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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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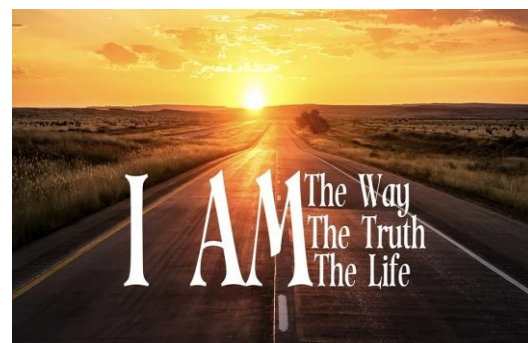
5th Sunday of Easter

7 May 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 gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.



Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 7 May

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 8 May

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Wednesday 10 May

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Carina Leagues Club

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Sunday 14 May

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

- 1.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Thed Hankey, Jocelyn Bonney, 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** Sander Halasan, Rosetta Jorgesen, Edith Pieper, Albert Ashkar, 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.

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.

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.

Fr Alex on Leave: Fr Alex will be away on some well deserved leave from Tuesday 9 May – Tuesday 23 May, heading back to New Zealand to visit family and friends. We pray that Fr Alex has a safe trip and comes back to us refreshed.

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

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 all persons 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, if you are unwell that you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next 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

Sacramental Program 2023

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

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

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will next be held on Sunday 21 May.

Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5.00pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

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 Four.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound – certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well – which makes it hard for us to move in the future."

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

May is the month of Mary: May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

"She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us." - *Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 176*

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Why does Mary have such a prominent place in the communion of saints? As Benedict XVI reflected in *Deus Caritas Est* (Dec. 2005), "Outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself. She is lowly: her only desire is to be the handmaid of the Lord (cf. Lk 1:38, 48)."

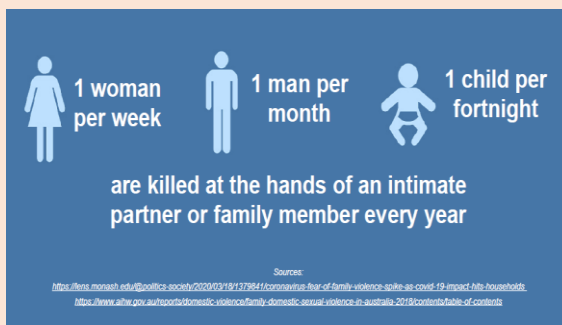


Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him, "so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world."

From the Parish Social Justice Committee: Domestic Violence Prevention Month

The month of May is not only the month of Mary – it is Domestic Violence Prevention Month – and how appropriate. Mary is the advocate of all mothers and children – as should we also be.

The statistics on the right hand are very disturbing. Domestic violence is a big problem in this country and we all have a responsibility to do something about it. **The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2022-23 Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse highlights this importance of this issue and our role as Catholics is to be proactive in making a difference.**



Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us". Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au to read the full statement.

How can you help?

- Call out any disrespectful behaviour towards women and girls (even jokes).
- Encourage gender equality in the treatment of both young girls and boys.
- Do not judge. People of all ages, socio economic backgrounds and genders, are victims of domestic violence. Violent partners are often very manipulative, controlling and threatening and women are trapped in these relationships making escaping extremely difficult.
- Show compassion and empathy.
- If someone discloses to you that they are in a violent relationship or you become aware of the fact – don't just tell them to leave. If they feel unsafe at home, support them in seeking help from one of the organisations listed below. Note that when women or men leave violent relationships, it is then that they are most at risk of being killed by their partner.
- If you or anyone you know is experiencing any forms of abuse – emotional, psychological, physical or sexual – seek help by calling one of the phone numbers below.
- Do not ignore the signs – if you hear or see something you believe to be abuse – please call the police and get help – it could mean the difference between life and death.

Find telephone and online support at the numbers and websites below

- 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 <https://www.1800respect.org.au/help-and-support/>
- No to Violence Men's Referral Service (MRS): 1300 766 491 <http://mrs.org.au/>
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 <http://www.kidshelp.com.au/>
- Q Life: 1800 184 527 <https://qlife.org.au/>
- The National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline (the Hotline): 1800 880 052 <https://www.jobaccess.gov.au/service-providers/making-complaint-and-reporting-abuse-and-neglect>
- ELDERHelp: 1800 353 374

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.

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The members of the conference will keep you in their prayers.

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