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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading on Easter morning we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.



The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

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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
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 10 April

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 11 April

- 11.00am Funeral: Margaret Dobson – Church

Wednesday 12 April

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Friday 14 April

- 11.00am Funeral: Giovanni Di Nardo – Church

Saturday 15 April

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 16 April

- 9.00am Baptisms in 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 Helen Willis, Colin Grieshaber, Derek Callow, Patrick Coyne, Sam Herat, Dorothy Ingledew and the recently deceased Giovanni Di Nardo, Margaret Dobson, Alan Druery, Madonna Wright, Carmel Forster, Lena Wilson, John Fry, Bernie Williams.

Sacraments of Initiation

Through the waters of baptism, anointing of chrism, and reception of Eucharist, Joseph Comiskey and Michelle Hensel have been fully initiated into the life of Christ and the Catholic Church.



Rachel King continues her faith journey in the Catholic Church by being anointed with Chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation and coming to the table of Lord with the reception of Eucharist.

We also welcome into our faith community, through the waters of Baptism, Pia Comiskey and Kai Comiskey.

Thank you to all who have journeyed with the families and prayed for them, including their sponsors and the RCIA Team members.

Happy Easter

The Dominican Community and the Office Staff of Our Lady of Graces Parish pray that your families have a happy and holy Easter.

Easter Holy Water is available from the container in front of the Baptism Font. You are more than welcome to bring a bottle to collect some Easter Holy Water to bless your homes.

Easter Monday

A reminder that on Easter Monday, 10 April, Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am only and the Parish Office will be closed.



Holy Week & Easter Thank You

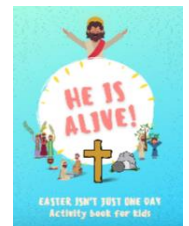
There is a very busy time in every parish which starts before Palm Sunday and extends right through to Easter Sunday. It's a time of planning, seeking assistance, people stepping up, communicating and helping out. It's about ordering things, and getting things in order so that, as a community centered in Christ, we may remember and celebrate well His Passion and Resurrection. The visible and invisible, planned and in some cases unplanned actions of **many people** make this busy time very manageable for those tasked to organise liturgies. The work of those who pruned and hung their palms so we could bear them, those who rehearsed music and readings so we could hear and enter into the story, those who climbed ladders to decorate, and turned lights on and off, those who ministered Communion, coordinated Masses, projected images and words, carried and venerated crosses, and took up collections. The list could go on. The parish thanks all who stepped up over Holy Week and Easter for being our arms and legs of ministry. Thanks also to every person who attended the Masses and Liturgies, and made up the community of Easter people who share and celebrate the hope of the Resurrection.



Parish Shop News

The Parish Shop has the following items available for sale:

- He Is Alive - Easter Isn't Just One Day Activity Book for Kids: \$2.00. This book covers Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the Easter Season.
- Rosary Beads, Cards, Gifts for Sacraments
- The Catholic Leader: \$4.00



Project Compassion Envelopes & Money Boxes

Caritas Australia would like to *Thank You* for supporting Project Compassion 2023.

For those parishioners who still have a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return these to the parish by Sunday 23 April.

OLOG Diners will next meet at Carina Leagues Club this Wednesday, 12 April, at 6.00pm. All parishioner are welcome to attend.

Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Family Activity Session 3

- Tuesday, 18 April, 3.30pm-5pm (Option 1)
- Sunday, 23 April, 2pm-3.30pm (Option 2)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

will next be held on Sunday 23 April during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



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 donations in the baskets at the church door.

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.



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



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>.

COVID Update

Bishop Ken Howell has recently advised of the following in regards to some updated COVID protocols for liturgical practices at Mass.

Sign of Peace

People may choose to shake hands or embrace if they wish to do so.

Holy Communion from the Chalice

Parishes are allowed to reintroduce the reception of communion from the Chalice. ***It is emphasised, however, that if you are unwell that you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue.***

With the reintroduction of the Chalice, this also means an increase in the number of Ministers of Communion across our Masses.

If you are interested in being a Minister of Communion at Mass and are currently not on the roster, please call or email the parish office with your details. A training session will then be organised in the near future for new Ministers of Communion. An updated Ministers of Communion roster will also be re-issued, reflecting new Ministers that have come on board.

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Did you know ... our Parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative, who is dedicated to promoting safeguarding messages and keeping you informed about safeguarding practices & initiatives in the Archdiocese.



Carmen Kee - lsr.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Carmen is also available to assist with questions, concerns, disclosures, incidents or complaints.

If you wish to raise concerns anonymously, contact the STOPline: 1300 304 550, aob@stopline.com.au, www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com.

Be an Eternal Guardian of your faith

Do you want to leave a legacy to the Church as a way of thanking God for the gifts you've been given in your lifetime? Once you've cared for your loved ones, please consider a gift in your Will to sustain the sacramental life of our parish. A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

Wall of Remembrance

A Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones.

For further information, including the reserving of a space and/or ordering of a plaque, please contact the parish office.

The Inclusion & Community Life Network will be offering a workshop for those passionate about justice, reconciliation and care for creation to learn how to start or grow action in their parish.

The workshop will include the interactive Blanket Exercise experience led by Thelma Parker, plus input from Aunty Evelyn Parkin and Dr Sandie Cornish. There will be time for personal reflection, Yarning Circle-style group discussion, and access to tool kits for the areas of justice, reconciliation, and care for creation.

Date: *Saturday 22nd April 2023*

Time: *8:30am to 2:30pm (includes Morning Tea & Lunch)*

Location: *Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)*

Cost: *\$35* RSVP: *Monday 14 April 2023*

https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/walkingtogether?mc_cid=1cef5d6010&mc_eid=0f7dbb3b99

Free parking available via 196 Charlotte Street (underneath St Stephen's Cathedral)

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



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