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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.*

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.



By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

### Living the Gospel – Interpretation

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they may seem to have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

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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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#### PARISH TEAM

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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 12 February

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Church
- 1.00pm TCS Choir Practice – Church

#### Monday 13 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 14 February

- 11.00am Funeral: Mollie Dalton – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 15 February

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 11.00am Funeral: Vincenzina Cavallaro – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 16 February

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church
- 11.00am Funeral: Paolo Faini – Church
- 6.00pm TCS Choir Practice – Church

#### Friday 17 February

- 9.00am Year 4 attending Mass – Church

#### Saturday 18 February

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Dining Room

#### Sunday 19 February

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – 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** Bob Marino, Noel Boyle **and the recently deceased** Mollie Dalton, Vincenzina Cavallaro, Paolo Faini, Alan Camp, Jim Leahy, Robert Kelly.

### Parish Shop News

- February Edition of the Catholic Leader: \$4.00
- From Ashes to Hope, Daily Reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave: \$5.00

**World Marriage Day** began in 1983 and is celebrated every second Sunday of February in dioceses across the country. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day.

For married couples present at Mass this weekend, there will be a simple blessing after Communion.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is being held TODAY, Sunday 12 February, during 9am Mass and then on Sunday 26 February. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

### Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolments close this **Tuesday, 14 February**.

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old):

*Penance Session 1*

- Thursday 21 February, 4pm-6pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 26 February, 2pm-4pm (Option 2)

### St Martin's Attending Weekday 9am Mass

Beginning this week we will start to see year levels from St Martin's attending the Weekday 9am Masses.

This Friday, 17 February, we have Year 4 joining us at 9am Mass.

### Sacrament of Confirmation - Rite of Enrolment

Next weekend, 18-19 February, across the Sunday Masses we welcome the children and their families for the Sacrament of Confirmation Rite of Enrolment.

### Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

*The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass is next 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

There will be Hospitality after Mass next Sunday evening, in which everyone is invited to stay, chat and connect.

### 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

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

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!



**Parish Finance Council:** A reminder to PFC members that the first meeting for 2023 will be Monday 27 February, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

### 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.

## Ageing Wisely Seminar



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 [carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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

## News from St Martin's School

Greetings from St Martin's School! The Parish Pastoral Council has encouraged me to keep you up to date with important school news each week in Spread the Word. I look forward to sharing with you St Martin's news each week.



- The school year has started in a very calm and positive way. We currently have 634 students in attendance, welcoming 103 new Prep students and 19 new students across Year 1 to Year 6. We welcomed a number of new teachers: Alex Murphy, Taylor Rimmington, Chelsea Jarvis, Ann-Marie McLennan and Emily Wright. Like myself, Chelsea and Emily were former students of St Martin's.
- Our first school Working Bee was held on Saturday 21 January. We had over 40 parents and 12 students attend. The school gardens were mulched with 100 cubic metres of Cyprus Pine mulch spread. It was a great effort from our parent community. Our gardens now look amazing.
- There is currently some car park and pathway work being carried out. A safer alignment and with a car park pedestrian crossing being made. We are also building a better access pathway into our Outside School Hours Care Service which is under the Dominic Centre
- St Martin's School is currently accepting enrolments for prep for 2024 and 2025. Please go to our school website to apply: <https://www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au>

Peter Pashen, Principal

## Passion to Pentecost Devotional Book

A member of Jesus Youth, Raifel Cyril, has written a 100-day devotional book called *Passion to Pentecost*. The book covers the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday through to Pentecost Sunday.

The Parish Office is taking orders for anyone who would be interested in purchasing a copy of the book. Cost is \$25 each. A sample copy of the book is available for viewing at the Parish Office.

**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](http://www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au)

- When: *Thursday 2 March 2023, 9am - 11am*
- Where: *Dominic Centre*

## Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation - Carina Parish Regional Hub Update

In last week's Spread the Word, there was a notice regarding the possibility of Carina being a Regional Hub for the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation course. Since last weeks' notice, we have received communication that we have been unsuccessful in being a Regional Hub location. **Therefore any parishioners who wish to attend the Banyo venue, please contact the Parish Office by this Wednesday, 15 February.** We will coordinate the collection of names and payment for a group booking.

**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

Time: 7-9pm (Monday nights)

Dates: 20 February - 15 May 2023 (excluding public & 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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