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The Most Holy Trinity

4 June 2023

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

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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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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.



The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

Living the Gospel - Sign of the Cross Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 4 June

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 5.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation in Mass – Church

Monday 5 June

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

Tuesday 6 June

- 7.30pm Social Justice Committee – Library

Wednesday 7 June

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 8 June

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Sunday 11 June

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

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Robert Balmer, Theo 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** John Sullivan, Youssef (Joe) Matta, Tony Connor, Tracey Elizabeth Begley, Una Kenny, Sonny Deverala **and the recently deceased** Francis Maher, Theresa Holland, Faye O'Toole, Jim Brooks.

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We are now a society that is reducing its reliance on 'cash', with more people using credit & debit cards.

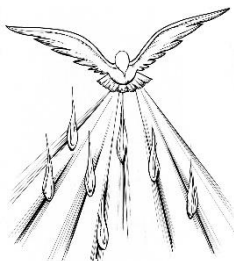
We acknowledge this and we all have to accept the accompanying changes it brings.

A tap & pay Smart Terminal facility has been installed near the front door of the Church. This is to provide an alternative way for parishioners and visitors to contribute conveniently to the financial well-being of both the Dominican Community and Our Lady of Graces Parish via credit or debit card. All donations made via the Smart Terminal will be split with 50% going to the Dominican Community and 50% going to Our Lady of Graces Parish.

Please note, we will still continue to have the collections boxes passed around during Mass for those who prefer to give with cash.



The Catholic Leader June Edition is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop this weekend.



Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend at the Sunday 5.30pm Mass a small number of children will be confirmed and anointed with the Holy Sacred Chrism through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the next PPC meeting is this Monday, 5 June, 7.00pm in the Parish Library.

Parish Office Closed - Tuesday 6 June

The Parish Office will be closed this coming Tuesday, 6 June, due to parish staff attending an Archdiocesan Professional Development Day.

Our Lady of Graces Feast Day

This Friday, 9 June, we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Graces, who is the patroness for our church and parish here in Carina.

Happy Feast Day everyone!

One of our parishioners, Adrian Hellwig, has reproduced the Our Lady of Graces Holy Card which is attached to the kneelers in front of Our Lady's Shrine. To acknowledge the Feast Day on Friday, we will have these available from Friday onwards for parishioners. A donation of 50 cents per card to cover printing costs would be appreciated.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, 11 June, during 9.00am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 11 June we will celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, known to many as Corpus Christi. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church at the following times over 10-11 June:

- After Saturday 6.00pm Mass for 1 hour
- Between the Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am Masses
- Between the Sunday 9.00am & 10.30am Masses

Everyone is invited to take the opportunity to spend some time in quiet prayer.

The Corpus Christi Procession will

be held at the Cathedral of Stephen and the surrounding streets in the Brisbane CBD from 2.00pm on Sunday 11 June. There will be a bus departing from Our Lady of Graces to the Corpus Christi Procession at 1.00pm. The bus will depart the Cathedral at 4.15pm. Cost for the bus are \$5 return per person, \$10 return per family (up to 3 children) & \$20 return per family (4 children and over). To book for the bus, there is a folder on the table near the main door of the Church. Alternatively, you can contact Caroline on 0411 863 850 to book.



Corpus Christi Petitions Book: The Corpus Christi Committee and Evangelisation Brisbane have organised, as part of the Corpus Christi Procession, a Petitions Book. This book is for prayer intentions, which will be presented during the Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 11 June. The book is currently available on the table near the main door of the Church for parishioners to record their prayer intentions.

OLOG Diners will next meet at Carina Leagues Club on Wednesday, 14 June, at 6.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Calvary preparing for legal action against ACT Government

Calvary is ready to take legal action against the ACT Government over its proposed acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital, stating the “unrealistic timeline” has distressed staff and could put patients at risk.

In a statement released yesterday, Calvary said a legal challenge was the only response left available if the debate on the bill was not adjourned to make room for genuine discourse.

The Health Infrastructure Enabling Bill is expected to pass today, allowing the Government to compulsorily acquire the hospital from July 3.

Calvary has been frustrated by the ACT Government’s refusal to consider any meaningful options to resolve negotiations since the introduction of the bill on May 11.

“Our review of the proposed legislation and associated regulation indicates that just terms are simply not available and outside of this there is no indication that commercial terms are available to resolve this matter,” Calvary national chief executive Martin Bowles said.

“All we have is an announcement and an imposed unrealistic timeline that has distressed our people and could ultimately put clinical safety at risk.”

The proposed legislation was created for the ACT Government to compulsorily acquire the whole of Calvary’s public hospital enterprise, including its land, the public hospital assets and other rights that Calvary has under the existing lease and Network Agreements.

The head of the Save Calvary taskforce, Fr Tony Percy, said the issue was bigger than Calvary.

“What’s at stake here is not the Labor Party, not the Catholic Church, but the rights of ordinary citizens to have proper land and property rights,” he said.

“Over 33,000 people have signed the Save Calvary Petition – however, it seems, we have yet to be heard.”

Extract on an article by the Catholic Voice, published 31 May 2023



Calvary Public Hospital and Martin Bowles (insert)

News from the Scalabrinian Community

Fr Angelo Cagna CS has been transferred to Seaton Parish (Archdiocese of Adelaide) as the Chaplain to the Italian Community.

Fr Luis Antonio Diaz CS is the new Chaplain to the Italian Community in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which includes the Sunday 10.30am Italian Mass. We welcome Fr Luis Antonio as he commences his ministry here.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids’ Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids’ Mass will be next held on Sunday 18 June.

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 5pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **9may2**, register for the ministry of your choice.

Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

The First Holy Communion Parent Information Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, 20 June, 7.00pm* in Our Lady of Graces Church. It is asked that at least one parent per family attend this important meeting.

Sunday Mass Count

Parishioners may be interested to know what the numbers were from the Mass Count held over the Sundays in May. Below is the average at each Mass Time over the month of May for 2023 & 2022.

Mass Time	2023	2022
Saturday 6.00pm	122	111
Sunday 7.00am	86	94
Sunday 9.00am	198	153
Sunday 10.30am [Italian]	77	70
Sunday 5.30pm	168	141

Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

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.

St Vincent de Paul thanks the generous people for donating food and money during the month of May.

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

Holy Communion

It is emphasised if you are unwell that you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue.

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