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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

**Vol. 38 No. 41 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 October 2023**

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

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one.

This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!'

One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.



**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 15 October

- 5.30pm Kids' Mass – Church

#### Monday 16 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 17 October

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup  
– Hospitality Area

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 18 October

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 19 October

- 9.45am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

#### Friday 20 October

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

#### Saturday 21 October

- 3.00pm Dominican Laity – Library

- 6.00pm Multicultural Mass – Church

#### Sunday 22 October

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library

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

- 6.30pm RCIA 'Come & See' Enquiry Night

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick**  
*Peter Cartwright, 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** *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, Gwen Petchell* **and the recently deceased** *Alan Lowndes, Maurisu Martiuez, Mike Lawton.*

### Confluenza Monument 10th Anniversary

The Italian Community celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the *Confluenza Monument* for all Italians of Queensland TODAY, Sunday 15 October, 2pm-5pm at Roma Street Parkland. You are most welcome to attend. There will be entertainment and refreshments provided.



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## Maintenance Update

### Church Skylights

The removal of the Perspex in the Church Skylights has been completed. Thank you for your patience and understanding while 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.

### Parish Office Hours

#### (Monday 16 October - Friday 20 October)

Chris is currently on leave. Therefore, the Parish Office Hours this week 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 week, 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.

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

**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 returns to the Parish Library at Our Lady of Graces this week.

### **St Vincent de Paul Meeting**

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

### **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.

### **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.

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



### **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](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au) or speak to either Adrian Hellwig or Shelly at Mass.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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.

- Sunday 15 October (6.30am-7pm) & Monday 16 October (8.30am-11am & 3pm-8.30pm) Mary Immaculate, Annerley;
- Thursday 19 October (4pm-7pm) Guardian Angels, Wynnum

**Aid to the Church in Need** invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in the annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. The Prayer is for Peace and Unity in the World. Over 40,000 Australian children participated in 2022. To learn more and to register visit:

[www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren)

### **Applications open for the Australian Catholic Young Women's Fellowship 2024-2025 – National Centre for Evangelisation**

The fellowship provides an opportunity for eight women aged between 25 and 35 years, to participate in a leadership program. The program promotes intellectual, spiritual, emotional and personal formation for "effective leadership in the communities in which they engage".

For more information go to the NCE website: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship>.

Questions can be referred to Sharon Brewer at [info@nce.catholic.org.au](mailto:info@nce.catholic.org.au).





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