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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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The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.



Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

Living the Gospel – Competitive prayer!

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 22 October

- 6.00pm Multicultural Celebration – Church

Sunday 23 October

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

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

Monday 24 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

- 7.00pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 25 October

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Wednesday 26 October

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

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 27 October

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Sunday 30 October

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

- 5.30pm St Martin's School Involvement 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 Florinda & Carlo Grossetti,
Fr Karl Emerick O.P., Regina Platt, Gwen Petchell,
Caterina Salpietro, Antonio Salpietro, Rosaria Grasso,
and the recently deceased Br Brian Steele, Mervyn
Cooper, Dulcie O'Connell, Giuseppe Pagliaro, Mary
Jorgensen, Salvatore Pennisi.

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 on TODAY, Sunday
23 October, and then will be held on Sunday
13 November.

Orders for 2023 Annuals

We are taking orders for the following annuals:

- Daily Mass Books \$24
- Break Open the Word \$24
- Ordos \$15

To order, please either contact the parish office
or place your order and payment in an envelope
and drop the envelope into the collection at Mass.

**Orders are required by 12.30pm on Friday
28 October at the latest.**

First Holy Communion Certificates for the children
who received the Sacrament in September are
available for collection from the Parish Office.

St Martin's School Involvement Mass

We welcome the students and families from
St Martin's School who will assist in some of the
ministries at the 5.30pm Mass next Sunday,
30 October.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day Mass Times

Mass Times for All Saints' Day (Tuesday
1 November) and All Souls' Day (Wednesday
2 November) will be the usual 6.30am & 9.00am
Masses each day.

November - Month of Remembrance

- November Mass Offering Envelopes

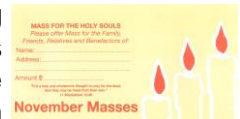
November Mass Offering
Envelopes (yellow envelopes
with red print) are available
from the tables near the church

entrance. When you fill in the envelope, **please
print clearly** so they can be easily read.

Envelopes can be returned via the basket in front
of the Book of Remembrance, or at either
collection at Sunday Mass, or to the parish office.

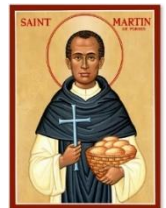
- Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, which lists the names
of your departed loved ones, will be displayed on
the sanctuary during the Month of November.



Feast of St Martin de Porres

On Thursday 3 November, we will
celebrate the Feast Day of St Martin de
Porres, who is a Patron Saint of the
Parish and whom our parish primary
school is named after.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 'Come & See'

*Do you know someone who is
questioning about becoming a Catholic?*

If so, please invite them along to a Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults 'Come &
See' evening on **Thursday 3 November,**
7.00pm, in the Parish Library. For further information
about the 'Come & See' evening or the RCIA
program, contact Shelly at the parish office on
sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au / 3398 2977.



Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.30pm on
Friday 4 November in the Aquinas Room.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the
establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

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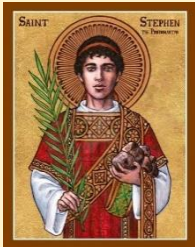


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'Little shrine' dedicated to persecuted Christians

Visitors to Brisbane's Cathedral of St Stephen are encouraged to pray at a new "little shrine" for Christians who are persecuted worldwide. The shrine, to the side of the cathedral altar, with a centrepiece icon of St Stephen – the first Christian martyr – was announced by Archbishop Mark Coleridge during Mass on Sunday 9 October.



"We have decided to make this icon a place of prayer for the many, many thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted around the world." Archbishop Coleridge said. "They need our prayers. This will be a little shrine at the feet of the protomartyr, the first of all the martyrs, to pray that St Stephen will intercede for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted."

According to the Acts of the Apostles, St Stephen was a deacon in the early Church at Jerusalem who angered members of various synagogues by his teachings. At his trial, accused of blasphemy, he made a speech denouncing the authorities who were sitting in judgment on him. He was then stoned to death.

It is estimated that more than 360 million Christians throughout the world experience high levels of persecution and discrimination. According to the website Open Doors, 5898 Christians were killed for their faith last year, 5110 churches and other Christian buildings were attacked, and 4765 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned.



Alpha-Youth Celebratory Mass

This past week, the Alpha-Youth group completed their latest weekly gatherings for fellowship and small group discussions about life and faith.

As part of completing the Alpha-Youth course, the group will gather at 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 27 November for a Celebratory Mass. This will be followed by a Praise & Worship evening.

Pyxes Missing

We are currently low in our supply of Pyxes that we have in the Sacristy for parishioners to take Communion to the Sick / Housebound in a once-off situation. If you have borrowed one of these Pyxes recently, it would be appreciated if you could return it to the Sacristy when next at Mass.

If you need a Pyx on a regular basis, you are welcome to purchase one from the Parish Shop

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

Interfaith Panel: Humility, Where Does It Get You?

Instead of perpetuating a fractured, isolated society which is damaging our mental health, let's explore humility and find our common humanity!

In this interfaith panel conversation, the panel will discuss the role of humility in our personal development and in building stronger relationships.

If you've never been to an interfaith event before, this is a great place to start. There will be time for chatting with those of other faiths (and finding out how much you have in common), yummy new foods to try, and the panel conversation itself.

- **Date/Time:** 7pm, Thursday 27 October
- **Location:** Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane CBD.
- **Register:** https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/ifpanel_oct22



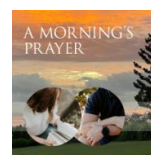
A Morning's Prayer

Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours?

A Morning's Prayer mini retreat is coming up at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston) on Saturday 29 October, 9am-12noon.

It's about providing the space for a profound engagement with the God who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are.

Cost is \$20. Register: santateresa.org.au/news-events



Women of Faith Retreat

Have you ever pondered the real women of the New Testament, some of the first disciples of Jesus?

Mary of Bethany, Mary Magdalene, Mary Mother of Jesus, Phoebe: each has a unique story that can inspire our journey as women disciples.

To spend some intentional time reflecting upon their lives and the implications for our own as women, register now for the 11-13 November weekend retreat for women at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

6pm Friday 11 November - 1pm Sunday 13 November
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston). Cost: \$400. Find out more or register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/WomensRetreatNovember2022>



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