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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
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Spread The Word

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 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

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.



Living the Gospel – Be-attitudes

One way to read the Beatitudes is that Jesus was commending and blessing the various people who found themselves in those sorts of conditions. Another, is as a list of qualities that all people should strive to exhibit. It's not just some people who happen to be economically poor who are blessed. Rather, we must all have a poverty of spirit – a humility about our need for God's merciful action in our lives. All are called to hunger and thirst for justice and all are called to be merciful. The Beatitudes are not a menu to select from, but rather an essential list of ingredients.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 29 January

- 12.00pm Baptisms – Church

Tuesday 31 January

- 11.00am Funeral Mass: Robert Kelly – Church
(Rosary at 10.30am)

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 1 February

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Friday 3 February

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 5 February

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Glenda Kirkman, 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
Noel Boyle, Veronica Lambert, Lyle Watson, Mrs Theresa, Mary Marrinan, Merle Perera, Sean Duffy
and the recently deceased
Robert Kelly, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael O'Mara, Christine Carr, Francisca Elia Zamora.

Novitiate News

On Monday of this past week, I returned to Melbourne having made my decision not to make Religious Profession. I leave at peace, grateful to God for my year in the novitiate with Fr David and the Dominican community, and thankful for your friendship and support throughout my year in the parish. I am looking forward to returning to secular life and the challenges it will bring.

Kind regards,
Peter McCumstie

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. Their first rehearsal is Sunday 12 February, 1.00pm-3.30pm.

For further information or register your interest, please email tcsingers@gmail.com by **Tuesday 31 January**.

500 Card Group will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 3 February in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome.

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the 1st Sunday in February each year (5 February 2023). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

As part of celebrating Word of God Sunday next weekend, there will be a short Blessing & Renewal of Commitment for all our Sunday and Daily Mass Ministers of the Word (Readers), as well as our Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders across the Masses next weekend.

Parish Pastoral Council: A reminder to PPC members that the first meeting for 2023 will be held on Monday 6 February, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Italian Prayer Group will resume on Monday 6 February, 7.00pm, in the Church with the celebration of Mass to begin the year.

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 February, 7.00pm-8.00pm, in the Church. Parents who have child/ren in Year 3 / 8 years old & above, and wish their child/ren to be Confirmed this year, are asked to attend this meeting.

Sacramental Program 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.

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.**

Social Justice Committee first meeting for 2023 will be held on Tuesday 7 February, 7.30pm, in the Parish Library. New members are more than welcome to attend.

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

Our Lady of Graces will be hosting the Wednesday 10.30am group in the Parish Library, beginning on 8 February. For further information or to register, please refer to the below notice.

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.

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 front door of the church. Thank you for your support.

OLOG Diners will next meet at Carina Leagues Club on Wednesday 8 February, 6.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

St Martin's Year 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy

On Thursday 9 February, the Year 6 students from St Martin's will be receiving their leadership badges as part of a liturgy at 9.45am in the Church.

With this in mind, there will be no Rosary following the 9am Mass on Thursday 9 February.

Thank you for understanding and sorry for any inconvenience caused.

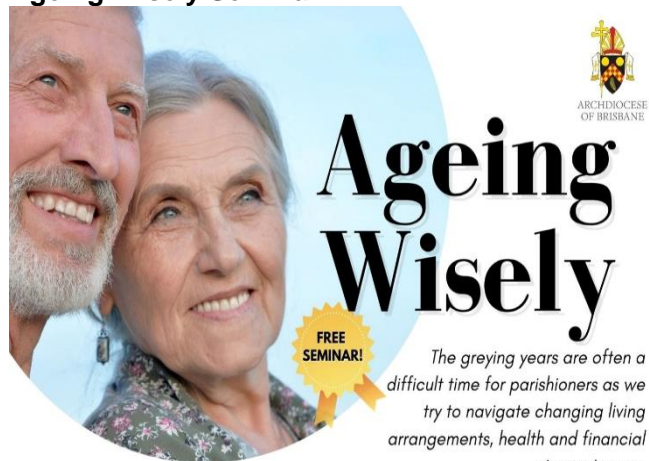
Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence on Sunday 12 February during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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 carina@bne.catholic.net.au

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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

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.



St Martin's School Open Day

Prospective families are warmly invited to join us on campus on Thursday 2 March 2023. Enjoy a guided tour, explore our modern facilities and learn about our unique St Martin's Carina school community.



Have questions about the enrolment process or extra-curricular offerings?

Come along and meet our staff. Limited places. Book online now: www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au

- When: Thursday 2 March 2023
- Time: 9.00am - 11.00am
- Where: Dominic Centre

Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation

If you're a volunteer or employee in parishes and have not engaged in formal theological study previously, this is a great place to start. Fill your cup back up and grow in knowledge of the lived experience of Catholic faith to make your ministry even more effective - all with the first module of the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation. You'll come out of it being able to answer questions about the faith, be more in tune with the Spirit, and have a new energy for the mission of the Church.

Core Modules:

- Module 1: Catholic Theology in Context (commences Feb 2023)
- Module 2: Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures (commences Sept 2023)
- Module 3: Being Sacramental (commences Feb 2024)
- Module 4: A People on Mission (commences Sept 2024)

Module 1 - Catholic Theology in Context:

This module introduces some key principles of the Catholic faith as we seek to understand more deeply who God is and who we are called to be in response to God. It will cover themes including:

- The person of Jesus Christ
- Understanding our Baptism
- A Catholic response to Scripture
- Our life in the Trinity
- Living our faith today
- The Eucharist
- Prayer

To support your parish or cultural community to go on this journey together, we have provided a discount for groups of 5 or more who are all from the one faith community.

- **Time:** 7-9pm (Monday nights)
- **Dates:** 20 February - 15 May 2023 (excluding public holidays & school holidays)
- **Location:** Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo, Qld, 4014)
- **Module Presenter:** Shane Dwyer Cost: \$250pp / \$150pp for groups of 5 or more.

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