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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

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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.

Just Man Dreaming: Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted.

In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!



Advent Adventures - Thursday 15 December



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Women of Integrity Shaping the Future

TAKE A TOUR



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 19 December

- 10.30am Memorial Mass: Dolores Reay
– Church

Tuesday 20 December

- 8.45am Advent Adventures – Library

Wednesday 21 December

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

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 22 December

- 8.45am Advent Adventures – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Neville Black, Lisa Farnik, Ciaran Ayres, Vincent Joseph Anthony Petralia, Therese Nieddu, Frank King, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Nunzia Zappala, Lawrie McNamara, Betty Bendel, Robyn Mallon, Bryan Carson, Jorge Asido, Adolf Pieper, Gerald & Teresa Simento **and the recently deceased** Rachel McCrow, Matthew Arnold, Alan Dare, Gemma Hockey, Ronald Kirkman, Marlito Natividad, Melissa Rosato, Dolores Reay, Maureen Ryan.

Working Bee: Thank you to all the volunteers who came along to the working bee on Saturday morning 10 December. A lot was achieved in preparing the church and the grounds for Christmas.

Advent Appeal for Ukraine

Thank you to all those who generously donated towards the Advent Appeal for Ukraine Retiring (Leaving) Collection last weekend. Just over \$1,000 was collected. This will be forwarded to Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine.

If you missed out in giving to the Appeal, you may place your donation in an envelope marked "Advent Appeal for Ukraine", and drop the envelope in either collection at Sunday Mass or to the Parish Office.



Advent Adventures 2022 Faith, fun & friends!

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

Two great mornings this week:

- 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.

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

Reconciliation - Saturday 24 December

Please note that Reconciliation next Saturday, 24 December, will only be available after 8am Mass. There will be NO Reconciliation at 5.30pm.

Parish Office News

The Parish Office closes for the Christmas period at 12.30pm this Friday, 23 December, and reopens 8.30am on Monday 9 January.

If you require a priest in an emergency during the Christmas period, please call the parish office number and select option 2 to speak to a priest.

Any messages left on the Parish Office answering machine will not be attended to until Monday 9 January.

Next weekend we will have an A4 edition of Spread the Word for Christmas. Spread the Word will then have an one week break and recommences on Sunday 8 January 2023. The first couple of editions of Spread the Word for 2023 will also be A4 editions.

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.



SVdP Italian Community Christmas Fundraiser

A big thank you to all who donated to this very worthy and necessary cause. \$6,500 was raised for the SVdP Carina Conference and \$500 for Our Lady of Graces Parish. Thank you again with heartfelt gratitude. Maria Coco & Graziella Cavallaro

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

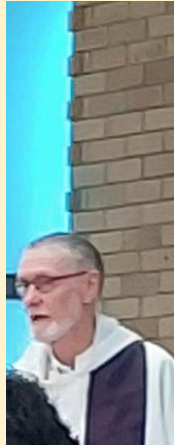
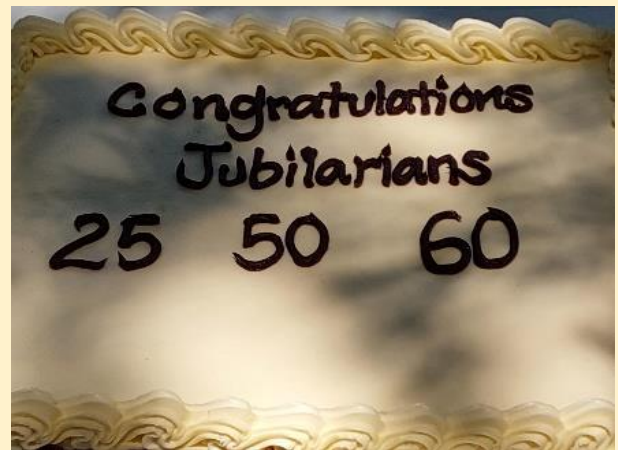
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To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave your donations in the baskets at the church door. Thank you for your support.

The Christmas Novena begins on 17 December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth GNLYC 42

Celebrating a Combined 135 Years of Priesthood

Thank you to everyone who came along last Sunday, 11 December, as we gave thanks and celebrated the Jubilee's of Fr Maurice (60 Years), Fr David (50 Years) and Fr Joseph (25 Years).



Parish Shop News

- Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Books: \$5
 - Christmas Children Activity Books: \$2
 - Parish Christmas Cards: \$5 for a packet of 5
 - December Edition of the Catholic Leader: \$4
- We have sold out of 2023 Columban Calendars.*

Christmas Masses: Our Lady of Graces is known to be a welcoming community. As we gather at the various Christmas Masses next weekend, let us extend that welcoming spirit to visitors and friends.

A couple of simple ways can be by extending a Christmas Greeting to those sitting near you and by being mindful of others in regards to seating.

Roster for the Christmas Masses: Thank you to those who have come forward to volunteer at the various Christmas Masses next weekend. The roster is basically filled, with only a gap here and there in a couple of ministries/roles.

Ministry Rosters for 2023: The rosters for 2023 are in their final stage of preparation. A draft roster has been sent out via email this week for ministries to look over, before a final version of the roster is sent out prior to Christmas.

Mass Times for New Year Eve & Day will be the usual Sunday Masses Times of Saturday 6pm and Sunday 7am, 9am, 10.30am [Italian] & 5.30pm.

500 Card Group will next meet on Friday 13 January, 7.30pm, in the Aquinas Room. New members are more than welcome.

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.

Morning Offering to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heart of my Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, I unite to thy purity, the sanctity, thy zeal and thy love, all my thoughts, words, acts, and sufferings this day, that there may be nothing in me that does not become through thee, a pleasure to Jesus, again to souls, and an act of reparation for the offences against thy Heart.



The above morning offering comes from a booklet on "Our Lady of Guadalupe" from the organisation Australia Needs Fatima.

If you want to purchase more valuable devotional material, it is available by contacting Australia Needs Fatima.

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