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**1952-2022**



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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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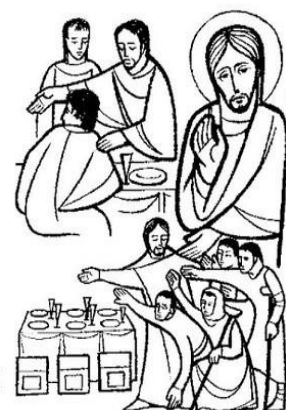
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**28 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 goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.



Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

## 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.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### 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

#### Monday 29 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 30 August

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 31 August

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

#### Thursday 1 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church
- 6.30pm Alpha-Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

#### Friday 2 September

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

#### Sunday 4 September

- 9.00am Baptisms in 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** Phyl Frazer, Sr Miriam Levy RSM, Ron & Mavis Steele, Joyce Searle, Jo-Anne De Wolfe, Zina Catalano, Pat Zemek, Frank & Grace Levy, Patrick Boyle **and the recently deceased** Elizabeth Wilkinson, Maria Giufre, Br Brendan O'Hearn OP, Maud Rodda, Patricia Muldoon, Chris Byrnes.

## Be the face of Christ for others



**Thank you** for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.



With your gift, you are the face, hands, and heart of Christ to those who need us most.

### 70th Anniversary of the Parish

This year we are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the parish, by the Dominican Friars, on 7 September 1952.

To mark the occasion, the front cover of Spread the Word acknowledges the 70 years from the days of the tent, where Masses were first celebrated in the parish, to our current Church of Our Lady of Graces.

**Welcome Back Fr Alex** from his time away in Mae Sot Thailand at Holy Infant Orphanage with the Missionary Sisters of St Dominic and the children of the Orphanage.

Thank you to Fr Anthony who has been Acting Parish Priest while Fr Alex has been away.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is being held TODAY, Sunday 28 August, at 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break in September, due to First Holy Communion and School Holidays, and will return on Sunday 9 October.

### 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.

**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, 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.

**The Season of Creation** is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home. The Season "Celebration" begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

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 on 0433 514 634 or vsimbag@gmail.com

## Social Justice Statement Summary 2022-23

### Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse



Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”.

Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”.

We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own – may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others.

Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful.

We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible.

The Statement affirms the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.

Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

The full statement is available at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). There are also a limited number of hard copies available from the table near the main door of the Church.

**Parish 500 Card Group** will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 2 September in the Aquinas Room. New members are more than welcome.

**First Holy Communion:** On the weekends of 10-11 September & 17-18 September, 70 children will be receiving their First Holy Communion across the various Sunday Masses. Please note that each Mass will have a maximum of 12 children, so there will be plenty of space for the families of the children receiving their First Holy Communion as well as for parishioners.

### Madonna Delle Grazie

The Committee of the Festa Paesana invites you all to celebrate once again at the annual grand Festa to honour the *Madonna Delle Grazie*.

There will be a three Course Dinner on Saturday 24 September, 6pm at the Brisbane Abruzzo Club, 150 Fursden Rd, Carina. Admission is \$55 Adults and \$25 Children (under 12). Funds raised will go back into the community. For bookings, contact Lucia Balzano 0430 561 977.

Mass will be celebrated in honour of the *Madonna delle Grazie* on Sunday 25 September, 10.30am at Our Lady of Graces, Carina.

**The 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

**Passionist Family Camp, Bornhaffen** 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&)

### Ignite Conference 2022: The Moment

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

**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>



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