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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

PARISH TEAM

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Spread the Word

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21 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

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.



Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 22 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 23 August

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

Wednesday 24 August

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 25 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

- 6.30pm Alpha-Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

Saturday 27 August

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 28 August

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

- 5.30pm St Martin's School Involvement 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 **and the recently deceased** Br Brendan O'Hearn OP, Maud Rodda, Patricia Muldoon, Chris Byrnes, Maria Isabel Cunha Gomes.

Fr Alex is currently away in Thailand and is returning next Saturday, 27 August. Fr Anthony Walsh is Acting Parish Priest while Fr Alex is away.

The Annual Catholic Campaign

This weekend is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help the vital works of our church and local community through the Annual Catholic Campaign. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. You can give via the giving envelopes, using the following link <https://bit.ly/3vrBQEB> or the QR code above.



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 welcome 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.

The Catholic Leader: The *August Edition* of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop and the Parish Office.

Tuesday Playgroup: We are sad to announce that the Tuesday Playgroup will be discontinued for the remainder of 2022. This has come about from very low numbers attending the Tuesday group each week. The Tuesday Playgroup will be reviewed at the start of 2023, as if there is enough support to re-start the group. For families looking for Playgroup, please note that the Thursday group is still running with good numbers attending each week.

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)

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 continues on **Thursday evenings** in the **Our Lady of Graces Parish Library (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY & VENUE):**

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

For more information please contact:

- Vilma Simbag - Mob: 0433 514 634;

Email: vsimbag@gmail.com

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 next Sunday, 28 August.

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 5.30pm Mass next Sunday, 28 August.

Safeguarding Update

Since the start of 2022, Carmen Kee and Chris Larter have been going through a process to ensure all our parish volunteers are up-to-date in regards to Safeguarding Compliance (paperwork & training). We are pleased to advise that a number of our parish volunteers are now up-to-date, which is great to see.

A gentle reminder that if you do receive an email or communication in regards to safeguarding paperwork and training which is due for completion, it would be very much appreciated if you could attend to this ASAP. Also if you need any assistance with completing paperwork or training, please contact Chris in the Parish Office who is able to assist.

With the combined effort of everyone, we hope to have all safeguarding paperwork and training for our parish volunteers up-to-date by the end of 2022.

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Did you know ... our Parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative, who is dedicated to promoting safeguarding messages and keeping you informed about safeguarding practices & initiatives in the Archdiocese.



Carmen Kee - lsr.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Carmen is also available to assist with questions, concerns, disclosures, incidents or complaints.

If you wish to raise concerns anonymously, contact the STOpline: 1300 304 550, aob@stopline.com.au, www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com.

Ministry Highlight

Every few weeks, we are going to highlight a ministry or group in our Parish – some seen, and some not so visible. The invitation to join any of these ministries and groups is always open. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism Welcome Ministry

Did you know that we have a ministry that welcomes families when they bring their child/children to be Baptised?

We currently have a team of three people for our Baptism Welcome Ministry. This involves being at the Church early to assist the priest with the setting up for the Baptisms, welcoming the families and showing them their seats when they arrive, and also being nearby to assist during the celebration. The Sacrament of Baptism is held on the 1st Sunday of the month during the 9am Mass & the 5th Sunday of the month at 12noon.

Date Claimer: Parish Multicultural Mass

Our Parish Multicultural Mass for 2022 will be celebrated on Saturday 22 October at the 6.00pm Mass. This will be followed by festivities, in which we invite everyone to bring a small dish of food, from your nation, to share with everyone.

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. Speaker will be Karyn Walsh (CEO of Micah Projects) and Bishop Tim Norton SVD will launch the statement. All are welcome. RSVP your attendance to 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. All ages & skill levels welcome. Register: www.menalive.org.au

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

Ignite Conference 2022: The Moment

22-25 September 2022 at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. For further information, contact rego@igniteconference.com.au, (07) 3217 5199, or visit their website www.igniteconference.com.au



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
to be celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
*Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more
are invited to attend, together with family and friends*
Saturday 24th September 2022
11:30am
RSVP: Wednesday 21st September
email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available.

Archdiocesan Annual Multicultural Mass

- **Date:** Sunday 25th September 2022
- **Time:** 2:30pm Mass; followed by refreshments & festival in the Cathedral grounds
- **Location:** St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City
- **Register:** <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM22>

The Cathedral Seminars: What implications does our faith have for how we live today?

Grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience in this seminar as we explore why and how we look to the saints and the significance that they have on our lives as Catholics.

- **Date & Time:** Thursday 29 September, 7-8:30pm
- **Location:** Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane)
- **Cost:** \$10pp
- **RSVP:** Tuesday 27 September
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-September>

Parking will be available under the Cathedral (access via Charlotte St) and refreshments will be provided on arrival to help those who come straight from work.

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