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**Saturday:** 6pm  
**Sunday:** 7am, 9am & 5.30pm  
10.30am (Italian)

**Weekday:** 6.30am & 9am  
Monday - Friday  
8am Saturday  
& Public Holidays

#### RECONCILIATION

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# Spread the Word

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**4th Sunday of Lent**

**19 March 2023**

*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 gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. The three readings address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today's passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World.

The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behaviour. As the man had been born blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man's affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God.

Although the man's physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

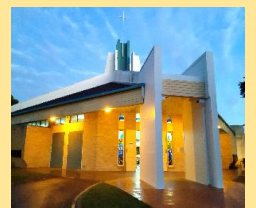
## The Catholic Guy - Parish Mission Event

Starts this Thursday, 23 March, 9.45am & 7.00pm. All are welcome!

## 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 Masses next weekend (25-26 March) there will be Cuppa n Chat. We invite everyone to bring a small plate of food to share.**



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 19 March

- 1.30pm Alpha-Youth Lenten Session – Library
- 2.00pm Confirmation Session 2 – Church
- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

#### Monday 20 March

- 11.00am Funeral: Luigi Macchion – Church
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 21 March

- 12.30pm Funeral: Bernie Williams – Church
- 4.00pm Penance Session 2 – Church

#### Wednesday 22 March

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

#### Thursday 23 March

- 9.45am The Catholic Guy Session 1 – Church
- 7.00pm The Catholic Guy Session 1 – Church

#### Friday 24 March

- 9.45am The Catholic Guy Session 2 – Church
- 7.00pm The Catholic Guy Session 2 – Church

#### Sunday 26 March

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 2.00pm Penance Session 2 – Church
- 5.30pm St Martin's School Involvement 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** Fr Joe Wilson OP, Ellen Britton, Marg Elizabeth White, Romeo Sayoto, Paul Joseph Thompson, Pat Boyle, Michele Grasso, Beatrice Hancox, Mary "Molly" Karl, Greg Campbell, Thelma Pereira, Winnie Henry, Frank Leeson **and the recently deceased** Bernie Williams, Frank King, Maria Braidotti, Luigi Macchion, Irene Hueso Checa, Carmencita San Juan, Tullio Vidal.

**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



### Sacramental Program 2023

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old):

Penance Session 2

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

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



### Groups Cancelled during the Mission Event

*Please note the following during the Mission Event.*

- No Rosary on Thursday 23, Friday 24, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 March after 9.00am Mass
- No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 24 March after 9.00am Mass
- No Stations of the Cross on Friday 24 March
- No Italian Prayer Group on Monday 27 March

### St Martin's School Involvement Mass

We will welcome the school students, families and staff of St Martin's next Sunday evening, 26 March, at the 5.30pm Mass as the school community helps lead our ministries at Mass.

### Chrism Mass

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held on Thursday 30 March at 7.00pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Cathedral Carpark will be available and open from 6.00pm onwards. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** will next be held on Friday evening 31 March, 7.00pm, in the Church.

### 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 & Cyprus 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**



## Parish Mission Event

Bruce Downes and the Catholic Guy team presents 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. If you are able to assist, there will be a volunteer sign-up sheet available in the Church to write your name down. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office to offer your assistance.

## From the Parish Social Justice Committee

# CLOSETHEGAP

## National Close the Gap Day

Taking action to achieve health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

### Why is closing the gap so important?

Most Australians enjoy one of the highest life expectancies of any country in the world — but this is not true for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can expect to live at least 10 years fewer than other Australians. Babies born to Aboriginal mothers die at more than twice the rate of other Australian babies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience higher rates of preventable illnesses such as heart disease, kidney disease and diabetes. The mortality rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is on par with some of the world's most impoverished nations.

### What more needs to happen?

We need you to help keep health equality on the political agenda by reminding governments of their promises to achieve it. This includes making sure governments work in meaningful partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to improve health standards. Most importantly, Indigenous Australians need to be given the opportunity to develop and deliver the services, programs and policies.

### Taking Action: Support this year's petition

Show your support and join our call for all Australian governments to get behind Aboriginal Community Controlled health. One way of doing this is by signing a petition. Support the campaign by signing the online petition at the following link: <https://closethegap.org.au/join-the-campaign/>

Health is social justice issue and a human right.

Information sourced from <https://closethegap.org.au/>

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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](http://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.**

*If you would like to attend on behalf of the parish, please advise the Parish Office.*

### Mystery and Mission: Art of Liturgical Celebration

Registration is now open for the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference to be held at the Brisbane Hilton from 28-30 September.



International keynote presenters are Sarah Hart, one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music, and Dr Timothy O'Malley, professor of liturgical-sacramental theology and academic director of the Notre Dame Centre for Liturgy (USA). There will also be more than 50 workshops on offer across the three days. The full program is on the Conference Website at <https://mysteryandmission.com.au>.

## 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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