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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
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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 Dianne Bergant CSA

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.



We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

Living the Gospel – Christian Leadership

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power through and with others.

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 5 November

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 6 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

Tuesday 7 November

- 9.30am Japanese Language Playgroup
– Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm Sacramental Program Overview
Parent Information Meeting – Church
- 7.30pm Social Justice Committee – Library

Wednesday 8 November

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 1.00pm Funeral: Frank Hughes – Church
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Camp Hill Hotel
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 9 November

- 6.00pm TCS Choir – Church

Sunday 12 November

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

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Thomas Antony, Olivia Campbell, Liam O'Brien, Ancilla Richards, Peter Cartwright, Michael Dalton, 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
Rosa Orsetto, Mary King, Frederick Lanskey, Venera Sorbello, Fay Mollison, Ferdinand Duskovic, Gabriele Di Felice, John Matson, Zita Parolin, Colin Canavan, Scott Hughes, Nelia Amante, Guillermo Amante
and the recently deceased
Helena Carr, Frank Hughes, Br Ted Walker, Tracey Forrest, Alan Lowndes, Maurisu Martiuez.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Pastoral Council members that the next PPC meeting will be held this 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.

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.

Social Justice Committee will meet this Tuesday, 7 November, 7.30pm in the Parish Library. New members are more than welcome to attend.

OLOG Diners will meet at 6.00pm this Wednesday, 8 November, 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

An invitation for anyone 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 are warmly welcomed.



For further information or to register your interest, 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.

IMPORTANT: Car Park - Friday 9.00am Mass 10 & 17 November

Parishioners are advised that parking may be limited for 9.00am Mass on Fridays 10 & 17 November. This is due to St Martin's holding their Prep Orientation Day on Friday 10 November at 9.00am & 11.00am and their Dominican Pillar Awards Ceremony on Friday 17 November at 8.40am, all being held in the Dominic Centre.

We will do our best to ensure that the majority of the car parks marked CHURCH are left for those attending 9.00am Mass on these two Fridays. However you may wish to give yourself an extra few minutes, just in case you need to park down the street.

We are also liaising with the School to see if they can allow parents to park on the School Oval, similar to Grandparents Day earlier this year, for these two mornings.

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



Parish Finance Council Meeting

A reminder to Parish Finance Council members that the next PFC meeting will be held on Monday 13 November, 7.00pm, in the Parish Library.

Sunday 5.30pm Kids' Mass

The 3rd Sunday of the Month 5.30pm Kids' Mass will be next held on Sunday 19 November.

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.

The Catholic Leader is transitioning to a home delivery subscription-only model

From 2024 the print edition of the Catholic Leader will move to a subscription-only model. You will no longer be able to purchase The Catholic Leader at the Parish Shop from 2024. Once you have subscribed, the paper will be conveniently delivered to your door each month. Subscribe now to take advantage of the special offer!

To subscribe, there are envelopes available with the November edition of the Catholic Leader and also on the table near the front door of the Church. You can also call the Catholic Leader on (07) 3324 3555 or go online and log onto <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

Date Claimer: Alpha-Youth Day

Saturday 25 November, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Further details will be in Spread the Word next week.

Dominicans to depart Canberra after 60 years

The Dominican house in Canberra is currently home to two men – Blackfriars Parish priest Fr Mannes Tellis and Brother Francis. It's a far cry from the mid 1960's, when around 35 Dominican priests and seminarians resided in the nation's capital. Towards the end of this year, the Dominican order will depart Canberra after marking 60 years of service, returning the pastoral care of the Watson parish to the Archdiocese. "For Dominicans, our religious life hinges on a substantial community of priests and religious," Fr Mannes said. "It should be about six people or more, so the idea of living with two priests or religious in the house is a bit of an anomaly. It's not consistent with the spirit of the order."

The Dominicans first came to Canberra in the early 1960's, establishing Blackfriars Priory and Signadou Teachers College. "There was the hope that the order would set up a seminary here in Canberra," Fr Mannes said. "There was an idea that Canberra would be a university town – a lot of academics."

Previously, the formation of Dominican priests had been divided between Sydney and Melbourne. "The men did their first two or three years in Melbourne in philosophy and then they went up to Sydney to our house to do theology," Fr Mannes said. "And because there were a lot of vocations at that time, the quarters were getting far too full, and they were trying to find a new place to have all of them." Once established in the capital, the Dominicans offered valuable support to the community.

"I think one of the main things the order brought to Canberra was the chaplaincy to the ANU, and having chaplains there that were often academics as well," Fr Mannes said. "I think that really added to Canberra's intellectual scene at that time, and obviously helped students maintain their faith."

Another important aspect of the Dominicans' ministry was adult faith education. "Because the community consisted of priests who were academics, they would teach theology, philosophy and scripture," Fr Mannes explained. "So, you had a cohort of priests who were able to not just teach the seminarians, but also the wider community. There were a lot of faith activities going on in the community. That was really one of the major contributions, not just to the parish but to the wider catholic community as well."

Fr Mannes, who arrived in Canberra in 2019, said he would likely be moving to Adelaide – the first foundation the Dominicans made in Australia in 1868. "The memories I take from here is the kindness and fraternity of the priests of the diocese. That's been really good for me," he said. "Our community is quite small, so the priests have been helpful and fraternal. That's been a real aid to my priestly life. Archbishop Christopher has been very good to us as well – encouraging and welcoming."

Fr Mannes said the people of the parish had been an incredible support during his time in Watson. "They are wonderful – they have a lot of talent and organisational skills and have taken on board a lot of things for the parish, like Alpha and the adult education the Dominicans used to do," he said. "The torch has really been passed on to them, and they continue that legacy."

Fr Mannes said he was grateful to the Archdiocese for hosting the order for so many years, and it was with some regret that they were leaving. "Hopefully we have contributed to the life of the diocese and the people," he said. "But I suppose there is new growth there too, with the new community of fathers coming from the Philippines."

Fr Mannes celebrates his last Mass as parish priest in Watson on 26 November, with a final Thanksgiving Mass to be held on 3 December.



L-R: Tom Cassidy, Richard Hoevers, Nick Punch, Bernard Curran, Ben Hensley, Noel Heeney, Ceslaus Doran, Christopher Loughnan

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