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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
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Spread The Word

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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 wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.



Blessing of Fathers on Father's Day

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 4 September

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 5 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 6 September

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 4.00pm 1st Holy Communion Practice – Church

- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 7 September

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

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 8 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.45am 1st Holy Communion Practice – Church

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

- 6.30pm Alpha-Youth – Library & Hospitality Area

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** Fr Paul Purcell, Peter Marrinan, Malcolm Gomez, Phyl Frazer, Sr Miriam Levy RSM, Ron & Mavis Steele **and the recently deceased** Bahia Lazarus, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Maria Giufre, Br Brendan O'Hearn OP.

Child Protection Week & Safeguarding Sunday

This week, 4-10 September, is National Child Protection Week. The theme is "Every child, in every community, needs a fair go."



The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday next Sunday, 11 September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, with its theme: "Safe and Supported."

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

47th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church & 70th Anniversary of the Parish

This Wednesday, 7 September, we celebrate 47 years since the consecration and dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church and 70 years since the parish was established by the Dominican Friars.



Celebrating the anniversary gives us, the local Church, the opportunity to give thanks for the faith that has been passed on from generation to generation and pray for continued blessings and renewal.

Alpha-Youth @ Our Lady of Graces

continues each Thursday evening, 6.30pm-8.30pm, in the Parish Library and Hospitality Area, beginning with Dinner and followed by Talk, Discussion & Ice Breakers.



For more information please contact Vilma Simbag on 0433 514 634 or vsimbag@gmail.com.

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" began 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. Each week, during the Season of Creation, we will publish a quote from Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation.

Quote from Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2022

The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an "ecological spirituality" (Laudato Si', 216), attentive to God's presence in the natural world. It is a summons to base our spirituality on the "loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion" (ibid., 220).

Parish Shop News

The Parish Shop has recently been restocked, including the following items:

- Prayers Before Meals Placemats: \$2.00 each
- Rosary Beads, Cards, Gifts for Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion
- The Catholic Leader: \$4.00

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is taking a break in September, due to First Holy Communion and School Holidays, and will return on Sunday 9 October at 9.00am Mass.

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 at the Parish Office to indicate your availability.



OLOG Diners will meet at Carina Leagues Club on Wednesday 14 September, 6.00pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass: Please note that there will be no Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass in September due to First Holy Communion and with it also being the start of the School Holidays.

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

We currently have four people who are our Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders. The ministry involves the Leaders breaking open the Word of God to our primary school age children, at a level of their understanding. This includes the readings being presented in ways that are relevant/understandable for children. Children's Liturgy of the Word is currently offered at the Sunday 9.00am Mass on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Parish Giving App

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



Wall of Remembrance



In 1998, a Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones.

For further information, including the reserving of a space and/or ordering of a plaque, please contact the parish office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The "Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 7 September, 10.45am - 12.15pm, following the regular 10.00am Mass. We would love you to join us for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our Guest speaker is Jan Heath.

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.

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>

Canali Program: Actively discern where God is calling you with the Canali Program. The Canali Program is the official discernment program run by the Brisbane Archdiocese vocations office to help men discern the call to ordained ministry. It involves four main elements:

1. Ministry and service in a local parish.
2. One on one mentoring with a priest.
3. Prayer and spiritual direction.
4. Formation in Christian discipleship

This 'real world' experience in the life of the Church may be just what you need to discover God's call upon your life. To find out more or apply for the program, visit www.vocationbrisbane.com/canali

Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment? There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed via the link <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 100026584
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