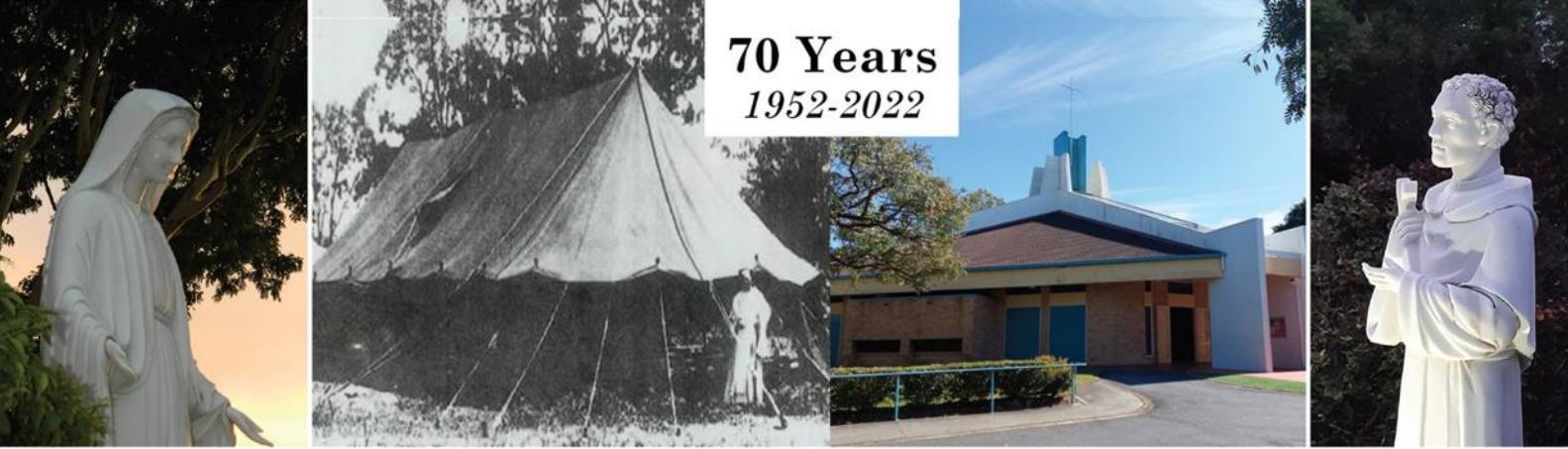


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Spread the Word

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

The Perfume of Holiness: Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'



Living the Gospel – Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS



LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 18 January

- 9.45am Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Church
 - 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- Saturday 21 January**
- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Alan Ma, Lisa Farnik, Ciaron Ayres, Frank King, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Veronica Lambert, Lyle Watson, Mrs Theresa, Mary Marrinan, Merle Perera, Sean Duffy **and the recently deceased** Cardinal George Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Christine Carr, Francisca Elia Zamora.

Australia Day Mass, Thursday 26 January, will be celebrated at 8am only.

Invitation to Join the Thomas Cantley Singers

The TCS Choir, who rehearses at Our Lady of Graces, extends an invitation to parishioners and friends who would like to join the choir for Season 1 2023. The commitment involves fortnightly rehearsals on Thursday evenings and two Sunday afternoon rehearsal days.

For further information or register your interest, please email tcsingers@gmail.com

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

Galatians

Set Free to Live

Galatians: Set Free to Live is an eight-part Bible Study on St Paul's Letter to the Galatians. It addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?"

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the Galatians Bible Study in the **Second Week of February** with daytime and evening sessions and will run for **8 weeks**. Participants will meet every week at one of the local parishes in the deanery to view an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins, followed by a time of group discussion. For more information or to register your interest, contact Louise Simento on 0456 700 040.

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)

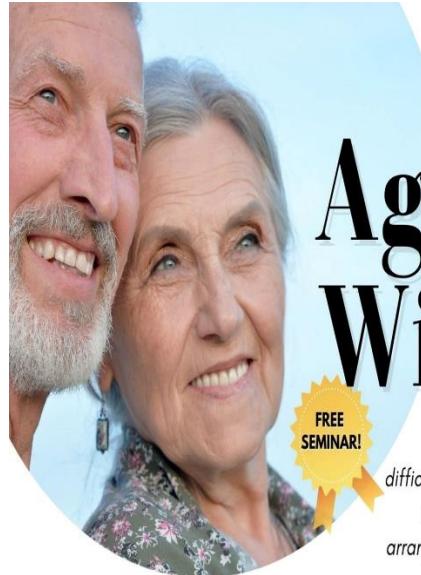
Enrolment forms are available from the parish office. Enrolments close on Tuesday 14 February 2023. The Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2023, 7.00pm, in the Church.

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

To donate money via bank transfer, please use the following account details:

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Ageing Wisely

The greying years are often a difficult time for parishioners as we try to navigate changing living arrangements, health and financial circumstances.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane's free Ageing Wisely seminar provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners.

The seminar will feature professional guest speakers and a range of information sessions on estate planning and Will making, superannuation and taxation, charitable gifts in Wills/bequests, funeral planning and eligibility for social and community support and support at home services.

Please join us

Agenda:

Date:	Tuesday, 28th February
Time:	9:30am - 1:30pm
Venue:	Our Lady of Graces Carina Parish
RSVP:	by 20th February
Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge	
For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 20th February to Chris at the parish office on 07 3398 2977 or by email carina@bne.catholic.net.au	
11:15am	Pre-Arranging Funerals and General Information
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Gifts in Wills/Charitable Bequests
12:45pm	Social and Community Support/At home services
1:30pm	Finish

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

It was with great sadness that I learned of the unexpected death of Cardinal George Pell in Rome on Tuesday evening (Rome time). Cardinal Pell provided strong and clear leadership within the Catholic Church in Australia, as Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney and as a member of the Bishops Conference for more than 25 years.

His many strengths were widely recognised, both in Australia and around the world, as his Vatican appointments as Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and as a member of the Council of Cardinals, an advisory group to Pope Francis, testify.

Cardinal Pell's impact on the life of the Church in Australia and around the world will continue to be felt for many years. As we remember him and reflect on his legacy, I invite all Catholics and other people of goodwill to join in praying for Cardinal Pell, a man of deep and abiding faith, and for the repose of his soul.

January 11, 2023

COMMUNITY NEWS

Position Vacant: Parish Secretary, Camp Hill

Applications are open for the position of Parish Secretary at St Thomas' Parish Camp Hill. The position is part-time 18 hours a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

For additional information, please visit the careers website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?job=631533>.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Archdiocesan Survey

The Archdiocese would appreciate your feedback by completing a short survey via the below link about how you access Catholic content. Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese do a better job of connecting you with the content that you would like to see more of. <http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl>



The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's four core modules entitled "Catholic Foundations" are



designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes ten sessions and will be spread across four semesters in 2023 and 2024 and cover theology, scripture, sacraments and mission. To find out more, head to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/accf/>

Podcast Series: Great Characters of the Bible

This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture.



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Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality.



Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



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