

# Spread the Word

**Vol. 38 No. 42 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 October 2023**

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

### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Address:** 100 Mayfield Road  
Carina Qld 4152  
**Postal:** PO Box 305,  
Carina Qld 4152  
**Phone:** (07) 3398 2977  
**Email:** carina@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Website:** www.carinacatholicparish.org.au  
**Facebook:** Our Lady of Graces Catholic  
Parish, Carina

### 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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Alex Vickers O.P.  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Maurice Keating O.P.  
**Pastoral Associate:** Shelly Stone  
**Email:** sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Parish Secretary:** Chris Larter  
**Email:** carina@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Finance Officer:** Chris Larter  
**Email:** fo.carina@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Italian Chaplain:** Fr Luis Antonio Diaz  
Lamus CS  
**Phone:** 0403 948 967

### Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome. Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to 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 22 October

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library
- 6.30pm RCIA 'Come & See' Enquiry Night

#### Monday 23 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 24 October

- 7.00-3.00pm Arborist – Church grounds
- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup  
– Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 25 October

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

#### Thursday 26 October

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

#### Friday 27 October

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

#### Saturday 26 October

#### Sunday 27 October

- 12 noon Baptisms – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** *Olivia Campbell, Liam O'Brien, Ancilla Richards, Peter Cartwright, Michael Dalton, 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 Br Ted Walker, Tracey Forrest, Alan Lowndes, Maurisu Martiuez, Mike Lawton.*

### Multicultural Mass: Saturday 21 October

After the 6pm Mass this weekend we will be congregating in the Hospitality area to experience food and cultural aspects of nationalities which make up OUR Community of Our Lady of Graces.

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



**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

No BED Scripture Group for 25 October. It will return Wednesday 1 November at 10.30am.

## Maintenance Update

### Church Skylights

The removal of the Perspex in the Church Skylights has been completed.

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 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

Welcome back to Chris, the Parish Secretary, who returns from leave on Monday 23 October. We hope that he has had an enjoyable break and is feeling refreshed.

Thank you for your patience over the last two weeks as we tried to minimise the disruption to office hours.





## STATEMENT ON THE VOTE

Now that the referendum result is known, it's time to look forward rather than look back. There will be a time for looking back, but a cooling off period may be needed if we are to see more clearly. Now is the time to ask not how we got here but where this result leaves us as a nation, where we need to go from here and how we might get there.

One thing is clear: the nation is more divided than ever and in many ways. It's ironic that a process supposed to unite the nation has done just the opposite. There's an urgent need now to create a new kind of national unity, and that can't be left to the politicians, because there's more to this than politics. The task belongs to all of us.

A second thing is still clearer and more urgent: the search for reconciliation based on truth and justice must continue, even if the referendum process and result have made that more difficult. This too is something that can't be left to the politicians, because again there's more to it than politics.

After this result at Federal level, the focus will have to move to the States. But it will also have to move to non-government organisations like the Churches. The Australian Catholic bishops have spoken of the need for a new engagement with Indigenous peoples, and that now becomes more pressing. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will commit ourselves more resolutely to our Reconciliation Action Plan and keep asking what else we can do. Fine words and symbolic gestures are not enough.

The process leading to this vote has been a highly politicised slog that has changed Australia, and not for the better. Now the real work begins. It's up to all of us to ensure that what we do from here serves national unity and racial justice, because we'll never have the first unless we have the second.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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).



Theology of the Body was given to Catholics by Pope John Paul II. As the age bracket is 14-19 years, parents should direct any questions to Georgina [georgina@realtalkaustralia.com](mailto:georgina@realtalkaustralia.com)

### All Hallow's; the Eve of All Saint's Day

Halloween celebrations are becoming more popular in secular society with younger generations dressing in costumes and trick-or-treating. As Catholics, we may have a range of feelings around this engagement when talking to loved ones.

Brisbane Liturgist, Elizabeth Harrington, in a previous reflection considered:

*Rather than trying to ignore or resist the growing popularity of Halloween in this country, perhaps we can take advantage of the opportunities it offers to talk about a Christian understanding of the big issues of life and death, good and evil.*

Elizabeth's full reflection can be found at [www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/resources/liturgy-lines/halloween/](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/resources/liturgy-lines/halloween/)

A suggestion for you:

Placing All Hallow's Eve as the Vigil of All Saint's Day, a simple idea or new tradition could be to place a lamp or light in your window in remembrance that Christ is the light of the World.

Free resources for talking to children about All Saint's Day can be found on the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/all-saints-for-children-and-families>

### 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.**



**COSMO ELECTRICS**

*"Proudly supporting your church"*

**For All Installations & Repairs**

When caring matters ask Rob, over 40 yrs local experience

3274 3600 rob@cosmoelectrics.com.au LIC: 4719



**Celebrating 140 years of family tradition.**

1883-2023

**K.M.SMITH**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS since 1883

Ph. 3252 2031 kmsmith.com.au



**Australian Unity**

*Real Wellbeing*




Join our retirement and aged care community that celebrates aging. St Luke's Green provides you with a great lifestyle, community connections, independence and peace of mind.

Book your tour today  
**Lynny Walsh - Sales & Transitions Manager**  
0460 941 693



43-46 Taylor Street, Woollongabba QLD 4102  
St Luke's Green Retirement Village Pty Ltd ACN 160 154 192 © Australian Unity 2023

**LIVE LIFE THE WAY YOU WANT**

With connected retirement communities, compassionate aged care homes and home care services to help you live at home for longer, we can help you live the life you want.

**southern cross care**  
sccqld.com.au  
1800 899 300


Retirement Living | Community Home Care | Residential Care

**Take your business to the next level...**

Enquire about advertising on this parish's newsletter.

1800 245 077  
advertising.austnews.net.au



**austnews ADVERTISING**

**San Sisto College**

**TAKE A TOUR**

Experience how San Sisto College embraces agile and innovative education, equipping students with contemporary skills and traits to succeed.

97 Mayfield Rd Carina | 3900 9800 | www.sansisto.qld.edu.au




**Lourdes Hill College**

**Inspiring young women**

lhc.qld.edu.au

CRICOS PROVIDER CODE 06203K




**In time of need, let us serve you.**

**Legacy Funerals is a Catholic Funeral Home.**

Family owned, with over 20 years of experience.

Funerals & Cremations  
Pre Planning & Funeral Bonds  
Phone 24 hours : 3447 0452  
Director Massimo Nodari

**LEGACY FUNERALS**  
brisbanelegacyfunerals.com.au




**Holy Cross FUNERALS**

*For however you choose to say goodbye.*

The caring staff at Holy Cross Funerals assist families at the death of their loved ones, to ensure that the Funeral Services are conducted with dignity & compassion.

- Not for profit
- Burials, Cremations
- Repatriations
- Pre-Arrangements
- Funeral Bonds

An Outreach of the Catholic Church. Funerals with Faith.

www.holycrossfunerals.com | 07 3293 0555 | info@holycrossfunerals.com Find us on 