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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

**Vol. 37 No. 37 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 September 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

Jesus tells us that trust is based on performance. If you have shown yourself to be responsible in small things, then you will be trusted with larger things. If you have shown yourself to be careless or dishonest, even in a small matter, you will not be trusted in a more important matter.

Do these words ring true? How does your trust level – high or low – affect your relationships?

When has your 'track record' with your parents or teachers come back to haunt you? When have you lost trust, and then lost an opportunity for something you wanted?

When has your track record with your parents or teachers helped you? When have you proven yourself to be responsible so that you earned a privilege you wanted?

Jesus warns us that we cannot be a slave to two masters – God and money. We must decide which is more important, and then live our life accordingly.

Do you think that Jesus is implying that you can't have any money? Or do you think Jesus is concerned only with an excess of money, a preoccupation with material things, and the greed that makes us jealous or dissatisfied with what we have?

If Jesus were to rate teenagers based on excess of money, preoccupation with material things, and a tendency toward greed, jealousy, and dissatisfaction, how well would most teenagers do? How well would you do?

Why is money such a problem? Why is greed so common? How do people learn to become so selfish?



## Congratulations to the Children Receiving their First Holy Communion

We warmly welcome the children, with their families, in celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend.

We pray for all the children as they celebrate this important occasion in their lives.

In receiving their Holy Communion for the first time, the children complete their Christian Initiation which began with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Early next year the children will continue their formation in preparing to celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 19 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 20 September

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 21 September

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

- 6.30pm Alpha-Youth – Church & Hospitality Area

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Saturday 24 September

- 9.00am Alpha-Youth Retreat Day – Church,  
Library & Hospitality Area

#### Sunday 25 September

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

- 10.30am Festa Madonna Delle Grazie Mass  
– Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Helen Payen, Caroline Massa, Fr Anthony Lemon, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Fred & Kath Carius, Fr Paul Purcell, Peter Marrinan, Malcolm Gomez* **and the recently deceased** *Queen Elizabeth II, Bahia Lazarus.*

### 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 *September Edition*: \$4.00

### Thank You: Legion of Mary

A thank you goes out to the Legion of Mary who have provided memento bags for the First Holy Communion children this year. These will be distributed to the first communicants across the Masses over this next week. The thoughtfulness and generosity of the Legion of Mary is greatly appreciated.  
*Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate*



### Alpha-Youth @ Our Lady of Graces

continues each Wednesday evening, 6.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church 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](mailto:vsimbag@gmail.com).

### National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

This Thursday, 22 September, is the National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As it is a Public Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am only and the Parish Office will also be closed on this day.

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

### 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.

**Cuppa n Chat:** Thank you to those who have stepped forward over the last few weeks to assist with *Cuppa n Chat*. At this stage, we will be able to have *Cuppa n Chat* most weeks after the Sunday 9.00am. There will also be *Cuppa n Chat* after the 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Parish Kids' Mass from October.

Please note, it is not too late to come on board to assist with *Cuppa n Chat* after the Sunday 9.00am Mass. The more hands we have, the less everyone will need to be rostered on. If anyone is still interest in helping out, please speak to one of the Pastoral Council members, or contact Chris at the Parish Office to indicate your availability.

If any parishioners who attend Saturday 6.00pm or Sunday 7.00am Mass would like to start up *Cuppa n Chat* after either of these Masses, they are most welcome to. Even if it is just held once a month. Simply let a Pastoral Council member know or contact the Parish Office to indicate your interest.

**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 we have 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

*Tragically, that sweet song {of creation} is accompanied by a cry of anguish. Or even better: a chorus of cries of anguish. In the first place, it is our sister, mother earth, who cries out. Prey to our consumerist excesses, she weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Then too, there are all those different creatures who cry out. At the mercy of a "tyrannical anthropocentrism" (Laudato Si', 68), completely at odds with Christ's centrality in the work of creation, countless species are dying out and their hymns of praise silenced.*

### St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave your donations in the baskets at the church door. Thank you for your support.



## Our Lady of Graces Multicultural Celebration *Celebrating OUR Community*

Saturday 22 October - 6.00pm Mass  
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### A LETTER AND STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE PASSING OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

To His Majesty King Charles III  
Buckingham Palace, London

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.



I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises.

Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.

8 September 2022

*Pope Francis*

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

9 September 2022

*Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB,  
President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference*

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Ignite Conference 2022:** 22-25 September 2022 at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Experience four days of explosive rallies, real-world formation, powerful preaching, the holy sacraments of Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration, encouragement in faith, inspiring workshops, amazing people, and life-changing encounters of God. For further information: [rego@igniteconference.com.au](mailto:rego@igniteconference.com.au), (07) 3217 5199, or visit [www.igniteconference.com.au](http://www.igniteconference.com.au)

**Laurel Blow Speaker Series:** An international panel of First Nation speakers from Canada and Australia will share truth telling processes as the basis for reconciliation. The panel will explore the healing that can occur between First Nation peoples and the wider community when there is an opportunity to share the true history of First Nation peoples experiences of colonialism.

- **Date & Time:** Thursday 6 October, 9am-10:30am
- **Location:** ACU, Banyo (John Paul II Building)
- **Register:** [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22\\_2](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LBSS22_2)

**The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 24 September, 11:30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more, are invited to attend, together with your family and friends. RSVP by Wednesday 21 September by calling the Cathedral Parish Office on 3324 3030 or emailing [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.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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