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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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023

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

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.



There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

From the perspective of ... The first called

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 22 January

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

Wednesday 25 January

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

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 26 January

- 8.00am Mass ONLY & the Parish Office Closed

Friday 27 January

- 10.30am Funeral: Michael O'Mara – Church

Saturday 29 January

- 12.00pm Baptisms – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Alan Ma, Lisa Farnik, Neville Black, Ciaran 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** *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael O'Mara, Christine Carr, Francisca Elia Zamora.*

Schools Are Back

The students of St Martin's and San Sisto begin the school year this Tuesday, 24 January. Please display some patience over the next few weeks, particularly with parking. A reminder also that the **40kph zone** along Mayfield Road is enforced on school days between 7am-4pm.

Australia Day

Mass on Australia Day, this Thursday 26 January, will be celebrated at 8am only. The Parish Office will also be closed for the Public Holiday.

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. **If your child wishes to be part of the Penance Program, please make contact with Shelly at the Parish Office so the appropriate number of resources can be ordered.**

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.

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.

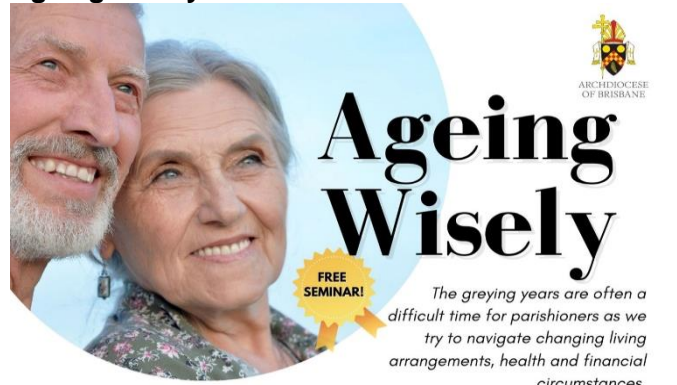
Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence on Sunday 12 February during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will recommence for 2023 on Sunday 19 February.

Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5.00pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

Ageing Wisely Seminar



Ageing Wisely

FREE SEMINAR!

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

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 carinaebne.catholic.net.au

Agenda:

- 9:30am** Morning Tea and Registration
- 10:00am** Welcome by Parish Priest
- 10:15am** Wills, Estate Planning and Superannuation
- 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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St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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From the Parish Social Justice Committee

Australia Day

January 26 1788 is the day Sir Arthur Phillip raised the British flag at Warrane (Sydney Cove) to claim the land as a British Colony (despite it being inhabited by Aboriginal people).

On 26 January each year people in Australia are asked to celebrate a national holiday, now called Australia Day but Australia Day celebrations are not generally embraced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as well as some non-Indigenous people. For many First Nations people this day is recognised as Survival Day or Invasion Day because from this day in 1788 onwards, First Nations people suffered massacres, land theft, stolen children and widespread oppression at the hands of the colonising forces.

Australia Day Has Changed Over Time

It wasn't until 1994 that 26 January was declared a national public holiday.

Change the Date

Many people believe that to celebrate truly this country we must find a date that includes all Australians. The movement to "Change the Date" calls for a different date to celebrate the national holiday. The purpose of changing the date is to recognise that many people value having a special day to celebrate the place they call home, while also acknowledging the traumatic context and history that 26 January in particular represents. Suggestions for alternative dates include 1 January (the anniversary of Federation in 1901), 8 May ("May 8" sounds like "mate") 27 May (the anniversary of the 1976 Indigenous referendum), and many more. The proposal to Change the Date is meant to be inclusive of all people who live in Australia, including First Nations people.

"The USA does not choose the arrival of Christopher Columbus as the date for its national day. Like many other countries its national day marks independence." (Aboriginal activist Michael Mansell)

Australia Day - Invasion Day - Creative Spirits, retrieved www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/history/australia-day-invasion-day and www.commonground.org.au/articles/australia-day

Prayer

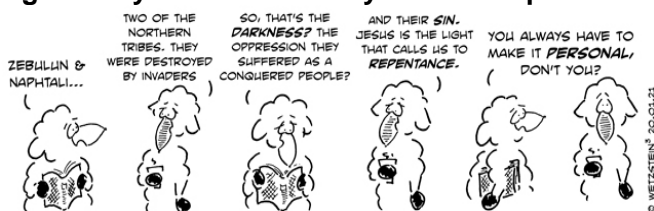
We pray for a united Australia that represents this multicultural land of ours, values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and provides truth, justice, peace, unity and equity for all. Amen.

Giving App: No Cash? No Problem!

You can give via the *Parish Giving app*, for regular and one-off giving. You can scan the QR code to access the app.



Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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Our Lady of Graces Lent 2023 Parish Mission

with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy

Thur 23, Fri 24, Mon 27 & Tue 28 March 2023

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It is amazing what God can do when you pause and listen to Him!

Come to this ALL NEW 4 day Lenten retreat that will be inspirational, prayerful and will help you in your spiritual walk this Lent.

Watch this space for more info!



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/?ja-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.

School Chaplain at Whites Hill State College

Whites Hill State College are looking for a School Chaplain. The successful applicant would require a Certificate 4 as either a Social Worker, Teacher or Counsellor. For further information about the position, contact the college on 3900 8333.

Archdiocesan Survey

The Archdiocese would appreciate your feedback by completing a short survey via this link <http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl> 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.

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The Pastoral Care of Individuals and Families

With Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation now in effect in Queensland, there has been recent reporting about the complexities the operation of this scheme poses for clergy and health practitioners, not to mention the many Catholic health and aged care facilities. As part of the most recent clergy day, a workshop was hosted on the topic of providing Pastoral Care to individuals and families now that VAD legislation has been passed in all mainland states. The respective speakers were the Anglican Church's Professor Liz MacKinlay and Liturgy Brisbane's Fr Tom Elich. The presentation, including the Q&A session that followed were filmed for the benefit of those who could not attend on the day. The video is unlisted on our Archdiocesan YouTube, but can still be accessed and watched at the following link: <https://youtu.be/IMoLaIA300M>

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