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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
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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.

Preparation for Lent

The Church's calendar is broken up into times or seasons which help us as we make our yearly journey in faith. We have seasons of preparation and seasons of celebration. Each of these work together to lead us into a deeper understanding of our relationship with God and with each other. One of the great seasons, which is known in our secular society as well as in the Church, is the season of Lent.

Lent is a time of preparation for the festival of Easter and all that means. Lent of itself has very little meaning but because it draws us into the Feast of Easter and Resurrection. It is very important in our yearly cycle. Lent has around it many customs, practices and traditions. Some of which are helpful, others have just become things that we do *because we have always done it that way*. This season has its own importance, which should never be under estimated or drawn out unduly because we are people of the resurrection and new life.

Our preparation for the season of Lent, is simply that. Not a drawing out of the Lenten season but rather a time of physical and spiritual preparation. Within the Jewish tradition, leading up to Passover, families will physically clean their houses searching for any Leaven (Bread), so that they can celebrate Passover in ritual cleanliness. As Christians, what is it that we need to remove not so much from our homes, but from our lives so that we can get the most benefit from this time.

Reconciliation (confession) is a good way to spiritually start this time. Thinking about what we might abstain from, not simply meat on Friday, gives us an opportunity to look at what things are not necessary in our lives. We abstain or give up food, drink, or some activities, not simply to give them up, but might be freed from attachment or given time that then may be used to deepen our relationship with God the creator of time and the giver of all good things. Over the next few weeks, not beginning our Lenten disciplines, but thinking how we might use Lent to the best advantage. May we consider what we need to detach from, what time can be given, and what practices we may take on so that when Lent begins, we are ready from Ash Wednesday to draw closer to the Lord. *Fr Alex Vickers OP*

Novitiate News: On Friday evening, 10 February, the Dominican Friars welcomed three new novices. The novices received the habit as the beginning of the novitiate was proclaimed by the Prior Provincial, Fr Dominic Murphy O.P. Please make Br Kolbe, Br Benedict and Br Joseph welcome, and keep them in your prayers.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 19 February

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Monday 20 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 21 February

- 4.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

Wednesday 22 February

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

Thursday 23 February

- 7.30pm Feast of St Gabriel Triduum – Church

Friday 24 February

- 10.30am Funeral: Enrico Costantini – Church
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Sunday 26 February

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 10.30am Feast of St Gabriel Mass – Church
- 2.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Alan Ma, Lisa Farnik, Neville Black, Ciaron Ayres, Frank King, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley those whose anniversaries occur around this time Maureen Ferguson, Jennifer Romero-Marquez, Jean Gott, Bob Marino, Noel Boyle and the recently deceased Enrico Costantini, Neil Costello, Mollie Dalton, Vincenzina Cavallaro, Paolo Faini, Alan Camp, Jim Leahy, Robert Kelly.

Parish 2022 Income and Expenditure Report

Please find enclosed with Spread the Word this weekend a copy of the Parish 2022 Income and Expenditure Report.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Rite of Enrolment

This weekend, across the Sunday Masses, we welcome the children and their families as they begin their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Rite of Enrolment.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

This weekend we celebrate our first Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass for 2023. After Mass there is Hospitality, in which everyone is invited to stay, chat and connect.

Sacramental Program 2023

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old):

Penance Session 1

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

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Confirmation Family Activity Session 1

- Tuesday 28 February, 3.30pm-5pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 5 March, 2pm-3.30pm (Option 2)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, 26 February, during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



LENT

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).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52)

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.

From Ashes to Hope, Daily Reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave are available from the Parish Shop for \$5.00 each.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be available from Ash Wednesday. Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Children's Lenten Calendar

During Lent, Christians really intentionally prepare for the celebration of Easter, and we do this in three ways:

1. We pray and spend time with God
2. We make room for God by fasting from things that usually fill our time or our bellies
3. We reach out through alms-giving which puts our love for others into action

It doesn't matter how old you are, Lent is a time that even our youngest disciples can embrace! So, a few simple ways that you can engage your children in prayer, fasting and almsgiving as they make a new beginning with Jesus this Lent is by collecting and using the Lenten Calendar. A limited number of copies are available on the table near the front door of the Church or you can download the calendar at <https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/products/family-lent-calendar-2023>

Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

The 27th Anniversary Feast of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother will be celebrated next 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 this Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February at 7:30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

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.

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

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 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.



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

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

The World Day of Prayer for 2023 will be celebrated on Friday 3 March, 10.00am, at the Salvation Army Centre on Gallipoli Road, Carina Heights. The service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. Everyone is invited to attend. This is a beautiful interfaith community celebration each year. For further information, call Yvonne on 3843 1584.

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

Our Lady of Graces Lent 2023 Parish Mission with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, will be held on Thursday 23, Friday 24, Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 March will sessions at 9.45am & 7pm.

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!



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 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.

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).

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: HELP SYRIA. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake or scan the QR code.



A Morning's Prayer: The first "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday 1 April, 9am - 12noon at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston). The topic for the event will be "Being a Fool for Christ." We will delve into what it means to live in response to a wisdom that does not conform to the world's expectations, through input, personal prayer, and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Cost is \$20

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