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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

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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 must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.



The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.



**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 8 October

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

Monday 9 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 10 October

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

Wednesday 11 October

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

Thursday 12 October

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Saturday 14 October

- 10.30am Jesus Youth – Church, Library &
Hospitality Area

Sunday 15 October

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Michael Dalton, 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** Fr Karl Emerick OP, Mervyn Cooper, Regina Platt, Joseph Jay Hallorina, Joe Bobbermien, Felisia Marina Djojo, Salvatore Pennisi, Ken Welsh, Angelo Vasta, Orazia Coco, Frank & Grace Levy, Robert & Rose Kahl **and the recently deceased** Maurisu Martiueez, Mike Lawton.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held TODAY, Sunday, 8 October, during 9am Mass, and then on Sunday 22 October. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

Parish Office Hours

(Monday 9 October - Friday 20 October)

Chris will be on leave for the next two weeks. Therefore, 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 these next two weeks, 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.

Japanese Language Playgroup is held Tuesday, 9.30am-11.30am, during School Term in the Hospitality Area. The group is suitable for families who can communicate in Japanese. All are welcome.

Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Group

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

Once the Church Skylights is completed, the BED Scripture Group will return to Our Lady of Graces.

OLOG Diners will meet at 6pm this Wednesday, 11 October, at the Camp Hill Hotel Bistro (724 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill). Parking is available at the front and rear of the hotel. All are welcome join in connecting with fellow parishioners.

Maintenance Update

Church Skylights

The removal of the Perspex in the Church Skylights will be completed this coming week. Thank you for your patience and understanding will this important safety work has occurred.

With the removal of the Perspex, there is currently no diffuser to reduce the amount of light and glare coming through the Skylights. This is particularly noticeable with the harsh afternoon sun. Please note that when the entire roof is replaced, in the near future, the plan is to include diffusers on the Skylights. For the time being, just take into consideration where you sit in the Church. Particularly for early morning and evening Masses.

Removal of the Leopard Wood Trees

The Leopard Wood Trees located to the left of the Church, behind the Statue of Our Lady, will be removed over the coming months. Two of these trees will be removed on Tuesday 24 October. This has come about for a number of reasons including:

- The seed pods causing a safety hazard when laying on the concrete. We have had a few parishioners with near misses of slipping
- The leaves are causing regular clearing of the gutters, which is an expensive cost each time.
- The roots of the trees have caused damage to the wall and pathway below the location.

Please note that we will be replacing the Leopard Wood Trees with mature Waterhousea Trees, which are more suitable. An example of these Waterhousea Trees are on the corner of the Dominic Centre near the OSHC entrance.

Catholic Mission Appeal

Next weekend, 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



Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass - 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.

Italian News

Confluenza Monument 10th Anniversary

The Italian Community celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the *Confluenza Monument* for all Italians of Queensland on Sunday 15 October, 2pm-5pm at Roma Street Parkland. You are most welcome to attend. There will be entertainment and refreshments provided. For further information, please call Vito Di Stasi 0413 633 895.

Feast of San Gerard Majella

The Lucania Association of Queensland, on the occasion of the Feast of San Gerard Majella, are organising a pilgrimage on Saturday 21 October to Marian Valley Canangra. A bus will depart from Our Lady of Graces Church at 8am. To book for the bus, call Vito Di Stasi 0413 633 895. The cost of the bus is \$25. All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held on Tuesday 17 October, 7pm, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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 adults-at-risk 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 adults-at-risk, 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 (every 3 years), a Prior Conduct Declaration form (every 3 years), Safe Conduct Standards form (once-off) and Safeguarding Training (every 2 years).

Safeguarding is about respecting & protecting others, ensuring we have ...



St Don Bosco Relic – Brisbane Visit

The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco.

Fri. 13 October (8am-6pm) Cathedral of St Stephen;

Sun. 15 October (6.30am-7pm) & Mon. 16 October (8.30am-11am & 3pm-8.30pm) Mary Immaculate, Annerley;

Thurs. 19 October (4pm-7pm) Guardian Angels, Wynnum

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