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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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Spread The Word

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30 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

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.



Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.



San Sisto College

Women of Integrity Shaping the Future

TAKE A TOUR



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 30 April

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Monday 1 May

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 2 May

- 10.30am Funeral: Lawrie Sutherland – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room
- 7.30pm Social Justice Committee – Library

Wednesday 3 May

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

Thursday 4 May

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Friday 5 May

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 7 May

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Marie Silvester, 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** Rita Marshall, Ron & Mavis Steele, Giovanni D'Amore, Paul Joseph Thompson **and the recently deceased** Lawrie Sutherland, 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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this time we pray for vocations, including to the priesthood and religious life, and in particular to our Dominican Family.

If you know a young man who may be called to the vocation of a Dominican Friar, further information can be obtained by emailing vocations@op.org.au, going to www.facebook.com/DominicanFriarsAustralasia, or speaking to one of the Dominican Friars here at the parish.

The Archdiocese has also provided 2023 Seminarians & Priests Prayer Calendars. These are available with Spread the Word this weekend. Contact details for the Vocation Brisbane office: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au, 1300 133 544, or www.vocationbrisbane.com

Teach Your Children to Use GPS

After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasise to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision - which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry - should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS - God's Positioning System.

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.

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

Are you looking for a gift/card for a family member who is celebrating a Sacrament this year?

Look no further than the Parish Shop. There are a number of gift options and cards for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion that are available for purchase.

Labour Day - Public Holiday

Mass this Monday, 1 May, will be celebrated at 8.00am only due to the Labour Day Public Holiday. The Parish Office will also be closed.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

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

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

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

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.

Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Giving of the Creed

- All Sunday Masses on 6-7 May

Practices for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Sunday 21 May 2.00pm for the 5.00pm Confirmation Liturgy on Tuesday 23 May
- Sunday 21 May 4.00pm for the 7.00pm Confirmation Liturgy on Tuesday 23 May

Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count: During the Month of May we will be counting the number of people that attend the Sunday Masses as part of the Archdiocesan Annual Mass Count. These figures help to understand how many people are being reached out to in the local community, and across the whole Archdiocese. If you see someone counting the number of people during Mass, this is why.

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. You can read the full document at: <https://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze>. This week we read about Priority Three: **Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre**.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Three: Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre

"The face of the Church around the world is changing as the centre of gravity shifts from places like Europe and North America (and Australia) to Africa, Asia and Latin America... Certainly in the Archdiocese the presence of people who have come from overseas – from Vietnam, the Philippines, the Pacific islands, India, Sri Lanka, Latin America, Africa – is growing stronger... These large and growing communities have gifts for the whole Church, and increasingly the centre of gravity in the Church here is moving in their direction. Therefore, they have to be brought more to centre-stage in the life and mission of the Archdiocese, since much of the real spiritual energy in the Church here is found among them. This again will involve significant cultural change for the whole Church in this part of the world."

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

OLOG Diners will next meet at Carina Leagues Club on Wednesday, 10 May, at 6.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will next be held on Sunday 14 May during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



San Sisto College Annual Open Day is Sunday 21 May, 1pm-4pm. Join the San Sisto College for Open Day where they invite families to meet students and teachers while exploring the stunning campus and state-of-the-art facilities. A wide range of subject talks and displays delivered by academic staff to give you a real taste of the subjects will be on offer. To register for the Open Day, go to www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/openday.aspx

COMMUNITY NEWS

Portraits of the Resurrection

Each Friday evening, 6.00pm-6.30pm, throughout Easter, Regina Caeli Parish (81 Waverley Rd, Coorparoo Heights) are meditating on each Sunday's Gospels through **Portraits of the Resurrection**.

Who is Christ Risen? Who are we 'in Christ'? How does this help us in our thinking for living the Paschal Mystery? 'Plain-English' input from informed persons, time for meditation, communal prayer, song, friendship. All are welcome.

Opportunity for engaging in Mission

Stella Maris is a worldwide Catholic ministry to the seafaring community, supported by Centacare in Brisbane. With borders reopening after Covid 19 restrictions there is a growing need to build a team of volunteers to assist with transporting seafarers from ship to shore at the Port of Brisbane and Northside berths. All you need is a C class drivers' licence to drive the Stella Maris vehicle, a welcoming heart and a few hours spare on one or two days a week. Volunteering in the Archdiocese requires a Blue Card and Criminal History Check and meeting safeguarding requirements. For more information, please contact Judy Norris p: 3324 3193 or e: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

Voice in the Wilderness - Easter to Pentecost Discussion Resource: 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 & Pentecost. Download at <https://tinyurl.com/VWresource2>

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, 47 Jennifer Street, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

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