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10.30am (Italian)

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# Spread the Word

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**1st Sunday of Lent**

**26 February 2023**

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

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Sin and temptation are the dominant themes of the readings for this first week of Lent. Indeed, they are regular themes in the season of Lent. However, the scripture passages throughout this season allow us the opportunity to think again about these themes and perhaps reconsider some traditional understandings of them.

Today's first reading and gospel give us two different takes on the notion of temptation. In the passage from Genesis, humanity is tempted to ignore the will of God and, when they succumb, they lose their innocence and become embarrassed by their nakedness. The temptation they are offered is to believe themselves above and beyond the will of God; to believe that they can judge as well as God; and to rise to an equal level of power and authority with God. Their action breaks the trusting, loving relationship between themselves and God. In the Gospel, Jesus too is confronted with similar temptations. Ultimately, the temptation that faces Jesus relates to his purpose and ministry – will he trust to God's vision of the suffering servant who will bring about a change of heart in the people, or will he be the sort of Messiah that the people hoped for: a triumphant, glorious victor over all who stood in his way. He is tempted to break his self-imposed fasting, to test God's promise of nurture and security, and to seek glory and personal power. Whilst Adam and Eve surrender to temptation, Jesus holds fast to God's vision.

The second reading from Paul ties the Genesis and Gospel readings together and injects the notion of sin into the equation. However, Paul makes it perfectly clear that the sin of Adam, though carrying great ramifications, pales in comparison to the extraordinary abundance of God's love that is expressed through Jesus Christ.



## Project Compassion: Week 1

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### 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

#### Monday 27 February

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

#### Tuesday 28 February

- 9.30am Ageing Wisely Seminar – Library & Hospitality Area
- 3.30pm Confirmation Session 1 – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 1 March

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

#### Thursday 2 March

- 9.00am St Martin's Open Day – Dominic Centre
- 4.00pm Penance Session 1 – Church
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

#### Friday 3 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church
- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

#### Sunday 5 March

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 2.00pm Confirmation Session 1 – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Sue & Miles Thorne, 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** Maureen Ferguson, Jennifer Romero-Marquez, Jean Gott **and the recently deceased** Enrico Costantini, Neil Costello, Mollie Dalton, Vincenzina Cavallaro, Paolo Faini, Alan Camp, Jim Leahy.

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

### Festa of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother

Welcome to those joining the Italian Community today, Sunday 26 February, at the 10.30am Mass for the Festa of San Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother.

**Parish Finance Council:** A reminder to PFC members that the first meeting for 2023 is this Monday, 27 February, at 7pm in the Parish Library.

**Ageing Wisely Seminar:** This Tuesday, 28 February, our Parish is hosting the Archdiocese of Brisbane's free Ageing Wisely seminar. Thank you to those who have sent in their RSVP to attend. We look forward to seeing you. The day will start at 9.30am in the Hospitality Area with Morning Tea and Registration, before formal proceeding begin at 10am in the Parish Library. The day will finish at approximately 1.30pm. We thank the Archdiocese of Brisbane for organising this seminar as well as Holy Cross Funerals for sponsoring the day.

### From the Parish Social Justice Committee

#### World Day of Social Justice 2023: Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice

Last Monday, 20 February, marked the World Day of Social Justice. This year's theme focuses on the recommendations of Our Common Agenda to strengthen global solidarity and to re-build trust in government by "Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice". Therefore, the 2023 World Day of Social Justice provides an opportunity to foster dialogue with Member States, youth, social partners, civil society, UN organisations and other stakeholders on actions needed to strengthen the social contract that has been fractured by rising inequalities, conflicts and weakened institutions that are meant to protect the rights of workers.

The Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN and the International Labour Organization (ILO), in partnership with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), are convening a commemorative meeting on the 2023 World Day of Social Justice. The commemoration will start with an online dialogue with youth advocates and young entrepreneurs on their vision for social justice and shared prosperity and will be followed by an in-person side-event.

Information sourced from:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>

Let's pray that there are some good outcomes as a result of this meeting.

**Do you want to know more about Social Justice Issues?** Come along to our next meeting in the Parish Library on Tuesday 7 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### Sacramental Program 2023

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old):

Penance Session 1

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

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)

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

## LENT

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

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

**Parish Mission** with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, will be held on Thursday 23, Friday 24, Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 March with 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.

**From Ashes to Hope, Daily Reflections for Lent** are available from the Parish Shop for \$5.

**Project Compassion** boxes and envelopes are available near the main door of the Church. Please take home a Project Compassion box and 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*.



### 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>

**The World Day of Prayer** 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 this Friday, 3 March, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome.

**Giving App: No Cash? No Problem!**  
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### St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave your donations in the baskets at the front door of the church.

St Vincent de Paul thanks the generous people for donating food and money during the month of February. The members of the conference will keep you in their prayers.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**The "Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting** will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 1 March, 10.45am - 12.15pm, following the regular 10.00am Mass. We would love you to join us for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our Guest speaker is Juliana Tan.

**St James College, Spring Hill Enrolment Information Evening** will be held on Monday 6 March at 6.00pm. Enquiries can be made to Maria Young, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Visit [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).



## International Women's Day

Catholic Mission and the Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to celebrate the difference women are making in diverse areas of mission.

Date: Wednesday 8th Mar 2023  
Time: 10.00 am - 11.00am  
(9.45am for a 10.00am start)  
Venue: Francis Rush Centre,  
277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Josephine Cullen



International Women's Day



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Please RSVP by Monday 27 February by emailing [Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au)

**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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