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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**

**Saturday:** 8.30am - 9.00am  
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# Spread the Word

**Vol. 38 No. 12 5th Sunday of Lent 26 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**

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.



The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

**Project Compassion: Week 5**

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### 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

#### Monday 27 March

- 9.45am The Catholic Guy Session 3 – Church
- 7.00pm The Catholic Guy Session 3 – Church

#### Tuesday 28 March

- 9.45am The Catholic Guy Session 4 – Church
- 1.00pm Funeral: Maria Braidotti – Church
- 7.00pm The Catholic Guy Session 4 – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 29 March

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

#### Thursday 30 March

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church
- 7.00pm Chrism Mass – Cathedral of St Stephen

#### Friday 31 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church

#### Saturday 1 April

- 7.00am Parish Working Bee – Church & Grounds
- 9.00am Palm Sunday Decorating – 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 Sam Herat, Dorothy Ingledew, 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 and the recently deceased Bernie Williams, Frank King, Maria Braidotti, Luigi Macchion, Irene Hueso Checa.**

**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

- From Ashes to Hope, Daily Reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave: \$5.00
- 'He Is Alive: Easter Isn't Just One Day Activity Book for Kids': \$2.00.



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

### St Martin's School Involvement Mass

Welcome to the school students, families and staff of St Martin's School who join us and help lead our ministries at the Sunday 5.30pm Mass this weekend. You are always most welcome.

### Groups Cancelled during the Mission Event

Please note the following during the Mission Event.

- No Rosary on Monday 27 March and Tuesday 28 March after 9.00am Mass
- No Italian Prayer Group on Monday 27 March

**Parish Mission Event:** The remaining two sessions of the Mission Event will be this Monday & Tuesday.

- Session 3: Monday 27 March, 9.45am or 7pm
  - Session 4: Tuesday 28 March, 9.45am or 7pm
- Experience the power of God in real and relevant way through scripture, music and the arts. All sessions are in the Church and run for approximately 1½ hours. After each session there is tea and coffee served outside the front of the Church. All are welcome.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacramental of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential time of Lent. The instruction says, *"It is best the Sacrament of Reconciliation be celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery."*

With the above in mind, we encourage those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation to do so before the Triduum. You can do this in one of the following ways:



- This Monday at the Parish Mission Event
- Saturdays at 8.30am & 5.30pm in the Parish Library
- By contacting the parish office to make an appointment

For those unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Triduum, the only opportunity during the Triduum for the Sacrament will be on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross.

**Chrism Mass:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held this 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 be held this Friday evening, 31 March, 7.00pm in the Church.

**Working Bee:** Our parish working bee is this 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.

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

Below is an extract of an article which appeared in the 1st April 1973 edition of *The Catholic Leader*.

### Carina church 'a great building'

Archbishop O'Donnell told a gathering of Carina parishioners last Sunday that their new church was one of the great buildings of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

He was speaking there after the blessing and official opening of the new Church of Our Lady of Graces and St Martin.

The new complex consisting of a church and priory, both linked by a covered passage, was built by F.C. Upton and Sons at a cost of \$350,000. Architects were A. Ian Ferrier and Associates.

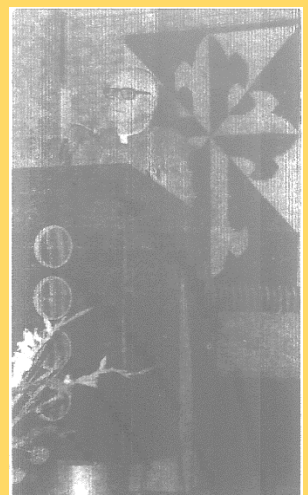
Archbishop O'Donnell said the completion of the project was a tribute to the patience and perseverance of the priests and people of the parish who had made do with temporary buildings for more than 20 years.

The new church was well built, would need little maintenance, and fulfilled the latest requirements of the liturgy.

Archbishop O'Donnell said he could recall the humble origins of the parish and how his predecessor Archbishop Duhig had foreseen the development in the area.

He had purchased about 10 acres of land on what was then the outskirts of the city, and his foresight has proved correct.

Archbishop O'Donnell congratulated the former pastor, the present parish priest and Carina parishioners on the achievement.



### 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**

**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.

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



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