



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 passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.



Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Friday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

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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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**Our Lady of Graces
Multicultural Celebration
Celebrating OUR Community**
 Saturday 21 October - 6.00pm Mass
 followed by festivities
Bring a plate of your favourite food that celebrates your nationality
 Tea, Coffee & Cordial provided
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 1 October

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 2 October

- 8.00am Mass Only & Parish Office Closed

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 3 October

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

- 7.30pm Social Justice Committee – Library

Wednesday 4 October

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 5 October

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Friday 6 October

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

- 7.00pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 8 October

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

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Michael Dalton, Tracey Forrest, 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** Joe Bobbermien, Felisia Marina Djojo, Salvatore Pennisi, Ken Welsh, Angelo Vasta, Orazia Coco, Frank & Grace Levy, Robert & Rose Kahl, Queen Elizabeth II, Fr Paul Purcell, Fr David Lewis OP, **and the recently deceased** Mike Lawton, Veronica Ruth Carmody, Ernesto Rosa, Maria Tien, Mary Louise McLaws.

King's Birthday Public Holiday is this Monday, 2 October. Therefore, Mass will be celebrated only at 8.00am and the Parish Office will be closed.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the next PPC meeting will be held this Monday, 2 October, 7.00pm in the Parish Library.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held this Tuesday, 3 October, 7.00pm in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome to attend.



Domestic and Family Abuse: You are invited to a special meeting of our Social Justice Group, to trial a new resource for churches. This is an assessment tool to ascertain the level of acceptance, preparedness, welcome, awareness and resources parishes might have to address the needs of those experiencing domestic and family abuse.

- **Date & Time:** Tuesday 3 October, 7.30pm
- **Venue:** Parish Library

The session will be facilitated by parishioner, Carole Danby, on behalf of Queensland Churches Together, and at the invitation of Henry Gorniak, Chair of the Social Justice Group.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Repairs to the Church Skylights

The repairs to the Church Skylights will continue this week. It is expected that these repairs will be completed by Wednesday, at this stage. Please note the following below.

- **Monday [public holiday] (2 October)**
8am Mass will be held in the Church.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday (3 & 4 October)**
6.30am & 9am Masses, as well as Prayer / Devotional Groups, will be held in the Parish Library.
- **Car Park Spaces Near the Parish Office**
Some of the car park spaces near the parish office are currently blocked off for the builders to store their equipment to complete this work.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while these repairs take place.

The **Season of Creation** will conclude this Wednesday, 4 October, with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of ecology.



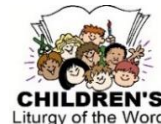
Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

The Wednesday morning 10.30am BED Scripture Group is currently meeting at St Oliver Plunkett Parish Hall (21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill).



Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.00pm this Friday, 6 October, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). All are welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, 8 October, during 9am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



Parish Office Hours

(Monday 9 October - Friday 20 October)

Due to Parish Staff on Leave, the Parish Office Hours between Monday 9 October and Friday 20 October may vary from the 'usual' times listed on the front page of Spread the Word. If you need to visit the parish office during this period, you may wish to call first and check if the office is attended.

The parish office hours will return to normal on Monday 23 October.

OLOG Diners will meet at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11 October 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.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will be next held on Sunday 15 October.

Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the 7 gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **6tg2y**, register for the ministry of your choice.

Catholic Mission Appeal

In two weeks' time, 14-15 October, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale. This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



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 *Hearts on Fire*
FEET ON THE MOVE



Multicultural Celebration: Saturday 21 October

We are inviting the different nationalities which make up OUR Community of Our Lady of Graces to be part of the Multicultural Mass & festivities after Mass on Saturday 21 October, 6pm onwards. It would be wonderful to have as many different nationalities as possible involved.

We are looking for the following people for the Mass:

- Flag bearers for the Entrance Procession
- A nationality group to carry in the Book of the Gospels
- To read a Prayer of the Faithful in their own language
- A nationality group to bring up the Offertory gifts
- Those who want to lead a song in their own language during the Mass

If you are interested in being involved in the Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

After the Mass, we welcome any group who would like to perform a dance or sing a song while we enjoy the food from the different nationalities of our community.

We also invite everyone attending the Multicultural Celebration to come in national dress/costume.

Volunteers for Camp Hill Aged Care

Camp Hill Aged Care have contacted the parish to see if there would be any parishioners who would volunteer to take Holy Communion to their residents. Currently the residents of the facility celebrate Mass on the 1st Thursday of the Month. However, they would like Holy Communion on either a weekly or fortnightly basis.

If you feel you would be able to assist in this area, even on a monthly basis, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 'Come & See' Enquiry Night

6.30pm, Sunday 22 October, Parish Library

An invitation for anyone to attend and who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. People who have not been baptised, those baptised in other faith traditions who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and baptised Catholics who have taken time out and wish to reconnect will be warmly welcomed.



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which adult persons are brought into membership of the Catholic Church.

People willing to be sponsors or to accompany someone to the Enquiry Night are also invited. For further information, please contact Shelly Stone at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 / sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or speak to either Adrian Hellwig or Shelly at Mass.

Safeguarding News

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has recently released a revised Volunteers Matrix. The matrix now comprises of only 28 volunteer roles and no longer includes some "low risk" volunteer roles such as Readers and Special Ministers of Communion at Mass. For those people who are only in these roles, you do not have any safeguarding accreditation requirements. The reason for this is that you are not working or engaging directly with either children or vulnerable adults while in these roles, as the role is publicly during Mass in front of the Priest and the congregation, and therefore in such a way that does not provide an opportunity for abuse.

For those volunteers who are only in these "low risk" roles: You may have received an email recently from Blue Card Services that your Blue Card was "de-linked" from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This action does not necessarily cancel your Blue Card. It just means we no longer require your Blue Card to be registered with the parish (Archdiocese of Brisbane) as your volunteer role/s no longer require a Blue Card.

For those volunteers who either engage directly with children or vulnerable adults, or who are in a coordinator/leadership role / handle money / have keys to the Parish: The Parish Office Staff will advise you when your safeguarding accreditation requirements are due for renewal and assist you with the process. This includes a Blue Card / Police Check (once every 3 years), a Prior Conduct Declaration form (once every 3 years, Safe Conduct Standards form (once-off) and Safeguarding Training (once every 2 years).

If you have any questions, contact Chris at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 / carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Orders for 2024 Annuals

We are taking orders for Daily Mass Books \$28, Break Open the Word \$28, Ordos \$18

To order, please either contact the Parish Office or place your order and payment in an envelope and drop the envelope into the collection at Mass or to the Parish Office.

Orders are required by 12.30pm on Monday 30 October at the latest.

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