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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
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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

Like last week's gospel, this week's story takes place in a region that was outside predominantly Jewish territory. Caesarea Philippi (north of Galilee and in the region of modern day Syria) had long been a centre of pagan worship. It was used originally by the Canaanites as a site of worship; the Greeks built a temple to one of their gods there; in 20 BCE Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Phillipi after Tiberius Caesar and himself. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith.



Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identifying Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mould as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like – usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn't seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mould and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah.

When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter's name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.

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 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

Monday 28 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 29 August

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Wednesday 30 August

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 31 August

- 10.30am Funeral: Gregory Medwedew – Church
- 6.00pm TCS Choirs – Church

Friday 1 September

- 4.00pm Consecration to Jesus through Mary [Spanish Kids' Group] – Library
- 7.00pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 3 September

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – 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** Malcolm Gomez, Marina Medoza, Joan Shapland, Ron & Mavis Steele, Maria Giufre, Joanne De Wolf, Mary Elizabeth White, Salvatore Zappala **and the recently deceased** Gregory Medwedew, Harold O'Connell, Gary Grieshaber.

Fr Alex is currently away in Thailand and is returning next Friday, 1 September. Fr Anthony Walsh is Acting Parish Priest while Fr Alex is away.

2023 Annual Catholic Campaign

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. Envelopes are available on the table near the main door of the church. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code or visit the following link <https://bit.ly/3vrBQEB>.

If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail, place in either collection at Sunday Mass or drop it into the Parish Office this coming week.

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time and generosity.

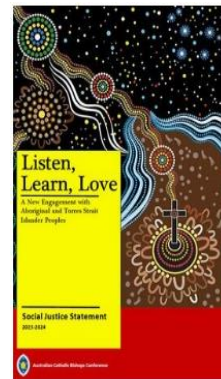
Children's Liturgy of the Word is being held TODAY, Sunday 27 August, at 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break in September, due to First Holy Communion and School Holidays, and will return on Sunday 8 October.



Social Justice Sunday

This weekend is Social Justice Sunday. 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 are available from the table near the main door of the church this weekend. You can also download a copy of the statement for free from: <https://shop.catholic.au/Downloads-c6704639>.



Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

Family Session 3 - Preparation Session

- Sunday 27 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

First Holy Communion Practice

- St Martin's students:
Tuesday 5 September, 11am
- 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

First Holy Communion: Over the weekends of 9-10 September & 16-17 September, 81 children will be receiving their First Holy Communion across the various Sunday Masses. Therefore, there will be plenty of space for the families of the children receiving their First Holy Communion as well as for parishioners.

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

Romans

The Gospel of Salvation

The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group will be looking at *St Paul's Letter to the Romans* with an 8 week study by Dr Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins *starting in the week of 25 September*, with daytime and evening sessions (Tuesday - Friday), and *ending the week of 27 November*. This study will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

Our Lady of Graces will be hosting the Wednesday 10.30am group in the Parish Library, beginning on 27 September.

Please contact Louise 0456 700 040 ASAP to register, so enough books can be ordered, or for further details.

Parish Office Hours: Wednesday 30 August

The Parish Office will be closed this coming Wednesday, 30 August, between 11.30am-2.30pm.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home. The Season "Celebration" begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme, *"Let Peace and Justice Flow."*



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



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday 4 September, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Parish Finance Council Meeting
Monday 11 September, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

OLOG Diners: Wednesday 13 September, 6.00pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Stephens Concert Series

Vituousic Volin with Warwick Adney & Friends.
Sunday 3 September, 1pm, at the Cathedral of St Stephen. To book tickets, 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>

Season of Creation Mass and Discussion

Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, invites you to celebrate the Season of Creation with 6pm Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 9 September.



Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass will be followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room from 7pm-8pm. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SOCMass23>

One Body: Leading through Teams

Are you looking for ways to develop, build or grow an effective team? What does an effective team look like? Often we need to work collaboratively with others, but this isn't always easy. This workshop will explore building effective teams, how to have conflict and the benefits and challenges we face in leading through teams.

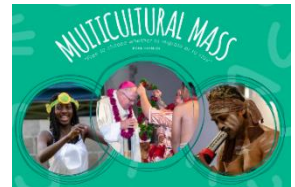


The day will be led by team members from Alpha Australia, Divine Renovation Australasia and Evangelisation Brisbane. There will be opportunities to learn, share and connect with leaders from all over the Archdiocese. Why not bring your whole team along!

Saturday 16 September, 9:30am - 2:30pm. Hanly Room (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City). Cost is \$15. RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/onebody by Thursday 14 September.

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 at the Hilton Hotel 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 or 3324 3030.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. Further details please telephone (02) 8912 4818 or national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

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