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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

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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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.



As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

Living the Gospel – Interpretation

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. *Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?*



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday 24 April

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 25 April

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed

Wednesday 26 April

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 11.00am Funeral: Eileen Sweeney – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 27 April

- 10.30am Funeral: Peter Storey – Church

Saturday 29 April

- 10.00am Funeral: Carmelo Gugliotta – Church

Sunday 30 April

- 12noon Baptisms – 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 Giovanni D'Amore, Paul Joseph Thompson and the recently deceased Marie McMillen, Peter Storey, Carmelo Gugliotta, Eileen Sweeney, Fr Bob Maguire, Fr Laurie Mooney OSA, Bonifacio San Juan Mora, Michael Duran, Giovanni Di Nardo, Margaret Dobson.

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:

- 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is being held TODAY, Sunday 23 April, during 9am Mass and then on Sunday 14 May. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day

Mass this Tuesday, 25 April, will be celebrated at **8.00am** (no 6.30am or 9.00am), as we honour and remember those who are serving and those who have served.

Please note that the Parish Office will also be closed due to the Public Holiday.

Project Compassion Receipts: For those who have requested a receipt for their Project Compassion, these will be issued over the next couple of weeks.

COVID Update

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.***

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 who have come on-board.

Parish Finance Council - Members Required

The Parish Finance Council is desperately on the lookout for additional members to join the council. If you like to understand more about your Financial Council or interested in joining the Finance Council, please speak with Fr Alex or contact the Parish Office. The commitment would be a 1-1½ hour meeting, usually held once every two months on a Monday evening.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the next PPC meeting is Monday 1 May, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Social Justice Committee will next meet on Tuesday 2 May, 7.30pm, in the Parish Library. New members are more than welcome to attend.

500 Card Group will meet on Friday 5 May, 7.30pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome.

Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Giving of the Creed

- All Sunday Masses on 6-7 May

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.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has published a document entitled **“Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023”** which outlines seven priorities for the Archdiocese. Over the next six weeks until Pentecost, bulletin inserts will introduce us to the seven themes. The first two priorities are: **Teaching Prayer** and **Reshaping Parish Communities**.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority One: Teaching Prayer

“We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often we urge people to pray but don’t really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing. Christian prayer begins not with speaking but with listening; and learning to pray is therefore learning to listen – to listen even to the silences of God. If all we do is speak, then in the words of Jesus we “babble like the pagans” (Matt 6:7). But if we speak after listening and in response to God who always has the first word, then we speak according to the mind of the Holy Spirit. That’s what we need to teach and learn.”



Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Two: Reshaping Parish Communities

“Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need – sensibly and over time – to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel.”



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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.

If you would like to be a dedicated adorer, email brisbane.adoration@gmail.com or text 0433 583 763.

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.

Catholic Leadership Intensive
In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers: think Brené Brown, Simon Sinek and Stephen Covey meet Jesus, St Peter and St Paul. Facilitated by the Parish Leadership team of Evangelisation Brisbane, this is an opportunity to grow and develop in your leadership whatever your context.

- *When:* 7-9pm Mondays, 29 May - 14 August 2023
- *Where:* Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo
- *To register and/or for further information:*
<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/leadershipintensive>

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