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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

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos: firstly, for a man to speak directly to an unchaperoned woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan – another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman's attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to 'living water'.

The reference to the woman's five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a prostitute or a serial widow. However, it may in fact be a reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the five books of the Torah and ignoring the writings of the prophets and other later writings. This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshipped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, whilst the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem. Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon 'true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth'. He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place and law.

Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah. The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him; and a remarkably effective one. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with him.

Project Compassion: Week 3

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 12 March

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

Monday 13 March

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 14 March

- 3.30pm Confirmation Session 2 – Church

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 15 March

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 16 March

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Friday 17 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

Saturday 18 March

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 19 March

- 1.30pm Alpha-Youth Lenten Session – Library

- 2.00pm Confirmation Session 2 – Church

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Sue & Miles Thorne, Alan Ma, Neville Black, Ciaran Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Mary "Molly" Karl, Greg Campbell, Thelma Pereira, Winnie Henry, Frank Leeson, Maureen Ferguson **and the recently deceased** Frank King, Maria Braidotti, Luigi Macchion, Irene Hueso Checa, 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*.



Parish Shop News

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



The Scrutinies

The Scrutinies are being held over these next three weeks for the Elect in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion at the Easter Vigil this year.

The Scrutinies are rites that confer strength and healing, and confront all the faithful with the need for conversion. The Gospel from John, which have been used for centuries in baptismal preparation, are filled with images of thirst and water, darkness and light, death and life. These readings have major importance in regards to Christian Initiation.

Adapted from Liturgy Lines © Elizabeth Harrington, 26 March 2000.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is being held TODAY, Sunday 12 March, during 9am Mass and then on Sunday 26 March. 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)

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.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

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

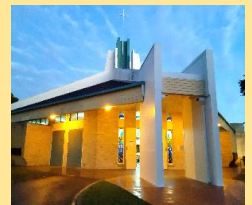
Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5.00pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

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

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, after all the Masses on 25-26 March there will be Cuppa n Chat. We invite everyone to bring a small plate of food to share.



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.



News from St Martin's School

St Martin's Prep Enrolments

Interviews for Prep places for 2024 will shortly commence. Offers of places will then be made by the end of May. If you are interested in enrolling your child into Prep or any other year level, please go to our school website to make an application:

www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au

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 3: Monday 27 March, 9.45am or 7pm

Session 2: Friday 24 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 to write your name down. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office to advise where you are available to assist.

Working Bee

A parish working bee is scheduled for *Saturday 1 April, 7.00am onwards*. This is to prepare the church and grounds for Holy Week and Easter.



Palm Fronds & Cypress Pine Branches

Do you have palm trees or cypress pine trees at home? If you do, we would appreciate any palm fronds or small cypress pine cuttings for Palm Sunday (1-2 April). If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office. We require the palm fronds and pine branches to be dropped off on Friday 31 March.

The church will be decorated for Palm Sunday on *Saturday 1 April, 9.00am*. If you are able to assist with decorating the church, please let the parish office know.

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday [6 April]

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Good Friday [7 April]

10am Stations of the Cross [indoors & outdoors]

1st Rite of Reconciliation available after Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7pm Italian Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday [8 April]

7pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday [9 April]

7am Mass, 9am Mass & 10.30am Italian Mass

Note: NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Patrick's Day Mass: The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2023. Fr Gerard McMorro will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend.

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 Thurs. 18 May - 3pm Sat. 20 May 2023.
Where: Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks.
Cost: starting at \$150pp. **Early Bird closes 31 March.**

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.

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