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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.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!



Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

Thank You for Your Generosity to Holy Infant Orphanage, Mae Sot



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 9 September

- 6.00pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

Sunday 10 September

- 7.00am First Holy Communion Mass – Church

- 9.00am First Holy Communion Mass – Church

- 2.00pm Jesus Youth – Library

- 5.30pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

Monday 11 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

- 7.00pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 12 September

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

Wednesday 13 September

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Camp Hill Hotel

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 14 September

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Friday 15 September

- 4.00pm Consecration to Jesus through Mary
[Spanish Kids' Group] – Library

Saturday 16 September

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

- 6.00pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

- 6.00pm Festa Madonna Delle Grazie Dinner
– Brisbane Abruzzo Club

Sunday 17 September

- 9.00am First Holy Communion Mass – Church

- 10.30am Festa Madonna Delle Grazie Mass
– Church

- 5.30pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Tracey Forrest, 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** Queen Elizabeth II, Fr Paul Purcell, Fr David Lewis OP, Bahia Lazarus, Kenneth McIntyre, Malcolm Gomez **and the recently deceased** Patricia Burrows, Breannon Schuback, Gregory Medwedew.

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" began 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 unite around the theme, "Let Peace and Justice Flow."



Thank You to the Legion of Mary

who have provided the memento bags for the First Holy Communion children. These will be distributed to the first communicants across the Masses over this next week. The thoughtfulness and generosity of the Legion of Mary is greatly appreciated.

Shelly Stone, Pastoral Associate



Safeguarding Sunday



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

Did you know ... our Parish has a Local Safeguarding Representative, who is dedicated to promoting safeguarding messages and keeping you informed about safeguarding practices & initiatives in the Archdiocese.



Carmen Kee - lsr.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Carmen is also available to assist with questions, concerns, disclosures, incidents or complaints.

If you wish to raise concerns anonymously, contact the STOpline: 1300 304 550, aob@stoline.com.au, www.bnecatholic.stolinereport.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Kids' Mass is taking a break in September, due to First Holy Communion and School Holidays, and will return in October.

Congratulations to the Children Receiving their First Holy Communion

Over this next week we warmly welcome the children, with their families, in celebrating their First Holy Communion.

We pray for all the children as they celebrate this important occasion in their lives.

In receiving their Holy Communion for the first time, the children complete their Christian Initiation which began with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Early next year the children will continue their formation in preparing to celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation.



Donation Terminal & Parish Giving App

No Cash? No Problem!

A tap & pay Donation Terminal is available near the main door of the Church. This is to provide an alternative way for parishioners and visitors to contribute conveniently to the financial well-being of both the Dominican Community and Our Lady of Graces Parish via credit or debit card.

You can also give via the *Parish Giving app*, by scanning the QR code for regular and one-off giving.



Be an Eternal Guardian of your faith

Do you want to leave a legacy to the Church as a way of thanking God for the gifts you've been given in your lifetime? Once you've cared for your loved ones, please consider a gift in your Will to sustain the sacramental life of our parish. A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

Parish Finance Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Finance Council members that the next PFC meeting is this Monday, 11 September, 7.00pm in the Parish Library.

OLOG Diners will meet at 6.00pm this Wednesday, 13 September, 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.

Madonna Delle Grazie

The Committee of the Festa Paesana invites you all to celebrate once again at the annual grand Festa to honour the *Madonna Delle Grazie*.

There will be a three Course Dinner next Saturday, 16 September, 6pm at the Brisbane Abruzzo Club, 150 Fursden Rd, Carina. Admission is \$60 Adults and \$20 Children (under 12). Funds raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. For bookings, contact Lucia Balzano 0430 561 977.

Mass will be celebrated in honour of the *Madonna delle Grazie* next Sunday, 17 September, 10.30am at Our Lady of Graces, Carina.

The Parish Shop has the following available:

- Cards & Gifts for First Holy Communion
- The Catholic Leader *September Edition*: \$4.00

A Pastoral Statement on the Referendum from Archbishop Mark Coleridge is available from the table near the main door of the Church for those who would like a copy.

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group will be looking at *St Paul's Letter to the Romans* with an 8 week study *starting in the week of 25 September*, with daytime and evening sessions.

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 or for further details.

Date Claimer: 2023 Parish Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 21 October at the 6.00pm Mass. Further details in coming weeks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Combined Festival of Male Voice Praise: A program of Sacred Music, presented by men from festival Male Voice Choirs in Brisbane, Bundaberg, Toowoomba and Sydney, to be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 23 September at Living Church, 1541 Creek Rd, Carina.

Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass

Sunday 24 September, 2.30pm, at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds. RSVP: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23>

Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration Conference: National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane from 28-30 September. Register online by Friday 15 September <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday 30 September, 11.30am, at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by refreshments. To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes, please RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030.

Pilgrimage of Prayer: Join in the annual pilgrimage to the Mother Teresa Shrine at Marian Valley. Saturday 7 October, 11am Mass followed by Procession to the Shrine. Bus leaving 8.15am from Star of the Sea, Cleveland, return 3pm. Bus Bookings: 3821 4902.

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 SVdP Carina Conference with cash or via EFT and would like a receipt, please contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul thanks the generous people for donating food and money during the month of August. The members of the conference will keep you in their prayers.

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