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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.

Reflection by Greg Sunter



Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

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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
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

PARISH TEAM

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 6 August

- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Family Session 2 – Church

Monday 7 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 8 August

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 9 August

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Camp Hill Hotel
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Sunday 13 August

- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 2.00pm Jesus Youth – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Fr Anthony Lemon, 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
Maria Giufre, Mary Elizabeth White, Salvatore Zappala, Lawrence (Dinty) Ranasinghe, Patrick Boyle, Ross Holt, Harry Pieper and the recently deceased Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Fr Simon Suvenava OP, Brian Chapman, Jonathan McCowen, Leo Espino.

Fr Alex Away in Thailand

Fr Alex headed off to Thailand last Thursday, and will return to the Parish on Friday 1 September.

While Fr Alex is away, Fr Anthony Walsh OP is Acting Parish Priest.

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our Holy Infant Orphanage Appeal. We are pleased to advise that over \$11,000 has been raised, which will be sent directly to the Missionary Sister of St Dominic in their work with the Burmese Refugees. Thank you for your support.

Dominican Fathers' Retirement & Sickness Fund

This weekend, 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.



- **Electronic Funds Transfer:**
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BSB: 083-347 *Account Number:* 538283997
If you would like a receipt, please contact the parish office.
- **Credit Card:**
www.givenow.com.au/DominicanFrsRetirementSickness
- **Cheque or Cash:** Donation envelopes are available on the pews next weekend for cash or cheque donations. Envelopes can be placed in the either collection at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office. Cheques are to be made out to "Dominican Province of the Assumption".

The Dominican Fathers are grateful of your support.

Parish Phones: We are currently having some issues with our parish phones, in particular if you are ringing in on a mobile phone and selecting the available options. Sorry for the inconvenience at this time. We hope to have these issues resolved soon.

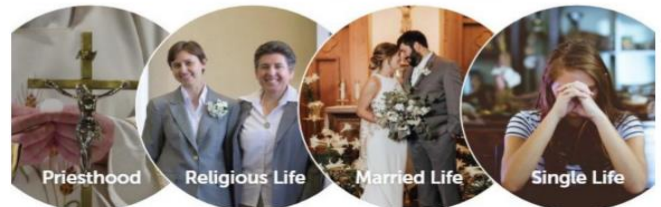
Fr Luis Antonio Diaz Lamus CS: 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Thank you to those who went along to celebrate Fr Luis Antonio's 25th year of priestly ordination last Tuesday evening, 1 August. Fr Luis Antonio was so grateful for everyone's presence. He could not believe that in his two and a half months of service in Brisbane, parishioners came to a late announced Thanksgiving Mass to show their support.



Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocations AWARENESS WEEK



This week is National Vocation Awareness Week. It is an opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment among our parishioners, allowing people to explore their calling, and encouraging their next step in following the call of God on their life.

How will you respond to God's call this week?

How will you encourage others in their call?

Vocation Brisbane have provided Canali Program brochures, 'Pray Discern Live' booklets, wrist bands, and Vocation Brisbane Prayer Cards. These are available near the main door of the Church.

Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 2 - Preparation Session

- Sunday 6 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

Family Session 3 - Preparation Session

- Tuesday 22 August, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 27 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

OLOG Diners will meet this Wednesday, 9 August, 6.00pm, at the Camp Hill Hotel Bistro (724 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill). There is parking at the front and rear of the hotel. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

will be held next Sunday, 13 August, during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina

BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 100026584

If you would like a receipt, contact the Parish Office.

Italian Youth Choirs Concert

WELCOME to the Italian Youth Choirs of *Gioventù in Cantata* from Marostica and *Giovani Voci Bassano* from Bassano del Grappa who are touring Brisbane until Tuesday 8 August. As part of their stay in Brisbane, there are the following concerts. Entry is FREE!

- Saturday 5 August, 2pm, Our Lady of Graces
- Sunday 6 August, 3pm, Cathedral of St Stephen

Both concerts 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.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Tuesday 8 August

Mass Times: 6.30am & 9.00am
Come and celebrate Australia's
National Patron, our Brisbane
Archdiocesan Patron and Australia's first saint.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday 14 August: 7.00pm [Italian]

Tuesday 15 August: 6.30am, 9.00am & 7.00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Queensland Catholic, Schools and Colleges, Music Festival will be held Thursday 17 August – Sunday 20 August at Villanova College and St James' Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from throughout Queensland perform in bands, choirs and ensembles. Day and Festival Passes available for purchase at the door or on the QCMF website. Visit www.qcmf.com.au/ for further information.



Carina Japanese Language Playgroup

We are happy to advise that a Japanese Language Playgroup will begin using the Hospitality Area from Tuesday 15 August, 9.30am-11.30am. It is a playgroup suitable for families where parents can communicate in Japanese.

Exhibition (Ekka) People's Day Public Holiday

A reminder that Wednesday 16 August is the Exhibition People's Day Public Holiday in the Brisbane City Council local government area. Therefore, Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am only and the Parish Office will also be closed on this day.

2023 Annual Catholic Campaign will be held the weekend of 19-20 August. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.



Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.

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Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass (Sunday 20 August)

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.

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

Archdiocesan Centre for Formation - Module 2: Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

This second module of the Archdiocesan Centre for Formation, *Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures*, is open for registrations. The first unit is not a pre-requisite for the second, so all are welcome to register for module two even if they haven't yet completed module one.

When: 7pm, Mondays starting 21 August

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
(487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)

Cost: Individual \$250 | \$150pp for groups of 5+

Regional Hubs

- St James Coorparoo. Contact David with your interest adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com
- St Bernard's Upper Mt Gravatt. Cost is \$150pp. Contact Pauline Thomas (Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Pastoral Associate): 3849 7158 / pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

Find out more & register at www.catholicformation.au

Social Justice Statement Launch from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday, 23 August, 7.00pm, at St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. RSVP via the following link: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023

Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration Conference:

Register now for the National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September. It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place for three days of focussed input. In addition to 6 keynote presentations and over 50 workshops, there will be opportunities to engage in facilitated discussions, and to participate in the Conference Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer. Register at <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>



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