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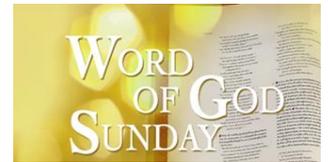
Spread the Word

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

Word of God Sunday - Liturgical Reflection by Dr Paul Taylor (Former Director of the National Office for Liturgy)

One of the primary ways in which the faithful honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to their lives.



Within the liturgical celebration itself, the Church's *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (2012) offers concrete guidelines for honouring God's Word at Mass. One most visual sign is proclaiming the Word from a dignified Lectionary or a specially decorated Book of the Gospels at the ambo (cf. *GIRM* 349).

Holding the Book of the Gospels aloft during the entrance procession and carrying the Book from the Mass altar to the ambo during the singing of the Gospel Acclamation is a way of highlighting the Lord's Word to be proclaimed.

Incensing the open Book of the Gospels and arranging servers to hold lighted candles on either side of the ambo are ways of reverencing the sacredness and light of Christ's presence during the proclamation of the Gospel.

As a sign of love for Christ and his message, the Book containing the Gospel reading is also kissed by the priest or deacon after the reading, like the altar which is venerated by the presiding celebrant at the beginning and end of Mass (cf. *GIRM* 123, 134, 169).

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* (30 September 2019) suggests that on Sunday of the Word of God, the book containing God's Word might be "enthroned" or given due honour in the church. It is a point also made in Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* (2010) n. 68, so the faithful can reflect upon God's Word.

An important point to remember here is the Second Vatican Council's insight that Christ's presence is recognised in the actual "proclamation" of the Word, when the Church believes that Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the words of the Church's minister [*Sacrosanctum concilium* (1963) art. 7], rather than in the physical book itself.

Aperuit Illis also reminds us that for many centuries before being written down, God's Word was passed down orally from one generation to another. Therefore the actions of proclamation, listening and heeding God's Word are still accorded high priority.

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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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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 5 February

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 6 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 7 February

- 7.00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting – Church
- 7.30pm Social Justice Committee – Library

Wednesday 8 February

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 9 February

- 9.45am St Martin's Yr 6 Leadership
Badge Liturgy – Church

Sunday 12 February

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Church
- 1.00pm TCS Choir Practice – 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 Bob Marino, Noel Boyle and the recently deceased Robert Kelly.

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 this 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 during Mass.

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

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

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

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting will be held this 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.

Novitiate News

Some good news! This Sunday afternoon, three young men will begin a 5-day retreat in the Priory. Then on Friday 10 February they will commence their 12-month novitiate in a ceremony presided over by our Provincial, Fr Dominic Murphy OP. As they begin this journey, I know they would be grateful of your prayers as they set out on it.

Fr David Willis OP, Novice Master

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

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

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 **this week** 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.

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

St Martin's Year 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy

This 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.

World Marriage Day will be celebrated next Sunday. For married couples present at Mass next weekend, there will be a simple blessing after Communion.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence next 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.

Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old): Enrolment forms are available from the parish office. Enrolments close on Tuesday 14 February. The Confirmation Parent Meeting is this Tuesday, 7 February, 7pm, 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.**

Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

The 27th Anniversary Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother will be celebrated on Sunday 26 February, 10:30am, at Our Lady of Graces Church with Holy Mass and procession.

In preparation for the Feast, there will be a Triduum on Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February at 7:30pm.

Everyone is most welcome.

Ash Wednesday, 22 February, marks the beginning of the Lent. Mass times on Ash Wednesday at Our Lady of Graces will be 6.30am, 9.00am & 6.00pm (please note the earlier time for the evening Mass).

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.00pm commencing on 24 February.

Please note there will be no Stations of the Cross on Friday 24 March, due to the Parish Mission.

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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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

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

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Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation

In last week's Spread the Word, there was a notice regarding the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation course being held at Banyo.

Following this notice in Spread the Word last week, we received communication from the Archdiocese that they may be interested in making Carina an additional location (regional hub) to run "Module 1 – Catholic Theology in Context". This stemmed from an expression of interest submitted in December, considering that the potential night travel to Banyo to impede some parishioners at this parish and other surrounding parishes from taking up the module.

For Carina to be an additional location, the Archdiocese needs to know that the additional location (regional hub) will be well supported.

If parishioners are potentially interested in attending "Module 1 – Catholic Theology in Context" with Carina as a venue, it is asked that you please lodge your interest with Shelly (sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au 3398 2977) as soon as possible.

Please note this is just an expression of interest as this stage, and not a definite commitment to attend the Module.

For further information regarding the course, please contact Shelly. Alternatively, you can go online to www.catholicformation.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

40 Days for Life Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join us in our first live event in two years - our pancake Shrove Tuesday night. We'll be cracking out the frypans and pancake mix for a great evening!



Come along and share company with other pro-life people, hear what's been happening since our last prayer vigil and of course - prayer to end abortion!

- **Date & Time:** Tuesday 21 February, 7.00pm
- **Location:** Holy Family Church, 37 Ward St, Indooroopilly (downstairs meeting room).

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