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1952-2022



# Spread the Word

**Vol. 38 No. 33 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 August 2023**

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

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.



The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

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

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm  
**Tuesday - Thursday:** 8.30am - 3.30pm  
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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 20 August

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

#### Monday 21 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 22 August

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup  
– Hospitality Area

- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Family Session 3  
– Church

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 23 August

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 24 August

- 6.00pm TCS Choirs – Church

#### Sunday 27 August

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

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

- 3.00pm 1st Holy Communion Family Session 3  
– Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Tracey Forrest, Cedric McIntyre, 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** Marina Medoza, Joan Shapland, Ron & Mavis Steele, Maria Giufre, Joanne De Wolf, Mary Elizabeth White, Salvatore Zappala, Lawrence (Dinty) Ranasinghe **and the recently deceased** Harold O'Connell, Gary Grieshaber, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Fr Simon Suvenava OP, Brian Chapman, Jonathan McCowen, Leo Espino.

**Fr Alex is currently away in Thailand**, and will return to the Parish on Friday 1 September. While Fr Alex is away, Fr Anthony Walsh OP is Acting Parish Priest.

**Parish Phones:** We are pleased to advise that the issues with our parish phones have now been resolved. Thank you to everyone for your patience over the last month while we have been dealing and sorting out these issues.

### Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 3 - Preparation Session

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

First Holy Communion Practice

- St Martin's students:  
During school hours, day and time TBC
- Non St Martin's students:  
Tuesday 5 September, 4pm-5pm

First Holy Communion Masses

- 9 & 10 September:  
Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 9am & 5.30pm
- 16 & 17 September:  
Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am & 5.30pm

**2023 Annual Catholic Campaign** will be held this weekend, 19-20 August, at all Masses. 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 & emotionally in our community. If you have not come prepared, please take an envelope with you and either return next weekend via the collection or to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code or visit the following link <https://bit.ly/3vrBQEB>. Thank you for your support.



### Carina Japanese Language Playgroup

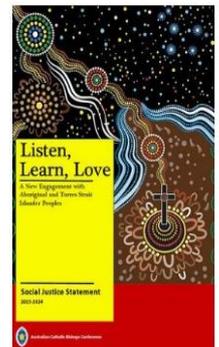
A Japanese Language Playgroup has commenced in the Hospitality Area on Tuesdays, 9.30am-11.30am. It is a playgroup suitable for families where parents can communicate in Japanese. All are welcome!

### Social Justice Sunday

Next weekend is Social Justice Sunday. This year the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2023-2024 is titled *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*.

A limited number of hard copies of the statement will be available from the table near the front door of the church next weekend. You can also download a copy of the statement for free from <https://shop.catholic.au/Downloads-c6704639>.

The Brisbane launch of the statement will be held this Wednesday, 23 August, 7.00pm, at St James' Catholic Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement\\_2023](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023)

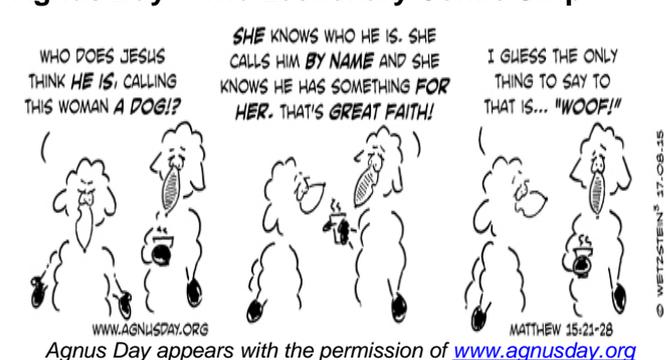


**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be held next Sunday, 27 August, during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



**Parish 500 Card Group** will meet at 7.00pm on Friday 1 September in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). All are welcome.

### Agnus Day – The Lectionary Comic Strip



### 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 cash / EFT donation and would like a receipt, please contact the Parish Office.



[catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)



## 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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## COMMUNITY NEWS



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR  
**CATHOLIC FORMATION**

**MODULE TWO** 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+

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### Regional Hubs

- *St James Coorparoo.* Contact David with your interest [adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au)

Find out more & register at [www.catholicformation.au](http://www.catholicformation.au)

### St Stephens Concert Series

Vituousic Volin with Warwick Adney & Friends. Sunday 3 September, 1pm, at the Cathedral of St Stephen. To book tickets in advance, scan the QR code.



### Women's Retreat



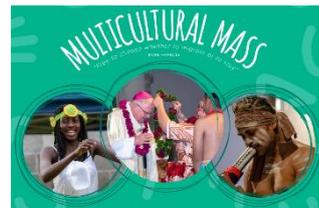
*How do women of faith remain in Jesus and bear fruit? By staying connected.*

In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat, facilitated by the team at Evangelisation Brisbane, will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you.

6pm Friday 8 September to 1pm Sunday 10 September at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston. Cost is \$425 live in / \$230 live out. Register / RSVP by Monday 4 September to <https://tinyurl.com/abide23>

### Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass

Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass.



The Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City) at 2.30pm on Sunday 24 September, in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees, highlighting this year's theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay."

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

RSVP: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23>

All are invited and all are welcome!

### 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: <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends to the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at 11.30am on Saturday 30 September 2023 at the Cathedral of St Stephen. This will be followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds. Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 22 September to [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3324 3030.

If you have any photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd [todd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bne.catholic.net.au) / 3324 3030 by 1 September

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