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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.



In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Holy Communion: *It is emphasised that if you are unwell, you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue.*



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 9 July

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

Monday 10 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 11 July

- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Family Session 1 – Church

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 12 July

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Camp Hill Hotel

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Saturday 15 July

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

Sunday 16 July

- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Family Session 1 – Church

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick *Jocelyn Bonney, Robert Balmer, Ciaron Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Pat Kenny, William Bergin, Sr Helen Rankin OP, Bernard & Shirley Barry, John Francis Treacy, Vicki Johnson, Winnie Sutherland, Jean-Claude Alizart, Jacqueline Dickson, Alice Mollison, Stella McIntyre, Jackson Spriggs* **and the recently deceased** *Marie Silvester, Frank Muir, Kathryn Waterson, Leo Feeney, Allen James, Dave Lawson, Josie Hughes, Neville Black, Robert (Bob) Mollison, Christopher Oxenham, Flora Sayoto Padol.*

Sea Sunday

This weekend, 8-9 July, is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. If you wish to donate or find out more information about the work of Stella Marris, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org



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



The Lost Property Box has piled up with a number of unclaimed items. The box is currently out on a table near the main door of the Church for parishioners to check and claim items that they own. After this weekend, any unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of accordingly.

Schools Are Back

This Monday, 10 July, we welcome back the students of St Martin's Primary School and San Sisto College who commence Term 3. A reminder that the 40kph zone along Mayfield Rd is enforced on school days between 7am-4pm.



Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 1 - Preparation Session

- Tuesday 11 July, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 16 July, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

OLOG Diners will meet this Wednesday, 12 July, 6.00pm. The OLOG Diners have decided to try out the Bistro at the Camp Hill Hotel in July. The address is 724 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill, and there is parking at the front and rear of the hotel. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

Many years ago, the Missionary Sister of St Dominic were asked to work with Burmese Refugees in Thailand.

One of the ministries they took on was the establishment and running of an orphanage in the north-west of Thailand.

For many years, Fr Alex has travelled to Mae Sot to give retreats to the sisters and to work with the children. Fr Alex will be travelling to Mae Sot again this August.

Parish communities have supported the many different projects of the years including new solar panels for power supply, water tanks, a bakery, and a weaving workshop.

Next weekend, 15-16 July, we will have an Appeal to support Holy Infant Orphanage.

Appeal envelopes will be available to give a donation via cash or credit card. All money from donations will go directly to the sisters. Thank you in advance for your support.



Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will be held next Sunday, 16 July.

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 **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

World Youth Day 2023 Commissioning

Next Sunday, 16 July, at the 5.30pm we will bless and commission Sammy Simbag before she heads off on pilgrimage to World Youth Day (1-6 August) in Lisbon, Portugal. Sammy will be on pilgrimage with some of our brothers and sisters from our neighbouring parish of St James, Coorparoo. Please keep Sammy and the other pilgrims in your prayers during the lead up to World Youth Day.





Feast of St Dominic and Our Lady of Graces Parish Expo

Saturday 29 July & Sunday 30 July

Come and celebrate the Feast of St Dominic.

Find out about the different Ministries & Groups
that make up OUR Parish.

**We invite everyone to please bring a plate of
food to share after Mass.**

Tea, Coffee and Cordial provided.

IMPORTANT ALERT: Scam Activity

We are aware that emails & SMS text messages pretending to be from Fr Alex are making their rounds again. This is a phishing scam which is targeting church-goers at a number of Parishes in the Archdiocese, including Our Lady of Graces.

Unfortunately, we are unable to stop these messages at the source. This is a timely reminder to please ignore and delete such SMS text / WhatsApp messages and/or emails, if you received them.

Pyxes Missing

We currently have no Pyxes in the Sacristy for parishioners to take Communion to the Sick / Housebound in a once-off situation. If you have borrowed one of these Pyxes and still have it on hand, please return it to the Sacristy when next at Mass. If you need a Pyx on a regular basis, you are welcome to purchase one from the Parish Shop.

IMPORTANT: Saturday 22 July, 6.00pm Mass

The St Martin's P & F are hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday 22 July from 5.30pm onwards in the Dominic Centre. This is a warning that parking may be difficult for parishioners attending Saturday Mass 6.00pm on 22 July. Those attending the Trivia Night have been asked not to use the carpark spaces marked CHURCH. It is suggested that you allow an extra 5-10 minutes, in case you cannot park in your usual spot.

Parish NAIDOC Week Mass

The Parish Social Justice Committee are organising a Mass to celebrate NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week on *Sunday 23 July at 9.00am Mass.*

This Mass is being held a couple weeks later than NAIDOC Week to allow our school communities of San Sisto College and St Martin's to be also involved in the celebration.

Parish Expo Update

This past week, most group / ministry leader were contacted with details regarding the Parish Expo on 29-30 July. If your group or ministry has not received any communication yet, please make contact with the Parish Office this week so we can make sure your group / ministry is included as part of the Parish Expo.

Date Claimer: Italian Youth Choirs Concert

The Italian Youth Choirs of *Gioventù in Cantata from Marostica* and *Giovani Voci Bassano from Bassano del Grappa* will be touring Brisbane between 4-8 August.

As part of their stay in Brisbane, the choirs will be holding a concert here at Our Lady of Graces Church on Saturday 5 August, 2-4pm.

The concert will focus on the theme of respect for the Earth, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, as well as a repertoire of Italian songs.

Further details regarding the concert, once come to hand, will be published in *Spread the Word* over the next few weeks. Mark the date in your diaries!



COMMUNITY NEWS



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St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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 in the baskets at the church door.

If you make a donation to St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference with cash or via electronic deposit and would like a receipt, please contact the Parish Office.

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

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