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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

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Spread the Word

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10 July 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

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.



Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

Have you thought? Contemporary context

Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in 'modern' contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 11 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 12 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 1 – Church

Wednesday 13 July

- 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
- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room

Thursday 14 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am Funeral: Venera Caltabiano – Church
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Sunday 17 July

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 1 – Church
- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Sr Helen Rankin OP, Caroline Massa, Fr Anthony Lemon, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Pierino Gugliotta, Carmelo Bucolo, Victoria Cenita, 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** Fr Bernard Maxwell OP, Venera Caltabiano, Vicki Johnson, Eileen Mary Morris, Fay Bouel, Cassie Rankin, Brian Deere, Paul Sullivan.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

Donations to the Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. If you wish to donate to this ministry or find out more information about its work, please visit: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Peter's Pence Collection: Thank you to all those who generously donated towards the Peter's Pence collection last weekend. Just over \$1,000 was collected and this will go toward supporting the charitable works of the Holy See.

Fr Alex on Leave: Fr Alex is currently away in New Zealand on some well deserved leave until Saturday 16 July, visiting family and friends. We pray that Fr Alex comes back to us refreshed next Sunday.

Sunday 10 July is the end of NAIDOC week. This is appropriate as the Gospel of the day, Luke 10:25-37, which is about the Good Samaritan. It is referred to in Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Fratelli Tutti', asking 'Who is my Brother or Sister, Who is my Neighbour'.

Pope Francis mentions the importance to recognise those in our vicinity. He states that 'Love does not care if a brother or sister in need is from one place or another'.

The Pope invites us to consider which of the characters in the parable we might be and challenges us to put aside all differences. In the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked, and no longer say 'that I have neighbours to help, but that I must be a neighbour to others. *Social Justice Group*

The Catholic Leader

The *July Edition* of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop.



Schools Are Back

This Monday, 11 July, we welcome back the students of St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College who commence Term 3. A reminder that the 40kph zone along Mayfield Rd is enforced on school days between 7am-4pm.



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)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

- Tuesday 26 July, 7pm (Option 1)
- Wednesday 27 July, 7pm (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 for all primary school aged children is being held will be held on Sundays 17 & 24 July during 9.00am Mass.

From the month of August onwards, Children's Liturgy of the Word will change to the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month. This is to allow families to attend and participate in the Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the Month.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference - To donate money via bank transfer:

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.

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.

IMPORTANT: Saturday 23 July, 6.00pm Mass

The St Martin's P & F are hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday 23 July from 5.30pm onwards in the Dominic Centre. This is a warning that parking may be difficult for parishioners attending Saturday Mass 6.00pm on 23 July. Those attending the Trivia Night will be asked not to use the carpark spaces marked CHURCH. It is suggested that you allow an extra 5-10 minutes, in case you cannot park in your usual spot.

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

The Missionary Sister of St Dominic were asked to work with Burmese Refugees in Thailand. One of the ministries they took on was the establishment and running of an orphanage in the north-west of Thailand.

Prior to Covid, Fr Alex had been travelling to Mae Sot to give retreats to the sisters and to work with the children. Fr Alex will be travelling to Mae Sot again this August.

Parish communities have supported the many different projects for example, new solar panels for power supply, water tanks, a baker, and a weaving workshop.

On the weekend of 23-24 July, we will have an Appeal to support Holy Infant Orphanage. Appeal envelopes will be available to give a donation via cash or credit card. There will also be a stall with a number of items, weaved and produced by the Orphanage, available to purchase by cash only. All money from donations and the stall will go directly to the sisters. Thank you in advance for your support.

St Dominic's Feast Day: Cuppa n Chat

On the weekend of 6-7 August, we will be celebrating St Dominic's Feast Day at all the Sunday Masses. After all the Masses on this weekend, we would like to have Cuppa n Chat.

If you are able to assist, please speak to Shayne Vincent for Sunday 7am Mass, Joe Barnewall for Sunday 9am Mass, or contact Chris at the Parish Office for all the Masses. We would also invite everyone to bring a plate of food to share.

It is the hope of the Parish Pastoral Council that this will be the start of Cuppa n Chat returning to our Sunday Masses.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteer Bus Driver: St Vincent's Care Carina

St Vincent's Care Carina is looking for a volunteer bus driver for outings & trips. 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 Archdiocesan NAIDOC Week Mass will be celebrated at the 12 midday Mass this Sunday, 10 July, at the Cathedral of St Stephen. All are welcome to attend.

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



All past students & teachers are invited

St Stephen's Cathedral Primary School Reunion

Enquiries and bookings:

Connie Costa Massadi 0415 592 155

Flora Di Lizio 0418 753 554

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

Sunday 24 July 2022

10:00am Mass - Cathedral of St Stephen

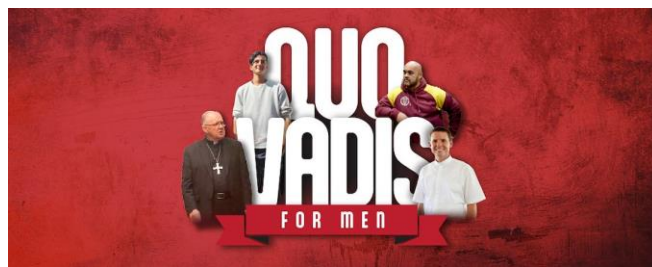
followed by

Morning Tea in the Hanly Room

(adjacent to the Cathedral)

School photos & memorabilia are welcome
conniecosta123@hotmail.com

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.



The annual Quo Vadis Weekend is for men between the age of 18-35 to learn more about the priesthood in an environment that will equip and inspire a better understanding of your personal calling.

Experience what it's like to study, pray, discern and live at the Holy Spirit Seminary through dynamic talks, small group discussions, prayer experiences through the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, personal prayer and a guided retreat. Spend quality time with those on the same journey of discernment around good food, conversation and sporting activities.

Time & Date: 5pm Friday 12 August to
2pm Sunday 14 August

Location: Holy Spirit Seminary
487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo

Cost: \$80

RSVP: Monday 1 August

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