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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
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

PARISH TEAM

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11 December 2022

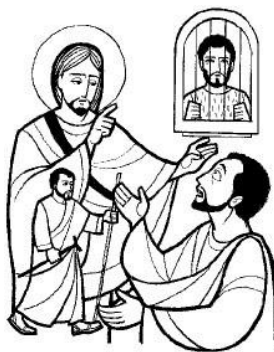
The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.



John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.



Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 11 December

- 9.00am Priests' Jubilee Mass – Church

Tuesday 13 December

- 11.00am Funeral: Melissa Rosato – Church

Wednesday 14 December

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

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 15 December

- 8.45am Advent Adventures – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Lisa Farnik, Ciaran Ayres, Vincent Joseph Anthony Petralia, Therese Nieldu, Frank King, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Jorge Asido, Adolf Pieper, Gerald & Teresa Simento, Giovanni Melita* **and the recently deceased**
Melissa Rosato, Dolores Reay, Maureen Ryan, Fr Mike Champlin OP, David Whitby, Glenn Hovey.

Advent Appeal for Ukraine

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.



A Retiring (Leaving) Collection will be held this weekend, 10-11 December, at all Masses to support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at www.catholic.au

Car Park Repair Works

On Tuesday and Wednesday this past week, repair works happened in the car park between the Church and the Dominic Centre. The work has involved filling the pot holes and resurfacing the majority of the car park. This will give this part of the car park a new lease of life for a few more years.



The next part of the job will be to have the lines in this part of the car park repainted, which will hopefully be done over the coming weeks.

Sacramental Program 2023

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

The session-dates handout for Penance, in February and March 2023, are available from the parish office. Penance preparation sessions begins on Tuesday 21 February 2023.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office. Enrolments close on Tuesday 14 February 2023. The Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2023, 7.00pm, in the Church.

Christmas Season Timetable 2022

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 6pm and 8pm

Christmas Day: 7am, 9am and 10.30am [Italian]

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Weekday Masses

Monday 26 December to Friday 6 January

8am Mass only

Parish Office Christmas Closure

Closes 12.30pm Friday 23 December 2022 and reopens 8.30am Monday 9 January 2023

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

Advent Adventures 2022 Faith, fun & friends!

For children 5 years and over. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Three great mornings:

- Thursday 15 December
- Tuesday 20 December
- Thursday 22 December



Registration at 8.45am. Finish at 12noon (12.30pm on 22 December). BYO morning tea, water bottle & hat. Gluten-free sausage sizzle & Zooper Dooper provided to children when being collected.

\$5 per child - \$10 cap for siblings.

Contact Shelly Stone (sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au / 3398 2977) for further information and to book.

Assistance Required - Washing & Ironing of Nativity Costumes:

We are requiring one or two volunteers who would be willing to wash and iron the children's nativity costumes that are used for the Children's Tableau at the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office or see Shelly Stone. Costumes would need to be returned by Monday 19 December.

Message from St Vincent de Paul

Our Carina Conference of St Vincent de Paul extends Christmas wishes to our generous parish community for your support during the year. We have managed to help over 300 families and singles this year to date, particularly with food hampers, education assistance, clothing, white goods and utility payments. Our conference specially recognises those who support us financially, and with food – without your generosity and goodwill we know that many of Christ's poor would endure suffering. We pray that God will bless you all and hope you are comforted by the knowledge that you have provided love and care for the less fortunate in our local area. Happy Christmas to all in this season of giving.



St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina

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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.

60 Years of Priesthood

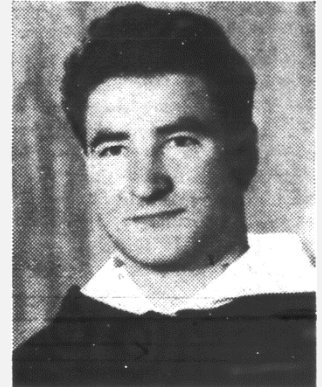
We have been able to obtain the following article which appeared in the 6th December 1962 edition of The Advocate, the Catholic Newspaper in Melbourne, which announces Fr Maurice's ordination to the priesthood.

Ordinations at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Two deacons, one a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and the other of St. Columban's Mission Society, will be ordained to the priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 13 December at the 9am Mass.

The Rev Maurice Keating O.P., son of Mrs. Keating of Shepparton, and the late Mr. Keating. He received his primary education from the Presentation Sisters at St James's, Gardenvale, his secondary education from the Christian Brothers at St. Thomas More's, St. Kilda, Christian Brothers' College, St. Kilda, and C.B.C., St Kevin's, Toorak. He joined the Victorian Education Department, trained at the Melbourne Teachers' College, studied at the Melbourne University for Arts Degree and Diploma of Education and taught at the High Schools of Maryborough and Ararat for several years. He joined the Dominican Order in 1957 and studied at Camberwell, Melbourne and Wahroonga, Sydney.

Father Keating will celebrate his first Mass at St Dominic's Priory Church, Camberwell, on Friday 14 December at 9am.



Congratulations Fr Maurice, Fr David & Fr Joseph

Today, Sunday 11 December, at the 9.00am Mass we take a moment to give thanks, celebrate, rejoice and acknowledge the Jubilee's of Fr Maurice (60 years), Fr David (50 years), and Fr Joseph (25 years).

Thank you goes to Simon Farley, parishioner, who through his contacts was able to obtain the above article that appeared in the 6 December 1962 edition of *The Advocate* announcing Fr Maurice's ordination.

Rosters for Christmas & 2023

The roster for the Christmas Masses is currently being prepared. If you wish to volunteer in a ministry at a Christmas Mass, please contact the office.

The rosters listed below are also currently in the process of being prepared for 2023.

- Ministers of the Word (Readers)
- Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Mass Co-ordinator
- Data Projector Operators
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Washing of Purifiers
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Cuppa and Chat (Hospitality After Mass)

If you are involved in any of the above ministries and wish to change your commitment in any way, please contact the parish office (3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au). Otherwise, we will assume that you are happy to continue in your ministry with the same commitment as in 2022.

We also welcome anyone who would like to be part of any of the above ministries. Anyone interested would need to complete any necessary safeguarding requirements, depending on the ministry. If you are interested or for further information, please contact the parish office.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Ministry Highlight

Every few weeks, we are highlighting 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 you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary's priority is the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish by being present at Funerals, driving parishioners to Mass, and assisting in others needs in the parish as required. Every Legionary is required to carry out weekly work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. The Legion of Mary, Carina, invites any interested parishioners that would like to join their Praesidium. They meet each Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Parish Library. For further information, please contact Patricia Grieshaber on 0437 211 841.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Queensland Choir presents Brisbane Sings Messiah on Sunday 18 December, 2.45pm, Brisbane City Hall. Tickets available from www.4mbs.com.au or call 3847 1717 (9am-5pm, 7 days per week).

Festival of Readings and Carols: 5.00pm, Sunday 18 December, Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane). Presented by the combined choirs of the Cathedral. Free admission. Retiring collection taken-up. The Cathedral Car Park (Charlotte St) will be available.

The 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 with a 'real world' encounter of ordained ministry. It includes becoming an active lay minister in a local parish community, prayer and the sacraments. Actively discern today by visiting www.vocationbrisbane.com/canali



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