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2nd Sunday of Easter

16 April 2023

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

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

Congratulations to our Neophytes and Newly Baptised



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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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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 16 April

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 17 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 18 April

- 3.30pm Confirmation Session 3 – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 19 April

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 20 April

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church
- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Sunday 23 April

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 2.00pm Confirmation Session 3 – Church
- 2.00pm Jesus Youth – Library

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 and the recently deceased Giovanni Di Nardo, Margaret Dobson, Alan Druery, Madonna Wright, Carmel Forster, Lena Wilson, John Fry.

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.

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.

Holy Thursday & Good Friday Collections

Thank you to those who supported the collections at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. \$1,307 was collected on Holy Thursday for our local St Vincent de Paul conference and \$2,137 was collected on Good Friday for the Holy Land.

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.

Please respect everyone's choice in this action, as some may choose to simply wave or nod. It is up to each person how they wish to take part in this action of our liturgy

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.***

Schools Are Back

This Monday, 17 April, we welcome back the students of St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College who commence Term 2. A reminder that the 40kph zone along Mayfield Rd is enforced on school days between 7am-4pm.



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



ANZAC Day

Mass on ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25 April, will be celebrated at 8.00am, as we honour and remember those who are serving and those who have served.

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.



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

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

EFT Donation: *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.

Invitation to be a Minister of Communion

With the reintroduction of Holy Communion from the Chalice, this has meant an increase in the number of Ministers of Communion across our Masses.

For example, at our Sunday Masses we now require 6 Ministers of Communion including the priest/s.

So as to not overburden those currently on the roster, this is an invitation for anyone to become a Minister of Communion at Sunday Mass.

If you feel interested in being part of this ministry as a Minister of Communion at Mass and are currently not on the roster, please call or email the parish office with your expression of interest and contact 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 the new Ministers that have come on board.

Mystagogia, Neophytes and Other Mysteries

In many parishes new members were initiated into the Church at the Easter ceremonies.

This period following the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil is the time when the newly initiated reflect on their experience of the rituals, explore the meaning of initiation and come to a fuller understanding of the mysteries of the faith.

With the help of their godparents, they should experience a joyful welcome into the community. It is the role of every member of the parish, not just the RCIA committee, to encourage these new members and to help incorporate them more fully into the community. Support for these new Catholics is vital as they settle into the pattern of living their newly professed faith and learn to recognise the mystery of Christ which is so alive within them.

This post-Easter period of the RCIA journey is known as the "Period of Post-baptismal Catechesis" or "Mystagogia". It is a time for the community and the "neophytes" (the title used to refer to the newly initiated during the Easter Season) together to deepen their grasp of the paschal mystery and in make it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing works of charity.

To make new members feel welcome and included, every effort should be made to have the neophytes and newly received present at Sunday Mass each week during Easter Time.

The newly initiated should be prayed for in the General Intercessions on each of the seven Sundays following, up to and including Pentecost. They can begin to take on some roles in the liturgy.

In a sense, Christians spend their entire lives in mystagogia as they reflect on what it means to live in Christ. Let us pray for the neophytes, and for ourselves, that we may come to see Christ more clearly, to follow him more nearly and love him more dearly day by day during this season of Easter.

Adapted from Liturgy Lines © Elizabeth Harrington, 18 May 2014.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Perpetual Adoration: St James Parish Coorparoo

St James Parish Coorparoo has joined with eight other parishes in Brisbane and the Gold Coast to offer Eucharistic Adoration all day, every day. Each individual parish is responsible for covering one full 24 hour period every week.

St James Parish Coorparoo is responsible every Tuesday from 8.30am (after 8:00am Mass) to Wednesday at 8.00am.

In order for Adoration to be perpetual we need adorers to dedicate at least one hour a week to being quietly present with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to be a dedicated adorer, email brisbane.adoration@gmail.com or text 0433 583 763.

March for Life 2023 Brisbane: Saturday 22 April, 2.00pm, Speakers Corner, Outside Parliament House (George St). For more information: www.cherishlife.org.au

Voice in the Wilderness - Easter to Pentecost Discussion Resource:

In September 2021, Archbishop Mark Coleridge publicly endorsed the *Uluru Statement From the Heart* and made an historic commitment on behalf of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In partnership with the Edmund Rice Centre, Evangelisation Brisbane have created a resource that invites Catholics to reflect with Christ when reading the *Uluru Statement From the Heart*. Designed to take people on a journey in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost, **Voice Crying in the Wilderness** includes scripture, prayer, and discussion questions for individuals or groups to engage with the significance of the Uluru Statement and our response to it. Please make use of this resource in the coming weeks by downloading at <https://tinyurl.com/VWresource23>

Fr Frank Brennan sj has recently published "**An Indigenous Voice to Parliament – Considering a Constitutional Bridge**". Fr Brennan will be at St Ignatius Church Toowong at 7.00pm on Thursday 27 April, to speak on the topic. This a free event - no booking required. All are welcome. Books are available for purchase through St Ignatius Parish at the discounted price of \$20 per copy or at the event - cash only. Enquiries phone 3870 7818 or email toowong@bne.catholic.net.au.

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.



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