 12.15pm, following the regular 10.00am Mass. We would love you to join us for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our Guest speaker is Len Airey.

Archdiocesan NAIDOC Week Mass will be celebrated at the 12 midday Mass on Sunday 10 July, at the Cathedral of St Stephen. All are welcome.

Position Vacant – Parish Business Manager

Applications are open for the above position at St James Parish, Coorparoo. The position is a part-time 12 hours a week either over 3 days per week or 2 days per week. For additional information, please visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> & go to careers. Applications close: 11 July 2022



Enquiries and bookings:
Connie Costa Massadi 0415 592 155
Flora Di Lizio 0418 753 554

Cost: \$30 pp | RSVP: 12 July 2022

School photos & memorabilia are welcome
conniecosta123@hotmail.com

All past students & teachers are invited

St Stephen's Cathedral Primary School Reunion

Sunday 24 July 2022

10:00am Mass - Cathedral of St Stephen
followed by
Morning Tea in the Hanly Room
(adjacent to the Cathedral)

Centacare Pastoral Care Training Course will begin a new training course in late July 2022 through to May 2023 to equip lay men and women to provide spiritual and pastoral care to people in hospital. For more information about the role, the training course, timeframes and eligibility, contact Judy Norris on adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3193.

Ignite Conference 2022: The Moment

22-25 September 2022 at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Experience four days of explosive rallies, real-world formation, powerful preaching, the holy sacraments of Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration, encouragement in faith, inspiring workshops, amazing people, and life-changing encounters of God. For information, visit www.igniteconference.com.au

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

To donate money via bank transfer:

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