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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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 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

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.



Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 24 July

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

Monday 25 July

- 10.30am Funeral: Ernesto Civitarese – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 26 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:
First Holy Communion – Church

Wednesday 27 July

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:
First Holy Communion – Church

- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room

Thursday 28 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Sunday 31 July

- 12noon Baptisms – Church
- 5.30pm St Martin's School Involvement Mass – Church

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** Harry Pieper, Bernard & Shirley Barry, Victor & Syd Stone, Mary Roberts, Pat & Una Kenny, John, Consuelo & Benjamin Mendoza, Pierino Gugliotta, Carmelo Bucolo, Victoria Cenita **and the recently deceased** Ernesto Civitarese, Richard Palmer, Enrique Antoniazzi, Sr Helen Rankin OP, Felix Xavier Fernandes, Fr Bernard Maxwell OP, Venera Caltabiano, Vicki Johnson, Eileen Mary Morris.

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand



The Missionary Sisters 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.

This weekend, 23-24 July, we will have an Appeal to support Holy Infant Orphanage. Appeal envelopes are available to give a donation via cash or credit card. There is also 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 for your support.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which



is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of July each year. The day is marked near the Feast Day of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, on 26 July.

The theme for this year's celebration is *"In old age they will still bear fruit"*, taken from Psalm 92.

*I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.*

*Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.*

*Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.*

*Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.*

*Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word for all primary school aged children is being held on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month during 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is being held TODAY, Sunday 24 July, and then on Sunday 14 August.

Novena to St Dominic

As we approach the Feast Day of St Dominic on 3 August, you are invited to participate in the Novena after Mass from Monday 25 July. Novena prayer booklets are available from the Statue of St Dominic.

Sacramental Program 2022

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

- Tuesday 26 July, 7pm (Option 1)
- Wednesday 27 July, 7pm (Option 2)

Family Session 2 - Preparation Sessions

- Tuesday 9 August, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 14 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

St Martin's School Involvement Mass

We welcome the students and families from St Martin's School who will assist in some of the ministers at the Sunday 5.30pm Mass on 31 July.

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.

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 any of 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.

If you are 15-20 years of age and wanting to get answers to some of life's questions, you are invited to **2022 Alpha Youth@Our Lady of Graces, Carina**



What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning. The program promotes connection with people who want answer to life's questions; provides content that explores the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief; and encourages conversation, the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic and discuss in small groups.

What is Alpha- Youth series? The Alpha Youth Series has been totally reimagined for today's youth culture. Through 13 sessions filmed in Vancouver, London, Paris, Rome, Israel, and many other incredible locations, the Alpha Youth Series explores timeless questions about life and faith from a Christian perspective. There are 9 weekly episodes and 4 episodes for the Alpha Weekend/Day.

The series offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics well spread throughout each episode to better engage youth, helping them think about how these issues relate to their lives as they discuss with their friends and leaders.

Alpha-Youth@Our Lady of Graces journey starts on **Wednesday 17 August** at the **Our Lady of Graces Parish, Aquinas Room (underneath the Church), 100 Mayfield Road, Carina**, with:

- Registration: **6.15pm**
- Dinner: **6.30pm**
- Talk, discussion & ice breakers: **7pm - 8.30pm**

For more information please contact:

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Old Clavinova Piano For Sale

We would like to sell the old clavinova piano that was replaced by our current clavinova piano a few of years ago. If you, or someone you know, is interested in purchasing a 2nd hand electric piano, please contact the parish office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Laudato Si Event - Care For Our Common Home

You are invited to share in a community forum where we can explore the message in Laudato Si and grow in knowledge so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Date: 30 July 9.30am - 12 noon

Venue: Kedron Parish Hall, 80 Turner Road, Kedron

Booking: 3357-6640 / kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Laurel Blow Speaker Series is for anyone wanting to grow in understanding with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics and help make true reconciliation a reality. In the August session, Jackie Huggins will speak about her families' experience as First Nations people living under government policies. After sharing her experience, there will be a time for Q&A and conversation.

Thursday 4 August, 9am-10.15am at Australian Catholic University, Banyo. To find out more or register: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22_1



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Celebrated at 10.00am on Monday, 8 August

Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane

Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge invites you to a special celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, patron of the Archdiocese, on her feast day, Monday 8 August. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am in the Cathedral followed by morning tea in the surrounding grounds.

To RSVP, email rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au or call 07 3324 3200.

Quo Vadis for Men: 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.

5pm Friday 12 August to 2pm Sunday 14 August at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Cost is \$80. RSVP by Monday 1 August <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/QV4M22>

Social Justice Statement 2022 – 2023

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. A Brisbane launch of the Social Justice Statement will take place at St James' Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo, on Tuesday 23 August, 7pm for 7.30pm. All are welcome.



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