



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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 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

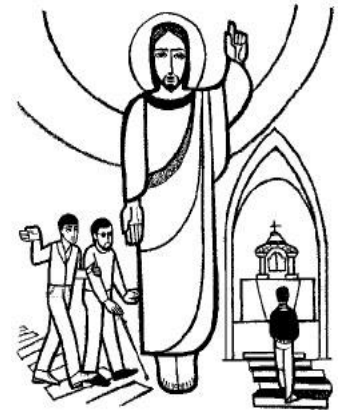
Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life.



For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 29 October

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

Monday 30 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 31 October

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

Wednesday 1 November

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 2 November

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Friday 3 November

- 11.15am St Martin's School Mass – Church

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

- 7.00pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Sunday 5 November

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – 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 Ferdinand Duskovic, Gabriele Di Felice, John Matson, Zita Parolin, Colin Canavan, Scott Hughes, Nelia Amante, Guillermo Amante, Gwen Petchell, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Mervyn Cooper, Regina Platt, Joseph Jay Hallorina and the recently deceased Br Ted Walker, Tracey Forrest, Alan Lowndes, Maurisu Martiueez.

Multicultural Celebration Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came along and celebrated OUR Community of Our Lady of Graces at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass last weekend with our Multicultural Celebration.

From those who carried a flag, to those who read a Prayer of the Faithful in their own language, brought up the Offertory, brought food along for the celebration afterwards, or even those who were just present at the Mass as a member of the body of Christ.

Removal & Maintenance of Trees

Last Tuesday, 24 October, two of the Leopard Wood Trees located to the right of the Church were removed as well as removal of dead wood from the Pride of Bolivia Tree located between the Church and the Parish Office. Over the coming weeks, mature Waterhousea Trees will be planted in place of the Leopard Wood Trees.

Silver Jubilee of Priesthood

We give thanks and congratulations to Fr Anthony Walsh OP who celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood (25 years) last Tuesday, 24 October.

Dominican Laity First Professions

Congratulations to Paul and Sue Mulligan who made their First Professions as part of the Dominican Laity yesterday, Saturday 28 October, at the 8am Mass.

Orders for 2024 Annuals

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

**Orders are required by 12.30pm
this Monday, 30 October, at the latest.**

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

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul
will be held this Tuesday, 31 October,
7.00pm in the Aquinas Room (room
underneath the Church). New members
are more than welcome to attend.



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.

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

Mass Times for All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November)

Usual 6.30am & 9.00am Masses each day.

November - Month of Remembrance

- November Mass Offering Envelopes

November Mass Offering Envelopes (yellow
envelopes with red print) are available from the
tables near the church entrance. When you fill in
the envelope, **please print clearly** so they can be
easily read. Envelopes can be returned via the
basket in front of the Book of Remembrance, or at
either collection at Sunday Mass, or to the parish
office.

- Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, which lists the names
of your departed loved ones, will be displayed on
the sanctuary during the Month of November.

Similar to the last few of years, please do not enter
names into the Book of Remembrance. Instead,
fill in a November Mass Offering Envelope
and return via one of the ways listed above.
The parish office staff will then type up the names
from the returned envelopes and place them into
the Book of Remembrance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA Group will begin their
sessions *this Thursday, 2 November,*
7.00pm in the Parish Library.

The RCIA is the process by which
adult persons are brought into
membership of the Catholic Church.

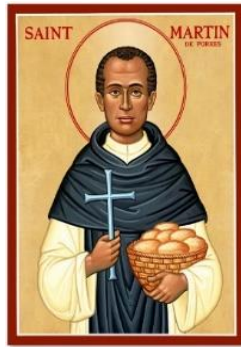
People willing to be sponsors or to accompany
someone to the Enquiry Night are also invited.

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 Stone at Mass.



Feast of St Martin de Porres (3 November)

This Friday we celebrate the Feast Day of St Martin de Porres, who is a Patron Saint of the Parish and whom our parish primary school is named after.



St. Martin de Porres, religious, who lived a life of fasting, prayer and penance as a Dominican lay brother. He was born in Peru of a Spanish knight and a local woman from Panama. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, and for that reason his noble father eventually turned the boy out of his house. After a turn as a surgeon's apprentice, the young man joined the Dominicans as a lay brother and was put in charge of the infirmary of a priory in Lima. Soon he was caring for the sick of the city and the slaves brought to Peru from Africa — not to mention the animals with which he is often pictured. Martin had the gift of miracles; and although he had no formal training, he was often consulted on theological questions by great churchmen of his day. St. Rose of Lima O.P. and Bl. John Massias O.P. were among his close friends. He is unofficially called the patron of social justice. © www.catholicculture.org

Parish 500 Card Group will meet at 7.00pm this Friday, 3 November, in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). All are welcome.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the next PPC meeting will be held on Monday 6 November, 7.00pm in the Parish Library.

Sacramental Program Overview Parent Information Meeting will be held on *Tuesday 7 November, 7.00pm-8.00pm, in Our Lady of Graces Church.*

The meeting is open to parents of children who will be in Year 3 or above in 2024, and would like to begin or continue their Sacramental journey toward Confirmation, First Communion or Penance.

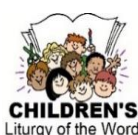


Fr Alex and Shelly will provide a general overview of the Sacraments and aspects specific to Our Lady of Graces Parish.

The Sacramental Enrolment Form for 2024 will be available for children new to the Sacramental Program. Penance preparation handouts will also be available for parents whose children are nearing the end of their Sacramental Program journey.

For further information, contact Shelly Stone at the Parish Office on 3398 2977 (option 1) or email sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be next be held on Sunday 12 November during 9.00am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend



For the Peace of Jerusalem, Pray (Psalm 122:6)

Pope Francis made last Friday, 27 October, a day of fasting, prayer and penance for Peace in the World. Over the last couple of weeks there has been a candle lit in the Church, praying for peace with the Israel-Gaza war currently occurring.



The stand has a number of elements to it, which includes:

- Tallit & Kippah (Jewish Prayer Shawl & Skull Cap)
- Keffiyeh & Agal (Palestinian traditional headdress)

These elements are used to cover the head for prayer and to show the reliance of God's protection.

Islamic College Visit

On Monday 16 October a group of students from the Australian International Islamic College, together with eachers Imam Sherif and Renee Lazrus, visited Our Lady of Graces Church as part of their unit on Christianity. During the visit, Fr Alex gave the students a talk as well. The comments received by the students that they enjoyed the visit and the talk.

St Dominic's (Igreja de São Domingos), Macau



A couple of photos from the Parish Secretary's recent trip to Hong Kong and Macau.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**ST THOMAS CAMP HILL
PARISH HALL
Sunday 29th October
9.30am to 12pm**

Vatican International Exhibition
**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**

"The Eucharist is the highway to heaven" – Blessed Carlo Acutis

Free All Saints Day Resources

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team is delighted to share with you a collection of free resources to help celebrate All Saints' Day



(1 November) and to inspire the young saints-to-be in your parish or community! To access the Prayer Litany video, craft activities and more, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/ebcfallsaintsdayresources



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