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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  
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# Spread the Word

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**14 August 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

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.



Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

## Photos from Fr Alex in Mae Sot, Thailand



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 14 August

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 2.30pm Jesus Youth – Library
- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 2 – Church

#### Monday 15 August

- 6.30am, 9.00am & 7.00pm Mass: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Day of Obligation) – Church

#### Tuesday 16 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 11.00am Funeral: Maud Rodda – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 17 August

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm Alpha-Youth – Aquinas Room

#### Thursday 18 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

#### Sunday 21 August

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Sarita & Anita Kawol, Caroline Massa, Fr Anthony Lemon, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Joyce Searle, Jo-Anne De Wolfe, Zina Catalano, Pat Zemek, Frank & Grace Levy, Patrick Boyle, Salvatore Zappala, Harry Pieper, Bernard & Shirley Barry, Victor & Syd Stone, Mary Roberts **and the recently deceased** Maud Rodda, Patricia Muldoon, Chris Byrnes, Maria Isabel Cunha Gomes, Edlyn Grant, Igino Civitarese, Richard Palmer, Enrique Antoniazzi.

**Fr Alex is currently away in Thailand**, and will return on Saturday 27 August. While Fr Alex is away, Fr Anthony Walsh OP is Acting Parish Priest.

**Thank you** to everyone who brought along a plate to share and stayed after Mass last weekend in celebrating the Feast Day of St Dominic.

### Cuppa n Chat

The Parish Pastoral Council would like 'Cuppa n Chat' to return to our Sunday Masses. For this to happen, we need volunteers who are willing to assist with set-up, serving, and pack-up. Now is your chance to let us know you are interested and available to support this important welcoming & hospitality ministry. If we have enough volunteers, you would only be rostered once every couple of months. To come on board to assist with Cuppa n Chat, please speak to one of the Pastoral Council members, or contact Chris via phone or email at the Parish Office to indicate your availability.



### The New NORMAL



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 playing 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 celebration or parish function.

**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 TODAY, Sunday 14 August, and then on Sunday 28 August.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Monday 15 August** Holy Day of Obligation  
 Mass Times: 6.30am, 9.00am & 7.00pm

**Clergy Convocation:** This coming Tuesday and Wednesday, 16 & 17 August, the Clergy of the Archdiocese will be gathering for their Annual Clergy Convocation. The Clergy Convocation is a positive time for Clergy in the Archdiocese to come together and discuss matters of importance to the Church and enjoy fellowship and worship. Please keep the Clergy of the Archdiocese in your prayers this week.

**Alpha-Youth @ Our Lady of Graces** begins a new series this Wednesday, 17 August, 6.15pm-8.30pm.

**Brisbane East Deanery Meeting:** The next meeting will take place this Thursday, 18 August, 7.00pm at Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, Bulimba. There will be a review of the last meeting and discussion in which the parishes of the Deanery can participate in shared activities. All are welcome to attend.

**The Annual Catholic Campaign** will be held next weekend, 20-21 August, at all Masses.

### Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass: 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

### Sacramental Program 2022

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 3 - Preparation Sessions

- Tuesday 23 August, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 28 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

**Date Claimer: Parish Multicultural Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday 22 October at the 6pm Mass.

**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 church door.

## Plenary Council Outcomes

**What is a Plenary Council?** A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of the Catholic Church in a nation. The second sitting of the most recent Plenary Council in Australia concluded in July 2022. The purpose of the Plenary Council has been to discuss what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time through a process of discernment, prayer and dialogue.

**What came out of it?** During the process, members from across Australia voted on and passed 18 proposals. Four particular proposals covered the following topics:

- **Care for Creation:** Committing all Catholic churches and organisations to adopt specific goals for responding to the climate crisis.
- **Dignity of Women:** Make changes to policies and practices around the involvement of women, ensuring that women are appropriately represented in decision-making and equally remunerated in employment.
- **Formation for Mission:** Ensure leaders have a strong foundation in their faith so that decision-making in mission and ministry comes from a place of faith in God, through creating a culture of personal and communal prayer and engagement in the sacramental life of the Church.
- **Reconciliation:** For the Catholic Church in Australia to actively work towards reconciliation with First Nations Peoples.

**What does it mean and where to from here?** The decrees of the Plenary Council need papal approval which we hope to receive in early 2023. This will make the Plenary Council decrees binding for the Catholic Church in Australia, and allow us to move into the implementation phase.

In the meantime the Archdiocese of Brisbane will continue to move ahead in a number of these areas and begin determining how to embed Plenary Council proposals into our organisation at every level – from Catholic schools and parishes to religious institutes Catholic organisations and Agencies.

Find out more by reading all the proposals on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



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**



The series offers compelling stories, images, questions, and discussion topics, spread throughout each episode so as to engage and help the youth think about how these issues relate to their lives as they discuss with their friends and leaders. The journey starts on **Wednesday 17 August** at the **Our Lady of Graces Parish, Aquinas Room (underneath the Church)**, with:

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

For more information please contact:

- Vilma Simbag - Mob: 0433 514 634;  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.*

### Children's Ministry Leader's Evening

In the wake of the pandemic, many parishes and communities are asking 'where have the families gone'? This has prompted renewed interest in how we, as parishes and communities, might welcome and engage parents and their children in the Sunday celebration. Join us as we team up with Michael Mangan, Liturgy Education Consultant from Liturgy Brisbane to explore this question through the lenses of liturgy & hospitality.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 17 August, 6.30pm - 9pm  
**Location:** Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen  
**RSVP:** 15 August [app.tickets.org.au/eb/CCMN\\_Term\\_3](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CCMN_Term_3)

### 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. RSVP your attendance to [cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Blessing of the Bikes by Bishop Time Norton SVD** is on Saturday 27 August, 7am at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by a River Loop, finishing with coffee and a BBQ at Orleigh Park, West End.

**Passionist Family Camp, Bornhoffen** will be held Friday 2 – Sunday 4 September. To book, go to [www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=919030&](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=919030&)

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