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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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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 July 2022

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

Reflection by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Money can make life a little easier to manage at times, but a famous proverb proclaims that 'money can't buy happiness'.

Do you think most people believe that proverb?

Why are so many people so easily convinced that having more of this or that will make their life better?

What types of ads are you most susceptible to? What do you end up buying or wanting to buy most often?

Are you an impulse buyer? Or do you not spend money unless you have planned to spend it on something you truly need?

Jesus tells us about the man who tore down his grain bins to build bigger ones in order to contain all his grain. Jesus called this man a fool.

Do you have room in your wardrobe and cupboards for all your clothes and possessions?

When your cupboards get too full, are you likely to find more storage space in your house or are you more likely to go through your things and decide what you use and don't use?

Once you have some extra clothing or other items that you no longer want to keep, what do you do? Do you throw them away? Do you give them to agencies such as the St Vincent de Paul Society or other charity shops? Do you sell them at a garage sale to make more money?



The New NORMAL

Stay at home when sick	Maintain physical distancing	Maintain good hand hygiene	Get a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms	Get vaccinated and get a booster when you can	Wear a mask as required and when you can't physically distance

As we are now into a new wave of COVID-19 and Cold & Flu cases in the community, this is a timely reminder for each of us to continue to play our part in keeping ourselves and our community safe. You are encouraged to wear a mask, when attending the parish. Hand sanitiser is available for you to use. If you are unwell, please do not attend any liturgical celebrations or parish function.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 31 July

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

Monday 1 August

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

Tuesday 2 August

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

Wednesday 3 August

- 8.00am San Sisto Community Mass – Church
- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 4 August

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

Friday 5 August

- 9.00am Years 5, 6, 11 & 12 at Mass – Church
- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

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** Patrick Boyle, Salvatore Zappala, 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** Edlyn Grant, Igino Civitarese, Richard Palmer, Enrique Antoniazzi, Sr Helen Rankin OP, Felix Xavier Fernandes, Fr Bernard Maxwell OP, Venera Caltabiano.

St Martin's School Involvement Mass

Welcome to the children, parents and staff of St Martin's School who are helping us celebrate the Sunday 5.30pm Mass this weekend.

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

Thank you to those who have generously donated money or purchased items from the stall last weekend, to help support the Holy Infant Orphanage in Mae Sot, Thailand.

The final amount will be announced in Spread the Word next weekend. The money will be transferred to the Sisters in Thailand on the Feast of St Dominic.

Fr Alex Away in Thailand

We wish Fr Alex safe travels as he leaves for Thailand this Wednesday night, 3 August. Fr Alex returns to the Parish on Saturday 27 August.

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.

Parish Giving App

No Cash? No Problem! You can now give via the *Parish Giving app*, for regular and one-off giving



Novena to St Dominic

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

Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 5 August in the Aquinas Room. New members are more than welcome.

St Dominic's Feast Day: Cuppa n Chat

Next weekend of 6-7 August, we will be celebrating St Dominic's Feast Day at all the Sunday Masses. After all the Masses there will be Cuppa n Chat. There is also word that soup might be on offer after the Saturday 6pm & Sunday 5.30pm Masses to warm you up.



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.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like this to be the start of Cuppa n Chat returning to our Sunday Masses. If you would like to come on board with assisting with Cuppa n Chat after a Sunday Mass once a month, please speak to Joe or Shayne, or contact Chris at the Parish Office.

Sacramental Program 2022

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 2 - Preparation Sessions

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

Exhibition (Ekka) People's Day Public Holiday

A reminder that Wednesday 10 August will be the Exhibition People's Day Public Holiday in the Brisbane City Council local government area. Therefore, Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am only and the Parish Office will also be closed on this day.

OLOG Diners will meet on Wednesday, 8 August, 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 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month during 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word will next be held on 14 August.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will next be held on Sunday 21 August.

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.

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 answers to life's questions; provides content that explores the big issues of life and faith and unpacks 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 engage and help the youth 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**

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Safeguarding Survey: The protection and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important. The thoughts and views of children and the Church community are essential in helping shape that approach. The Archdiocese has prepared two short safeguarding surveys, via QR code, to help gather feedback from children and the community.

Online Child Safeguarding Survey:

The survey is seeking information from children aged 5 - 12 years.



Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults): This survey is seeking information from parish congregations / communities, and should take less than 1 minute to complete.

Both survey's are completely anonymous and the parish will not be identified. Parents and Guardians may wish to assist children in completing the Child Survey and explore their responses if needed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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>

Going Deeper is a ten-session online series about our loving relationship with our God at the heart of our Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together this program will dive beneath the teachings and practices and ponder, 'what is this all for?'

St James' Parish Coorparoo will be holding a 'Going Deeper' program on Wednesday mornings, 8.45am (after 8am Mass), beginning on Wednesday 17 August. This is an open invitation to parishioners in the Brisbane East Deanery. There will be no charge for participants, as St James' Parish has paid for the program.

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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