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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.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.



When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

Project Compassion: Week 2

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



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TAKE A TOUR



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 5 March

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

Monday 6 March

- 10.30am Funeral: Tullio Vidal – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 7 March

- 7.30pm Social Justice Committee – Library

Wednesday 8 March

- 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 March

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Friday 10 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Sunday 12 March

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Sue & Miles Thorne, Alan Ma, 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 Winnie Henry, Frank Leeson, Maureen Ferguson, Jennifer Romero-Marquez, Jean Gott and the recently deceased Carmencita San Juan, Tullio Vidal, Enrico Costantini, Neil Costello.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available near the main door of the Church. 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*.



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

The book has been written to provide each of us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the next PPC meeting is this Monday 6 March, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Social Justice Committee meeting is this coming Tuesday, 7 March, at 7.30pm in the Parish Library. New members are more than welcome to attend.

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

St Martin's Attending Weekday 9am Mass

This Thursday, 9 March, we welcome Year 6 from St Martin's who will be joining us for 9.00am Mass.

Stations of the Cross is being held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.00pm.

Please note the following:

- Parking may be limited for Stations of the Cross on *Friday 17 March* due to St Martin's School holding their disco in the Dominic Centre. We will block off some parking for those attending Stations of the Cross.
- No Stations of the Cross on *Friday 24 March*, due to the Parish Mission Event.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, 12 March, during 9.00am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Confirmation Family Activity Session 2

- Tuesday 14 March, 3.30pm-5.00pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 19 March, 2.00pm-3.30pm (Option 2)

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old):

Penance Session 2

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

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The next 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will be held on Sunday 19 March.

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.

50 Years of Our Lady of Graces and St Martin War Memorial Church

Saturday 25 March will be 50 years since our current church was solemnly opened and blessed by Archbishop P.M. O'Donnell on Sunday 25 March 1973.

To mark the occasion, we plan to have Cuppa n Chat after each Mass on the weekend of 25-26 March. Confirmed details will be in Spread the Word next weekend.



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

To donate money via bank transfer, please use the following account details:

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.

Parish Mission Event

Bruce Downes and the Catholic Guy team present an all new Parish Mission Event with 4 inspiring and life changing sessions for people of all ages that you just have to experience! Experience the power of God in real and relevant way through scripture, music and the arts. Expect to laugh, learn, reflect and be changed by this truly powerful Catholic experience.

Session 1: Thursday 23 March, 9.45am or 7pm

Session 2: Friday 24 March, 9.45am or 7pm

Session 3: Monday 27 March, 9.45am or 7pm

Session 4: Tuesday 28 March, 9.45am or 7pm

All sessions will be held in the Church and run for approximately 1½ hours. After each session we will share a cup of tea or coffee together outside the front of the Church. Flyers are available at the entrance to the Church and more information is available at <https://brucedownes.org>

Volunteer Assistance Required

To assist with the running of each session, we require some volunteer assistance in the following areas:

- Welcome attendees and hand out bibles at each session
- Setting up & serving of tea and coffee after each session
- Assist with taking up the collection at each session
- Assist with packing-up after the Tuesday evening session

If you are able to assist with one of the above, there will be a volunteer sign-up sheet available in the Church next weekend to write your name down. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office to advise where you are available to assist.

News from St Martin's School

Each year, St Martin's School sets a number of strategic goals to set the direction for our ongoing school improvement. The goals for 2023 have been arrived at through a process of data analysis and staff, student and parent feedback. Our 2023 school goals are as follows:

- **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**
Bring the four Dominican Pillars to life in the classroom and the wider community.
- **LEARNING AND TEACHING**
Grow the sophistication of writing by continuing to engage students more deeply in the writing process. A focus on quality student feedback and on students developing their own writing goals.
- **OUR PEOPLE**
Fully embed the Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Framework throughout the school, with a focus on developing Restorative Practices.
- **WELLBEING**
Draw on student (Student Council), teacher (Staff Focus Groups/ regular School Officer Meetings) and parent (begin a School Board) voice to help shape the future of our school.
- **ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**
Enhance and maintain the facilities and physical environment of the school to support student's educational needs.

Enrolments for Prep 2024 and 2025 are now being taken. Vacancies do exist in some years levels as well. Please refer to our school website for information: www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

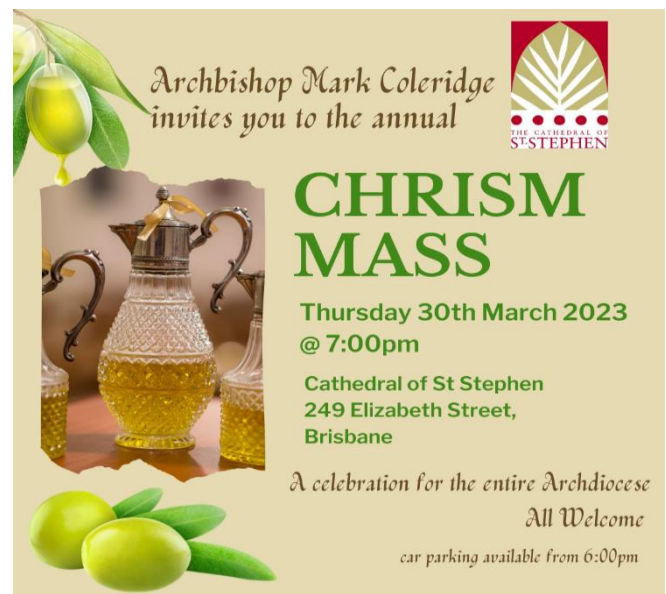
St James College, Spring Hill Enrolment Information Evening will be held on Monday 6 March at 6.00pm. Enquiries can be made to Maria Young, MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au, 3230 8600. Visit www.jta.link/SJC.

Regina Caeli Lenten Retreat

Regina Caeli Parish, Coorparoo Heights, invites you to a Lenten Retreat in their beautiful grounds on Saturday 11 March, 3.00pm-6.00pm.

There will be two 20 minute presentations drawn from the Archdiocesan Lenten Program and Meditations. There'll be time for personal space and journaling.

Please RSVP to Brian on 0402 588 296. Cost is \$5.00 to buy 'Ashes to Hope' Reflection Book.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual **CHRISM MASS** Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm Cathedral of St Stephen 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm

Archdiocesan Summit: SUMMIT23 is the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023. Three-days of keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus. The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be sharing his priorities for the coming years. For further information, go to brisbanesummit.com

When: 6pm Thursday 18 May - 3pm Saturday 20 May 2023.

Where: Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks. Cost: starting at \$150pp.

If you would like to attend on behalf of the parish, please send through your expression of interest to the Parish Office this week. *Early Bird registration closes 12 March.*



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