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MASS TIMES

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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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16 July 2023

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that was popular at the time: parable. A parable is a story with a moral or a lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.



Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today's gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, 'What has that story got to say to me here and now?'

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!

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 16 July

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

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Monday 17 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Wednesday 19 July

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 20 July

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

Friday 21 July

- 4.00pm Consecration to Jesus through Mary
(Spanish Kids' Group) – Library

Saturday 22 July

- 5.30pm St Martin's Trivia Night – Dominic Centre

Sunday 23 July

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

- 9.00am NAIDOC Mass – Church

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

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Jocelyn Bonney, Robert Balmer, Ciaran Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** John & Consuelo Mendoza, Pat Kenny, William Bergin, Sr Helen Rankin OP, Bernard & Shirley Barry, John Francis Treacy, Vicki Johnson **and the recently deceased** Marie Silvester, Frank Muir, Kathryn Waterson, Leo Feeney, Allen James, Dave Lawson, Josie Hughes, Neville Black.

Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 1 - Preparation Session

- Sunday 16 July, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

- Tuesday 25 July, 7pm (Option 1)
- Wednesday 26 July, 7pm (Option 2)

World Youth Day 2023 Commissioning

This 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.



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.

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.

This weekend, 15-16 July, we are having our Appeal to support Holy Infant Orphanage.

Appeal envelopes are available on the pews to give a donation via cash or credit card. Alternatively, you can go to the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/online-payments to give via credit card. All money from donations will go directly to the sisters. Thank you in advance for your support.

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: Car Parking This Week

• Friday 21 July, 9.00am Mass

Parishioners are advised that parking may be limited for 9.00am Mass this Friday, 21 July, due to St Martin's holding their annual Grandparents Day. St Martin's have advised that those attending Grandparents Day will be allowed to park on the School Oval. We will also do our best to ensure that the majority of the Church car parks are left for those attending 9.00am Mass. However please give yourself an extra few minutes to find a park.

• Saturday 22 July, 6.00pm Mass

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



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.

Parish Expo Update

Thank you to ministry and group leaders who have made contact with the Parish Office in regards to the Parish Expo. It is asked that if ministry and group leaders have flyers which require to be edited and/or printed, that you have these submitted to the Parish Office by Monday 24 July. This is so we have enough time to edit and print these flyers for you.

If your group or ministry has not received any communication yet regarding the Parish Expo, please make contact with the Parish Office ASAP. This is so we can make sure your group / ministry is included as part of the Parish Expo.

Parish NAIDOC Week Mass

The 9.00am Mass next Sunday, 23 July, will have a special focus as we celebrate NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week. 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
will be held next Sunday, 23 July,
during 9am Mass. All primary school
aged children are welcome to attend.



Novena to St Dominic

As we approach the Feast Day of St Dominic on 3 August, you are invited to participate in the Novena after Mass from Tuesday 25 July. Novena prayer booklets will be available from the Statue of St Dominic next weekend onwards.

Brisbane East Deanery Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday 27 July, 7.00pm, at the Parish Hall of Sts Peter and Paul Bulimba. The meeting will look at Priority 2 entitled *Reshaping Parish Communities* from the document *Lamps Ablaze*, which was prepared by Archbishop Mark as part of the focus at the Archdiocesan Summit that was held in May.

St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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please contact the Parish Office.

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!



Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund

On the weekend of 5-6 August, we ask that you support the Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund Collection. The fund provides Dominican priests and brothers with relief in circumstances caused by sickness, old age and retirement. Contributions \$10 and over are tax deductible. Further details on the ways you can give will be in Spread the Word next weekend.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Take a look at the Noticeboards at the Church Front Door for the many events across the Archdiocese.

- Grand Plans for Grandparents
Saturday 22 July, 9am, Cathedral of St Stephen
- Women's Night of Spirituality
Tuesday 25 July, 7pm, St Ignatius Toowong
- Queensland Irish Choir Concert
Sunday 30 July, 2pm, St Thomas' Camp Hill
- 'Signs of Hope - People of Faith' Concerts with Peter Kearney, 31 July, 2 & 3 August, various locations
- Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day
Saturday 12 August, 10am, St James Coorparoo

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